

in to the Convener at least a week before the meeting, a statement of the amount they require to draw from the Colonial Committee for the current year, beginning 1st August, 1868, together with such particulars as the following:—the amount drawn by them during the year, the sums contributed by their congregations, the amount of supplement received from any other sources, and the number of families and stations ministered to by them. As the Board has been appointed by the Synod in accordance with the request of the Colonial Committee, to take the supervision of our whole Home Mission field, and as the Colonial Committee will recognize no application for aid unless made through it, the attention of missionaries and supplemented ministers, even those who may have a special agreement with the Colonial Committee, is especially called to this notice,—that they may assist the Board with the fullest information respecting the fields in which they labour, and that all applications may be before the Board at its next meeting.

GEORGE M. GRANT, *Convener.*

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND COMMITTEE ON PATRONAGE.—The following are the queries issued by the Patronage Committee:—

*Queries to be answered by the Presbytery of—*

1. Specify any evils with their bounds of which the Presbytery or any of its members are cognisant, which have resulted from the exercise of the right of patronage since the passing of the Church Benefices Act, 6 and 7 Vic., cap. 61.

2. Have there been any disputed settlements within the bounds of the Parish since the passing of the said Act? If so, state the result or issue of such dispute in each case.

3. Have there been any secession from the Church, or any desertion of the Parish Church, since the passing of said Act, in consequence of any exercise of the right of patronage within the bounds of the Presbytery. If so, state the extent of such secession or desertion, and whether temporary or permanent.

4. Is there any dissatisfaction amongst the congregations adhering to the Established Church within the bounds of the Presbytery with the existing Laws of Patronage? If so, state to what extent such dissatisfaction prevails, and the grounds upon which it rests.

5. In the opinion of the Presbytery, is any alteration or modification of the present Law of Patronage expedient and called for? If so, state the ground on which such opinion rests, and the nature of the modification or alteration which the Presbytery would suggest.

*Queries to be answered by Elders.*

1. Specify any evils, of which you are cognisant, which have resulted, in any locality which you are particularly connected as heator, elder, or otherwise, from the exercise of the existing Laws of Patronage, since the passing of the Church Benefices Act, 6 and 7 Vic., cap. 61.

2. Are there in your opinion any evils resulting from the operation of the existing Laws of Patronage? If so, state the grounds and in particular the facts, if any, within your knowledge, upon which your opening rests.

3. Are you cognisant of any evils, such as disputed settlements, protracted delay in supplying a vacancy or otherwise, which have occurred in any congregation of the Free Church, or any other Dissenting Church, in any locality with which you are connected, since the formation of the Free Church in 1843? If so, state the nature of such evils, the particular cases in which they have occurred, and the cases, so far as within your knowledge, from which they have arisen.

4. In Your opinion is any alteration or modification of the existing Law of Patronage in the Established Church, expedient and called for? If so, state the grounds upon which your opinion rests, and the nature of the modification or alteration which you would suggest.

## SCHMES OF THE CHURCH.

1868		HOME MISSION.	
July 3.	From New Glasgow, per Rev. A Pollok		£3 10 6
	From Wallace (Fox Harbor) per Rev. Mr. Anderson		0 15 0
July 7.	Paid Rev John Gunn, Cape Breton	£20 0 0	
	" Paid Rev J. W. Fraser, Cape Breton	20 0 0	
SYNOD FUND.			
July 3.	From Wallace and Pugwash, per Rev. Mr Anderson		£1 5 0
	" From Albion Mines per Rev Mr Anderson		1 5 0
July 7.	Paid Rev Mr McWilliam	£14 6 0	
	" Paid William Jack	10 0 0	
	" Paid William Gordon	2 10 4	
	" Paid Angus McLeod	1 0 0	
YOUNG MENS SCHEME.			
July 3.	From New Glasgow, per Rev Mr Pollok		£4 0 0
RODERICK MCKENZIE, Pictou, July 31, 1868 Treasurer.			
Collected for the Lay Association by the Congregation of McLennan's Mountain.			
	By Miss Catherine McRae		£0 16 7
	By Miss Ann Fraser and Miss Isabella Cameron		0 11 3
	By Miss Helen McPherson and Miss Sophia McDonald		0 11 9
			£1 19 7
ALEX. FRASER, McLennan's Brook, June 11, 1868 Secy.			