

appears, by the smaller number of the congregations. During the past year, this Lay Association has paid out only £38, viz.: £10 to Rev. J. Gunn, £8 to Mr Law, and £20 to Mr McCunn. The rest of their funds, amounting to a sum of between one and two hundred pounds, remain on hand. The Halifax Presbyterian Home Mission has raised and expended £100 during the past year, viz.: £50 to Musquodoboit, £37 10s to Truro, £10 to Mr Gunn, and £2 10s for travelling expenses.

As to the funds of the General Home Mission, it was with the greatest disappointment that your committee found that but few of the congregations made the collections enjoined. Part of the blame is doubtless due to the usual notices not having been transmitted, but it is noticeable that, as a rule, the congregations which collect for the local also collect for the general fund. No collections were made by the Prince Edward Island congregations, nor by three out of four of the Halifax Presbytery congregations; nor by one-half of the Pictou congregations. In consequence, the committee have only the sum of £44 11s 10½d to allocate. They recommend that the following sums be granted:—

The Rev'd Daniel McCurdy	£20 0 0
The Rev'd John Gunn	15 0 0
Clyde River Church, P. E. Island	10 0 0

All which is respectfully submitted by
(Signed) GEORGE M GRANT, Convener."

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the report of the Home Mission Committee having been received, the Synod approved of the diligence of the committee, adopt the recommendations of the report, re-appoint the committee, express regret that, notwithstanding the Synodical recommendation of last year, no Lay Association has been formed in P. E. Island, also approve of those congregations in the Presbytery of Pictou which have sustained vigorously the Lay Association, viz.: New Glasgow, Pictou, East and West Branches East River, River John, McLennan's Mountain, and West Branch River John, but regret to find that a large number of congregations in the Pictou Presbytery have no Lay Associations, enjoin that such be formed by the Presbytery without delay, approve highly of the liberality of the Halifax Home Missionary Association, further express regret that the congregations of Cape John, Gairloch, Saltprings, Roger's Hill, Earltown, Wallace and Pugwash, Barney's River and Lochaber, St. Andrews' (Halifax,) Musquodoboit and Truro, and all the congregations in P. E. Island, have made no collections; and, for greater regularity in future, enjoin that, besides the Synodical notices, the days whereon collections are to be made be published in the *Monthly Record*—that reports be given in to the Home Mission Committee, by those congregations receiving aid, of the extent to which they are sustaining ordinances, and enjoin Presbyteries to enquire of their members, at their last meeting before the Synod, if collections have been made in aid of the different Schemes.

Anent the Library of the late Mr. Martin, it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the Synod, having heard the statement made by the Moderator regarding the late Rev.

John Martin's library, to the effect that Mr. Martin's desire was to place it at the disposal of the Synod for the use of their Divinity Hall, should such be established, resolve to accept the same, and express their appreciation of the gift, the library containing a variety of Theological volumes of much value.

Mr. Goodwill, Convener of Committee, reported on Synod Fund as follows:—

"Your committee beg to report that it appears from the Treasurer's statement that there remains in his hands the sum of £7 15s—that, since that statement has been drawn up, the sum of £18 12s 3d has been reported from congregations which have not yet reported to the Treasurer, thus leaving in funds the sum of £26 7 8

The following claims have been presented:—

Mr Duncan's expenses to Synod of New Brunswick last year	£3 0 0
Salary of Clerk and incidental expenses	10 15 0
Officer of St. Matthew's for attendance on Synod	1 0 0
Officer of St. Andrew's for attendance on Synod	0 5 0
Supplement to funds of the <i>Monthly Record</i>	5 0 0
Amounting in all to	£20 0 0

Leaving a balance at the disposal of the Synod of £6 7 3

Your committee regret that several congregations have not contributed towards this scheme for the past year: this may be partly accounted for by the Clerk's neglect in not forwarding the usual notices. The following congregations have contributed, viz.: St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's, Halifax; St. Andrew's, Pictou; St. George's, River John; St. James', Charlottetown; McLennan's Mountain; St. Andrew's, New Glasgow; Earltown and West Branch River John.

All which is respectfully submitted by
(Signed) JOHN GOODWILL, Convener."

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the report of the committee be adopted, their diligence approved, claims allowed, and the Clerk instructed to grant orders on the treasurer for the several amounts.

Anent Cape Breton Mission, the Rev. Neil Brodie, the able and energetic missionary in that island, reported at considerable length on the state and prospects of the Church there. The members of the Deputation from the Presbytery of Pictou also gave an interesting report of their visit to that field last summer. It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the Synod, having heard a full statement of his labors and trials from Mr. Brodie, their eloquent and laborious missionary in Cape Breton,—and also the accounts of other members of deputation sent by the Pictou Presbytery to Cape Breton,—records its deep sense of the zeal, energy and charity with which Mr. Brodie and the various deputations have discharged their duty, often rendered difficult by provocations, and also its unfeigned gratitude to God for the good news communicated respecting the increasing stability and liberality of our people in that island—expresses its satisfaction with the