

the necessity that I would willingly consent to loose from his charge any minister of the Church who felt that God was calling him to the work. 2. How would it do to co-operate with our sister Presbyterian Church? They have acted nobly in this matter. They commenced their Foreign Mission with fear and trembling, commenced it when their Home field was more destitute than what ours now is; and see how they have since been blessed! "There is that giveth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth and yet it tendeth to poverty." And now that God has permitted the heathen to rage in that fair garden which they had hedged in from the waste around it, would it not be in accordance with the mind of Christ for us to join with them to fight there for King Jesus—to plant His glorious standard once more on blood-stained Etromanga? Thus would Satan be signally defeated; thus, in many ways, would "the blood of the martyrs become the seed of the Church"; thus would our Church occupy an honored place in the great battle-field. Then might we expect that God would bless us, yes—"and that right early."

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CLEMENTS.

To the Editor of the Record.

MY DEAR SIR,—Your correspondent, signed "Islander," appears very desirous of convicting one or more of the members of Synod, who once belonged to the Island Presbytery, of making a false statement before the Synod. He says, "The members of the Island Presbytery who sat in Synod disclaimed any official knowledge of him (*i. e.* Mr. Martin), asserting that he had never been before them for examination and that they had made no promises of aid to him." As this is a serious charge, I must crave space for the minute by which he tries to substantiate it. It is as follows: "The Presbytery (of P.E.I.) also instruct the Clerk to write to W. Gordon, Esq., the Synod Treasurer, respectfully requesting him to assist our students, Messrs. Ross and Martin, at Queen's College, Canada, in the sum of at least £6, Nova Scotia currency, each, in terms of or in accordance with the original conditions of the projectors of said scheme—that congregations contributing to the general fund should receive aid for students from their locality, when required." Surely the mental or moral condition of that person requires deep commiseration, who requires to be shown that there is nothing in this minute to prove that these young men were examined, or received an official promise of aid from the Island Presbytery. Such a minute is not on record. These young men never appeared before the Presbytery. They never sought aid from us. I am not aware that any member of Presbytery, except myself, ever saw either of them, or took any interest in them. The minute

as above, discovered by the Synod for the Island Presbytery in their records, is the only one that has any reference to them. It contains no promise from the Island Presbytery. It is simply a respectful request to the Pictou Presbytery, through W. Gordon, Esq., for some aid for the young men; and at the same time reminds Pictou Presbytery of what was stated when the Young Men's scheme was originated in Pictou. This request was made, at my suggestion, by the Island Presbytery, when it sat in Georgetown, after these young men had entered the classes, when I ascertained that one of them had not sufficient means to bring him through that session. Until some surmises were thrown out in last Synod, I never heard that any one ever supposed that the Island Presbytery was under promise to them. The very opposite appears to be the fact; for next winter after the expenses had been incurred, two students from Nova Scotia in Queen's College, wrote a letter to me—which is still in my possession—in which they write jointly as follows: that "they intended to defray the expenses incurred by making a collection among the students, but that as students had enough to do for themselves, one of the professors—who took a lively interest in the deceased from first—thought it would be a better way for us to try to see first if it could be procured from the Synod." This surely does not indicate that they considered any one under the shadow of a promise to defray expenses. The impression seems to have been that as he had gone from the bounds of the Synod, that we might be prevailed upon to pay it. As such (and for their own worth) I considered that we ought to have taken a special interest in them. After repeated solicitations had been sent to our Synod from Canada to pay their expenses, I wished to do so. When it came up before our Synod, I offered to pay more than a double share of it. I regret very much that these young men should be thus brought before the public. It must be very unpleasant to the friends of the much lamented deceased. It surely manifests a want of good feeling to do so, and that for no other conceivable object than to implicate another. If it was to be paid, why not have done so at once by private subscriptions, or otherwise, and have done with it.

But, pray, who conveys the tidings from the Synod with which this "Islander" rushes into the press, to accuse one party and to pay so high a eulogium on the other—"that the assertions of those now in the Presbytery were perfectly correct." Who could have done so but those who receive the "commendation"? Really this must be edifying to those acquainted with their "vagaries." And yet is it not a curious fact, that the Synod requires, year after year, to search the records of that Presbytery for these accurate members, to shew them what their own records contain? At the previous Synod their minutes had