

The state of feeling here is the problem of the Mission: of which there seems to be no satisfactory solution, but to allow matters to take their course. Our old people are as much attached to us as ever, and their sons and daughters not less so. Meanwhile owing to the difficulty of going there, we would be well rid of them. But the parties here, at present, are as far asunder as the poles, and I believe ever will continue to be till either the one or the other of them is borne down by the force of circumstances. On my late visit I had a pleasant and prolonged stay as usual, with our friends there, preaching, visiting the sick, marrying, and baptizing a great lot of children and some adults. But O, to be more devoted at my time of life! So if alone and well, I must see them again.

J. G.

Broad Cove, C. B., Sept. 1868.

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ABSTRACT OF MINUTES OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

Since the appointment of this Board by the Synod in July, four meetings have been held, and much important business transacted. The following members have been present: The Convener, Rev. Dr. Donald, Rev. A. McLean, J. McMillan, W. McMillan, G. J. Caie, J. S. Thompson, and Wm. Montgomery, Esqrs. The following is an abstract of the minutes of the meetings.

1, A Secretary was appointed, and as it was thought best to have for this office, one not a member of the Board, George McLean, Esq., Merchants' Bank, Halifax, was requested to act. The same gentleman was appointed Treasurer at the request of John Doull, Esq., who had been nominated by the Synod. Business communications may henceforth be addressed to the Secretary, and all collections made for the Synod's Home Mission are to be forwarded to him.

2, It was resolved not to ask from the Colonial Committee in any case a larger supplement to stipend than £75 stg., and so large a sum only in an extreme case. If the Committee itself was in possession of facts which, in its judgment, would warrant a larger grant the Board would not interfere.

3, It was decided that in future all applications for aid must come endorsed by the Presbytery of the bounds.

4, With regard to funds raised for Home Mission purposes, the Board considered it to be "absolutely necessary in order to the proper discharge of its duties, that Presbyteries should transmit to the Treasurer (Geo. McLean; Esq.) the amounts raised within their bounds by Lay Associations or otherwise, with the express understanding that the respective Presbyteries shall be credited with the sums so raised, and that such sums shall be applied only to meet claims within their own bounds."

5, It was unanimously resolved that the Convener write to the Colonial Committee, explaining that it would greatly simplify the operations of the Board, and tend much to the convenience of the supplemented Minister, if the Colonial Committee would empower the Board to draw semi-annually for such aggregate sum as may be required within the bounds of the Synod, after such sum has been approved by the Committee.

6, It was agreed that the Synod be recommended to appoint at its next meeting, a third member to the Board from the Presbytery of St. John N. B., and that one of the then three members from that Presbytery be nominated as Vice-Convener.

The next business was reading correspondence with the Colonial Committee, and the various Presbyteries, and submitting applications for supplement. The following decisions were come to for year commencing 1st Aug., 1868.

1, Presbytery of P. E. Island.

£50 stg., applied for by Rev. Jas. McCoil. Agreed to recommend that amount.

£40 stg., applied for from Georgetown and Cardigan.

Agreed to, in the hope that a smaller sum will be required the year following.

£30 stg., applied for from St. Peter's and Brackley Point Roads.

Agreed to, but from the wealth of the localities, and other circumstances, the Board will not be able to advise so large a grant in future.

2, Presbytery of Miramichi. This Presbytery had already made its arrangements with the Colonial Committee up to 1st Feb., 1869. The congregations supplemented were, Dalhousie, Tabusintac, Campbelltown, New Richmond. At present Newcastle, Campbelltown, and the mission stations of Black River and Red Bank are vacant. It is understood that both Dalhousie and Campbelltown are to endeavour to become self-supporting, and New Richmond has received aid only for one year.

3, Presbytery of St. John.

£25 stg., applied for by St. Andrew's.

Agreed to.

£50, applied for by Richmond.

Agreed to, the Board entertaining the hope that a smaller sum will be required next year.

£25, for Woodstock.

Agreed to.

Besides those amounts, the Committee it is understood, has made a special agreement to give £80 stg., to an assistant for Rev. Dr. Brooke, and the Rev. Wm. Murray now holds the appointment. Previous to this also, the Rev. G. J. Caie received supplement, but he considers that he will be able to dispense with it in future.

4, Presbytery of Halifax.

£50 stg., for Truro.

Agreed to.

5, Presbytery of Pictou.

£75 stg., for River Inhabitants, &c., C. B.