of the Rev. James Steven, the Committee found that nothing could be done in the meantime. From Bathurst and Dalhousie they cxpected sume handsome contributions. but as the Culotial Committee have lately intimated a withdranal of their support from bnit these congregations, the friends of the Church in each conceived that their etlorts hatust in the meantime be localised, and directed in the first place to the making up of the deficiency caused by the stoppage of the home grants.
In Chatham, nothing has been done. The congregation there have engnged in the erection of a new phace of worship, and many felt that they were not in a position this year to assume additional respons:bilities.
The Committee have to report from Newcastle congregation $=$ subscription of $£ 137$, 10s., obtained by tivo gentlemen in the course of a forenion, and they point to that as a proof of how much could be done if a unanimous effort were made.
They are aware that farthor efforts were not made at Newcastle. becnuse the people felt that they were not supported by other congregations in the work.
The Committee have to report a rery gratifying subscription from the Black River congregation of $£ 7117 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. , and the larger part of the first instalment has been paid orer to the Convener.
The Convener regrets to state that, from numerous engagements which claimed his first attension, he was unable to visit, ax he intended to do. the congregations at Tabusintac, Nashwaak and Frederioton. Something handsome in aid was expected from the last.
It will be scen that several unfavourahlie circumstances have privented us in the meantine from realising the success we hoped for, but the anxiety everywhere testified by the peopie to
become independent of aid from abroad, and the willingness manifested by the richer congrega. tions to assist the poorer, and the first fruit which we have already reaped. lead us confident? to expect that the main ubject of the Synod wili in time be accomplished.
Kespectfully submitted,
Сhallees S. Ogg, Contener.

## ACCOUNT OF MONIES

Receired for the Lay Association, ant paid $n$ James Fraser, Esquire, New Glasgow. 1864
June 14-Cash from Mr Donald MoKiay. collected by the Rev'd A. McKay's congregation, Salt. springs. £7 137
June 2t-Collected by the Rev'd S. McGregor's congregation, East Branch Kast River-
Fer Miss F. Fraser and Miss
E. Camphell,
£0 99
Per Miss A. Thompson and
Miss F. Thompson, 01410
Per Miss E. McDonald, 01291
Per Miss A. Fraser, - $0{ }^{5}{ }^{3}$
Per Miss J Fraser, - - 0100

Per Miss E. McKiay.
Per Miss A. Fraser and Miss Cumming.
Ter Miss M. McDouald - $016{ }^{3}$
Per Mis Cr.mponald, - $017{ }^{6}$
Total,
$0 \Sigma 631$
JOHN CRERAR,
Treasurer Pictou Branch Lay Association. Pictou, 12th August, 1864

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.
RIVER JOHN.
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