

must welcome in a proper spirit the immigrants. If we wish a truly prosperous and happy settlement, certainly we must furnish them with the Bread and Water of life. If we wish that in the next generation, a race should be found there who will fear God, conserve freedom and maintain right, then we must now look after those who are to mould the rising race. If we wish not bitter waters, we must see that the fountains are sweet.

*The progress of the church demands it.* "Thy Kingdom come" means *Home* as well as Foreign Missions. It requires us to lose no opportunity for advancing Christ's cause. What better opportunity of investing money? See that they are provided with the Gospel, and they will arise and send the same joyful news to regions beyond them. Give them the living water and they will become dispensing fountains, and thus the streams will reach the blighted fields of the Province adjoining, and aid in transforming that spiritual wilderness into the garden of the Lord.

*Gratitude to our Saviour demands it.* Rich Himself, He became poor for us. and in fact, the great occupation of his life appears to have been to raise the fallen, to cheer the sad, to seek out the destitute, and to help those who had no helper. If then we manifest special sympathy to the stranger in his loneliness and need, and to the neglected, and careless, whether on our Eastern or Western shores, whether of Scottish or German descent, we shew ourselves followers of Him who went about doing good, and who commanded His Gospel to be preached to every creature.

Even ministers and elders need to have the words of the Lord Jesus called to their remembrance, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Even they may advantageously, both as men and as Office Bearers, mark the law of His Kingdom as stated by Himself in anticipation of the Grand Enforcement of the Final Day. "I was an hungered and ye gave me meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me drink, I was a stranger and ye took me in, I was naked and ye clothed me, I was sick and ye visited me, I was in prison and ye came unto me." Can we desire greater encouragement? What is done for His cause and His people, He will accept and repay, as if done Himself personally. "Forasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these little ones, ye have done it unto me."

Financially the Board has no cause for complaint, for our balance, though reduced to \$327.19, is still on the right side. Nothing that has been voted strictly for Home Missions has in the Board's opinion been misapplied. Yet they do think in the other department they have been called on by Presbyteries to pay bills which vacant

congregations, though weak, were perfectly able to meet. The church thus receiving aid is injured, for their indolence and disorganization are rewarded, and become chronic. Whereas, if taught to provide punctually for all their supplies, they would learn self-reliance, and find it much easier to make suitable provision for a Pastor. By leaving the Probationer unpaid, they effectually declare themselves not as a weak though willing band, but as a poor spiritless people, who will never fulfil their promises, and will starve a minister if one should be so venturesome as to accept their call. The weak point in the greater number of the Presbyteries is the letting the congregations lapse into a state of financial poverty, whenever their Pastor is removed, and the Board would respectfully ask that in all cases the financial arrangements should be attended to in due time, and if not weekly, at least, periodical collections made, so as to prevent a hurried and large demand on the funds of the Board, at the end of a Probationer's or a Catechist's term, enforced by vague promises of repayment which are often made only to be forgotten.

Respectfully submitted, By order of Board,  
P. G. MCGREGOR, Secy.

#### CATECHISTS.

1. Adam Gunn, Pictou Presbytery.
2. Thomas Murray, Halifax "
3. A. G. Russell, " "
4. D. C. McIntyre, " "
5. John Boyd, Truro Presbytery.
6. D. Creelman, Lunenburg and Yar.
7. D. McGregor, " "
8. J. H. Hoyt, Miramichi.
9. W. P. Archibald, St. John.
10. William Ross, "
11. John J. Casey, "
12. S. E. Bayne, "
13. J. J. Richard, "
14. Henry Hoyt, "

#### PREACHERS.

- Rev. Samuel Archibald.  
" Samuel McCully.  
" John Gillis.  
" J. P. Baikie, for a time.  
Mr. A. F. Thompson.  
" John Wallace.  
" Jas. P. Bryant.  
" Mr. M. McLeod.

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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.—The Synod met in Edinburgh on the 11th May. Dr. Andrew Thomson was unanimously chosen Moderator. Proposal was made to the Synod, and remitted to Presbyteries, for increasing the efficiency of the Theological Hall. Professors to be relieved from Pastoral Charges, and to be five in number.