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Report on the Orphanage Scheme.

SINCE the last meeting of Synod, James Milner, Esq., of Chatham, who ever took a deep interest in this scheme, has terminated his earthly career, and his valuable services are therefore now lost to the Synod. Since his death, which took place in the beginning of December last, the Convener has acted as Treasurer.

The condition of this scheme remains nearly the same as last year.

The contributions of the Sabbath School connected with St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, for the support of Janet Brooke in the orphanage at Madras; of the Sabbath School connected with Saint Andrew's Church, Chatham, for the support of Susannah, in the same orphanage; and of the Sabbath School in connection with St. James' Church, Newcastle, for the support of Beki, a little girl now baptised, and named Rebecca, in the orphanage at Poona; consisting of \$20 for each, were transmitted by the Convener in February last, to John Wright, Esq., Edinburgh.

The sum of £3 sterling from the Sabbath School in Dalhousie was also transmitted by the Convener, in February last, to John Neilson Cuthbertson, Esq., Glasgow, for the support of Kutb-uddeen, in the orphanage at Gyah.

The Sabbath School connected with St. Andrew's Church, St. John, has again transmitted through Dr. Donald the sum of \$20 for the support of Catherine Donald in the orphanage at Calcutta; also £3 sterling for the support of an orphan at Gyah; and one of the teachers in the same school gives £2 annually for the support of an orphan at Calcutta.

The Sabbath School connected with St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, has transmitted to Edinburgh £4 sterling for the support of Mary Napier, at Colombo.

The Sabbath Schools at Woodstock and Northampton continue to make collections for the support of an orphan at Gyah.

A photograph of the orphan school at Poona, containing the orphan supported by the children of St. James' Church, Newcastle, was lately received and exhibited to the children attending that school, and has greatly added to the interest felt by them in their young Hindoo protege.

The Committee feel this scheme to be one of very great importance, and earnestly commend it to the support of all the ministers and congregations within their bounds, as well calculated to train up the young to habits of Christian benevolence, as to promote the spread of Christianity among an extensive heathen population.

Respectfully submitted by

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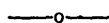
THE Committee appointed to take into consideration the "Draft of a proposed Minute" by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, report that they have attended to their duty; that they think the suggestions made in it very important, and that they would recommend in accordance with it that the Synod should appoint a committee of their number, consisting of one or two members of each Presbytery.

1st. To collect accurate statistics concerning the different charges in connection with our Synod, to be transmitted to the General Assembly's Colonial Committee. 2nd. To consider what can be done to lessen by means of Funds raised in the Synod, the amount required from the General Assembly's Colonial Committee for supplementing the salary of ministers and missionaries already employed in districts which are not self-sustaining.

The Synod further resolve that no supplement shall be requested for any district unless the people belonging to it shall show, by entering into subscription suitable to their means, that they are earnestly desirous of obtaining a minister. Further, that the Colonial Committee shall not be requested to guarantee to any missionary the whole amount of £150 sterling per annum, but only what shall be necessary to raise the sum offered by the district to that amount.

That the Committee be required to submit to the Synod every year an account of their whole proceedings during the year, that the Synod may thereby be enabled to judge of the exertions made so as to assure the Colonial Committee of all diligence having been exercised in this matter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met, according to adjournment, in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, on Wednesday, 26th September. Sederunt, Rev. G. M. Grant, (Moderator), Rev. J. McMillan, Dr. Avery, and Messrs. James Thomson, John A. McLean, and Charles Sprott, Representative Elders.—Mr. Sprott having handed in his commission as Representative Elder for St. Andrews, Musquodoboit.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, Mr. McMillan, in the absence of the Clerk, was appointed Clerk, *pro tem.*, and the minutes of the last meeting were then read and sustained.

The Rev. Charles M. Grant appeared and laid on the table an extract minute of License from the Presbytery of Ayr, Scotland; Commission from the Colonial Committee to the Presbytery of Halifax; and an extract minute