

meeting being held on the 1st Thursday of May.

I have the honor to remain  
Your Obedient Servant,  
ROBT. MCCUNN,  
Convener H. M. Board.

G. A. COLONIAL MISSION,  
22, Queen Street, Edinburgh.  
20th April, 1881.

REV. AND DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 10th ult. to the Convener, anent a grant from the funds of the Colonial Committee towards the fund of your Synod for supplementing the stipends of the ministers of some of her charges, was submitted to a meeting of Committee which has just broken up. The Convener who was obliged to leave at once has asked me to intimate to you before I leave the office the decision of the Committee, so that you may know it with the least possible delay.

It was felt and acknowledged that the claim put forward by you on behalf of the Synod was a strong one. Nevertheless the Committee were constrained by the state of their finances to still further reduce their contribution to your Synod fund. They have voted to it this year, one-half of the sum given last year, or £66.2, and this I hope to remit to you shortly. The banks are closed, else I would have sent it to-day. It is my painful duty further to inform you that this must be regarded by your Synod as the last contribution which can be made from the Colonial Committee's funds to your supplementing fund.

This finding was adopted with the deepest regret and reluctance, but the circumstances in which the Committee are placed compel them to practise the most rigid economy, and to retrench on every hand.

I am, Rev. and Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
GEO. B. WILSON.

REV. R. MCCUNN, ETC.

## SYNODICAL COMMITTEES.

### I. HOME MISSION BOARD.

Rev. R. McCunn, Convener, Rev. Messrs. Burnet, Murray, Dunn, Fitz-

patrick, with Representative Elders of Pictou, New Glasgow and Earltown. and Rev. A. J. McKiehan Secretary.

### II. FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Rev. W. McMillan, Convener, Rev. Chas. Dunn, with Elders of Pictou and E. B., East River.

### III. STATISTICS

Rev. Geo. Murray, Convener, Rev. Messrs. Burnet and McKenzie, with Elder of Saltsprings.

### IV. WIDOW'S AND ORPHAN'S FUND.

Rev. R. Burnet, Convener, Rev. Messrs. Dunn, McMillan, and McCunn, with Elders of New Glasgow and River John.

### V. SYNOD FUND.

Rev. Geo. Murray, Convener, Rev. Chas. Dunn, and Elder of New Glasgow.

### VI. MONTHLY RECORD.

Rev. J. W. Fraser, Convener, Rev. Messrs. Dunn, McMillan, and McCunn.

### VII. YOUNG LADIES' SEMINARY.

Rev. R. Burnet, Convener, Rev. Messrs. Dunn, McMillan, and Murray.

### VIII. COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Moderator and Clerk, Rev. Messrs Murray, and McKiehan, with Elders of W. B. East River and New Glasgow, (to meet in St. Andrews' Church, New Glasgow on first Wednesday of August at 9 a. m.

NOTE.—When a new Representative Elder is chosen, and his name placed on the Presbytery roll, he also takes the place of his predecessor on any Synodical Committee.

ROBT. MCCUNN  
Synod Clerk.

## STATISTICS.

The Synod, at their meeting in New Glasgow, last month, made a new departure, in the matter of statistics. Few subjects of discussion are more important to the welfare of the church than the procuring of reliable statistical information. Few more necessary. Indeed, the welfare of almost all ecclesiastical bodies, much depends on the proper