

sterling, annually, to each for at least three years. This we can do, if we look to it in time. Let the men be settled over the vacant congregations without delay, and let those congregations pay them from the day they first received their services. No congregation should offer less than from 350 to 600 dollars, and they should pay *in advance*. Let, then, the Lay Association or Home Mission in each Presbytery supplement as much as possible, and then, but only then, if there be any deficit, we may apply to the Colonial Committee to make it up. This was the plan enjoined by the Synod, and as there was no Home Mission Association in the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, they saw that one established immediately after the rising of the Court. A general Home Mission Board was then appointed to correspond with the various Presbyterial agencies, to see how the work was done in each Presbytery, to suggest improvements in the organization if necessary, and to aid out of the Funds raised by the Church door collections, so that at any rate not more than £50 sterling, per annum should be asked for any minister or missionary from the Colonial Committee. For few should so much be asked; for none should a larger sum be required. It is to be hoped that the Lay Associations and the general Home Mission Board will attend to the work before them, and do it thoroughly.

When Dr. Leitch and Mr. Snodgrass entered the Synod, we were engaged discussing the Foreign Mission Scheme, and on this question the information, counsel, and exhortations given by these gentlemen were highly appreciated by all. The hearts of both seemed to be in mission work, and they spoke with a wisdom and warmth and knowledge of the subject that was of the utmost advantage to us. The committee appointed by the Synod reported that they had corresponded with various great Missionary Societies abroad, by all of whom the South Sea Islands had been recommended as the most desirable field for us; that the expense of maintaining a single missionary there would be 600 dollars per annum, and that we could depend on raising such a sum, or even perhaps as much as would maintain two missionaries. Dr. Leitch, however, brought before us the fact that the Mother Church was anxious that one of the Colonial Churches should start a Foreign Mission in Ceylon, where the Church of Scotland has already seven ministers laboring among christian congregations, and where, consequently, converts could be looked after and brought within the fold of our Church. Our committee was accordingly recommended by the Synod to go forward, as it had already been doing, so as to secure a suitable missionary, and in the mean time to correspond with the committee of the Mother Church to ascertain on what terms and in what manner we could co-operate with her in a mission to Ceylon. No money, then, is to be asked yet

for this mission, unless any person or any congregation chooses to transmit voluntarily any sums to the Treasurer, J. J. Bremner, Esq., of Halifax. But as whenever we embark in the work, wherever the field may be, we will need twice as much the first year as we will in an ordinary year, we would recommend those who intend to give hereafter to begin at once. Never mind whether your neighbor gives or not, do your duty, my brother, when you believe it to be your duty, for "every man shall bear his own burden."

This article is too long to admit of me speaking of the decision of the Synod in the matter of Dalhousie College,—a subject important enough to have been the only great question of the session. We were perfectly unanimous in our decision: in the other Presbyterian body there was a strong minority opposed to it, pretty much on the ground that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

Common courtesy demands that we should acknowledge, in the heartiest manner, the kindness of the Charlottetown people. All the members of Synod fared well; and had our number been double, it would have been all the same, for there seemed to be but one feeling actuating the congregation of St. James', and that was—that a truly Scottish welcome should be given to the Synod of the Scottish Kirk.

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Presbytery of P. E. Island.

[The following Minute should have appeared in the June number, but by some accident was mislaid.]

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, }
Belfast, P. E. I., April 29, 1863. }

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island met, according to appointment, and after public worship conducted by the Rev. G. M. Grant, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. *Sederunt*: Rev. Thos. Duncan, Moderator; Rev.'ds A. McLean and G. M. Grant, ministers; Isaac Thompson, Esq., and A. Stewart, elders.

The Presbytery proceeded to the examination of the Belfast congregation. The Trustees were first called, and answered satisfactorily the questions of the formula. There are thirteen Trustees; they meet when summoned by the chairman, and once a year regularly. On Church, manse, and glebe, there is a debt of £13. During the last few years, they have paid off a considerable amount of debt, and also added to the glebe, which now consists of about 90 acres. Stipend promised is £225; that of former years is all paid; on the first six months of the present year there is a debt of £60—though not due to the minister. There are 140 pews, most of which are let; but there are many adherents who