

In the Presbytery of Miramichi, the Rev. F. R. McDonald of Newcastle, demitted that charge and returned to Scotland.

In the Presbytery of Restigouche, the Rev. Frederic Home demitted the charge of Bathurst.

In the Presbytery of Pictou, the Rev. James McColl has been transferred from De Sable and Orwell, P. E. I., to the charge of Earltown and W. B. River John, and the congregations of Wallace and Pugwash have been disjoined.

The Rev. Mr. Herdman read a letter from from Rev. Dr. Brooke, of Fredericton, N. B., explaining his absence from the meeting of Synod, which was sustained.

The Report on the *Monthly Record* was now called for, and submitted by the Rev. J. Campbell, Convener, as follows:—

Your Committee again beg to report concerning the work committed to their care and supervision during another year. They feel that the work is an important one having a very great influence upon the welfare of the Church. The Committee are of opinion that in turning to the different congregations they can point out generally those specially zealous and active in the service of the Lord as those among whose members the *Record* circulates most largely. Upon this point the Committee do not claim the full credit to themselves, for it is partly owing to the fact that the work is vigorously carried on in other departments that the circulation of the *Record* assumes an extended dimension. But the Committee claim that they have helped such congregations into their present condition of efficiency. Hereupon they found their claim to the cooperation and assistance of the Ministers and Elders of the Church. It is therefore the sanguine hope of the Committee that in future those interested in the welfare of the Church, whether clergymen or laymen, will use every endeavour to have the circulation of the *Record* increased. And the Committee humbly submit that no minister of the Church should rest till the *Record* is in the hand of every communicant, and that no elder of the Church should rest till it is in the hand of every adherent in his district. Were this once accomplished, your Committee would then consider that the *Record* was accomplishing its purpose, and in accomplishing the same they solicit as already stated, the cooperation of every member of the Church.

Your Committee very much regret that after an injunction of this Court, passed in St. John to the effect that Presbyteries publish the minutes of every meeting held, only three Presbyteries have done so. The Committee regret this, seeing that that it is only in this way that the work of the church can become generally known.

It has been the anxious desire of the Committee through the Editor to notice the events which from time to time transpired in the Church. To what extent they have succeeded in this they leave the Church to judge. This much, however, they would state, that no event of importance has transpired in the Church without being noticed in the *Record*. The Committee would urge upon the Church the necessity of keeping up regular communication with the Editor; as it is known to them that many important facts during the year took place of which no notice was given him for insertion, and consequently they might have escaped notice altogether.

To all who have given assistance by communications and otherwise, your Committee tender their thanks. To the Agents, whose labours have been abundant and successful, very great obligations are hereby acknowledged.

At the solicitation of many well-wishers of the *Record*, several sermons, original or selected, have been published, and in future, as occasion shall permit, the same course will be followed.

All which is respectfully submitted in the name of the Committee.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Convener.

Mr. Campbell tendered his resignation, and asked that a Committee be appointed to consider the matter. The Synod appointed the Moderator, the Rev. Messrs. Grant, Fraser, and Cameron, with Messrs. Finlay and Kennedy.

The Report of the Juvenile Orphanage Scheme, as prepared by the Rev. Dr. Brooke was read by the Rev. T. Duncan. The Report was received and remitted to the Sabbath School Committee.

The Rev. T. Duncan read the acknowledgments of the Address which had, by authority of the Synod, last year been prepared and transmitted to Her Majesty the Queen, on the recovery of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales; and also