

and that the balance now on hand is \$3,280 69 greater than that which was reported to the last Assembly. This state of matters is the more gratifying, as no special means have been employed during the past year to stimulate the liberality of the Church. It cannot be questioned that with a little additional effort the receipts may be greatly increased.

It appears to your committee that the large balance on hand, when viewed in connection with the steady increase of the Foreign Mission contributions of the Church and the withdrawal of Mr. Vincent from the Indian work, not only warrants the Church in sending Dr. Fraser to Formosa, but also in instructing the committee which may be appointed to select and send forth a third missionary to China at the earliest moment practicable.

In conclusion, your committee offer for the adoption of the Assembly the following resolutions, viz. :—

1. That the action of the Foreign Mission Committee in appointing Dr. J. B. Fraser as medical missionary to Formosa be cordially approved of.
2. That the Foreign Mission Committee be recommended to select and send forth a third missionary to Formosa as soon as practicable.
3. That any of the presbyteries of the Church to whom application may be made by the Foreign Mission Committee be authorized to ordain Dr. J. B. Fraser and any other missionary selected for Foreign Mission service in accordance with the above resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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NOTES OF A VISIT TO THE CHURCHES IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

MY DEAR SIR,—As you desire, I send you some jottings of my late visit to the Maritime Provinces. Owing to various circumstances, I arrived at St. John, N.B., only on Saturday night. On Sabbath I preached for both Dr. Waters and Mr. Bennett, and heard addresses from the Scottish delegates, in whose company I crossed the Bay of Fundy on the following day to Annapolis, which takes its name from Queen Anne, and thence travelled by rail to Halifax. The country from Montreal to Halifax, along the route by which I went, is poor, except the valley of Annapolis, which is called the Garden of Nova Scotia. We reached Halifax station in the evening, and as I was about to leave for the town, was delighted to find the hand of our friend, Mr. J. K. Smith, of Fort Massey church, laid on my shoulder. We drove into town together, and I was soon comfortably settled in the hospitable abode of the Hon. Robert Boak.

According to instructions, I attended both Synods. Dr. Topp not having arrived when the Synod in connection with the Church of Scotland entered on their Union discussions, I appeared alone before them, and was cordially welcomed. The other Synod had postponed their discussion on this subject till Dr. Topp's arrival, so that this body had the changes on the basis and resolutions presented to them as viewed from somewhat different points. These changes were not regarded with disfavour by the former body, and were decidedly acceptable to the other, some of whom would not have accepted the documents as adopted last year. Now there is no formal opposition, though some (as in our Church) would prefer that our relations remain as they were. I must however state that while all the representatives of the Church in connection with the