

The usual salary given to our Indian Missionary is \$1000. The Missionary would require a house in which to live, and a school-house in which children could be taught and services held. A Lay Teacher or Catechist would not cost so much. A young man who could get a good second-class certificate; who was a handy man with tools or the plough; who wished to do good to these people physically, mentally and spiritually; would be as good a man as you could get. The Government pays about \$300 of the salary of a Teacher, and can be got to pay part of the expense of a building in which a school can be held.

With much respect,  
Yours truly,

JAS. ROBERTSON.

Rev. J. W. Fraser, Scotsburn.

On motion of the Clerk, seconded by Mr. Melville, it was agreed, "that the Report of the Foreign Mission Board be received and adopted; that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, and specially to Rev. Mr. Stewart, Convener, for diligence in attending to the duties entrusted to them; more particularly for the labour bestowed in visiting the various congregations in the interests of the Foreign Mission Scheme."

At the request of the Moderator, Rev. Geo. Patterson and Rev. E. McCurdy gave some information regarding Missions in the North-West.

John McKenzie, Esq., Elder, who had resided for some time in the North-West, added some interesting statements bearing on the subject.

After full deliberation, it was moved by Rev. J. W. Fraser, seconded by Rev. W. McMillan, and unanimously resolved, "that the Synod enter upon Mission work in British Columbia or the North-West, and instruct the Committee to secure, without delay, the services of a Lay Missionary, for such field as they may find to be most suitable."

It was further resolved that the Foreign Mission Board be composed as follows: Revd's W. Stewart and J. W. Fraser, *Joint Conveners*; Rev. Messrs. Melville, McMillan, Dunn, Fitzpatrick, Goodwill; and representative Elders of E. B. E. River, Picton, and River John.

AT 7 P. M.

The Synod resumed its seditunt. Rev. J. Fitzpatrick, Moderator.

The Synod called for the Report of Committee on Statistics. In consequence of the absence of Rev. D. McKenzie, Convener, there was no Report.

On motion of Mr. Melville, it was resolved that the Committee on Statistics be as follows: Rev. Messrs. Fitzpatrick (Convener), MacKichan, and representative Elders of Saltsprings and River John; with instructions to procure

and publish the Statistics of our Church without delay.

The Clerk read a communication from Rev. Dr. Pollok regarding a proposed transference of the Mathematical Chair in Dalhousie College. The following Committee was appointed to confer with the College Board: Rev. Messrs. Dunn (Convener), Melville, MacKichan and McCunn.

Mr. Dunn brought up the matter of the Synod's duty towards our adherents in CAPT. BRETON; and suggested that we should take prompt action to promote their interests. Mr. Melville also read a letter from Mr. Alex. Cameron, Port Hastings, regarding the land at Big Brook belonging to our Church. Whereupon it was, on motion, agreed, "that Rev. J. W. Fraser be appointed to visit Loch Lomond, etc., as our Deputy, and to attend to the matter referred to in Mr. Cameron's letter."

On motion, it was also agreed that the Committee on Vacant Fields be discharged, and the usual order resumed.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Temperance; which was given in by Rev. Mr. Melville, Convener. Zealous action was urged in this cause by Rev. Messrs. Dunn, Murray, McCunn, Goodwill and others.

On motion, the Committee was re-appointed with the addition of Rev. John Goodwill, to promote the Temperance reform.

It was moved by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. MacKichan, and agreed, that next meeting of Synod be held in St. Philip's Church, Westville, on the last Tuesday of June, 1888, at half-past seven, P. M.

It was moved by Mr. McCunn, seconded by Mr. Callan, and carried by acclamation, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the office-bearers and families of St. Andrew's Church, for their kindness and hospitality to members of Synod. Both the mover and seconder of this resolution took occasion to refer to the sorrow felt by the whole Synod in parting with so beloved a brother, and so useful a member of Synod, as Rev. Mr. Murray, who is about to remove to British Columbia. Mr. Murray, on his part, expressed the very great satisfaction and pleasure he had enjoyed in all his intercourse with the members of Synod, and was glad to have their good wishes for his welfare in his new sphere of labor, and more especially grateful for their love and their prayers for his success, pastorally and spiritually; which he heartily reciprocated.

The Moderator then declared the business of this Synod to be concluded, and appointed the next Synod to meet in St. Philip's Church, Westville, on the last Tuesday of June, 1888,