

and appointed the Rev. Messrs. Anderson and McCunn a committee to meet and confer with their Presbytery on that subject.

Also, a communication from the Convener of the Home Mission Board anent Broad Cove, which was considered, and Mr. Gunn certified to the Home Mission Board for his usual supplement.

Also, a report of his missionary labours from the Rev. J. W. Fraser, C. B., which was approved and adopted, and the Clerk instructed to certify him to the Home Mission Board for his usual half-yearly supplement.

Owing to the increasing vacancies within the bounds of this Presbytery, and the consequent increased demand on the time and labours of settled ministers in self-sustaining congregations, it was resolved to transfer the labours of the Rev. J. W. Fraser to Pictou County for six weeks from the 1st of October.

There was also read a letter from the Rev. Mr. McDougall, Perthshire, Scotland, notifying the Presbytery of his appointment by the Colonial Committee to this field. *The Presbytery received the intelligence with deep thankfulness and much pleasure, as Mr. McDougall's labours and success in Ontario are known to several members of this Court.*

With the exception of one or two instances, appointments to vacant congregations were fulfilled, and those prevented by circumstances from fulfilling during the last quarter, have been instructed to fulfil them during the current quarter.

It was agreed to grant the Rev. Mr. McCunn an order on the Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Mission Funds, for the balance of his expenses as the Presbytery's delegate to Scotland.

It was also agreed to certify Messrs. McCann and Anderson to the Home Mission Board for their half-yearly supplement.

The Rev. Mr. Anderson was instructed to give occasional services at some convenient or central part of the sections nearest him, of the Intercolonial Railway, now in course of construction, and at which many of our Presbyterians are at present at work.

It was resolved to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at West Branch, River John, on Sabbath, 2nd October, and at Barney's River, on Sabbath, 16th October; and during Rev. Mr. Pollok's absence, as one of the Synod's Committee on Union, the following supply was voted:—Sept. 25th, Rev. Mr. McCunn; Oct. 2nd, Rev. Mr. Philip. In the event of his arrival before that time, the Rev. Mr. McDougall is appointed to preach at Barney's River, on Sabbath, 2nd day of October.

The Rev. Mr. Philip having received intimation of his appointment to the parish of Skene, in Aberdeenshire, demitted his charge of St. John's congregation, Albion Mines. His prospects and intentions being well known to his congregation, Messrs. Hector McKenzie and John Sutherland were present in their interests, and stated that, while the intended removal of Mr. Philip caused a universal feeling of deep regret among them, in the circumstances they would make no objection nor throw any barrier in his way. Whereupon it was agreed to receive his demission, and instruct the clerk to furnish him with a Presbyterial certificate; at the same time recording their sense of the valuable services rendered by him to the Church in Nova Scotia, their deep regret at parting with their highly esteemed brother, and the hope and confidence that he may be long spared to do the Master's work in the important part of the vineyard to which he is now called.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Wednesday the 5th day of October, at 11 a. m.

W. McMILLAN, *Presbytery Clerk.*