

## CATECHISTS.

Mr. William Stewart.....	\$243 33	\$100 00
" G. L. Gordon .....		100 00
" Jas. Carruthers.....	97 33	
" McEachern.....		100 00
" Angus Doherty.....	33 00	
" Jas. Fitzpatrick.....		30 00
" John McLean.....		40 00
" Wm. McLeod.....		20 00
Total.....	\$1133 66	\$1200 00

Of which total amount of \$2333.66 there was drawn from the Colonial Committee £160 for half year ending 1st February, and £190 for half year ending 1st August. The sums put down for Catechists for the second half year are approximate only. The supplements granted by Presbyteries from their special funds are not taken cognizance of by the Board.

The Revd. W. Gillies, Secretary to the Book and Tract Society, Edinburgh and Mr. Baxter, lately arrived from Scotland, having entered, were introduced and invited to sit and deliberate with the Court, when it was also agreed that Mr. Gillies should address the Court at 3 p. m.

The Court adjourned at 1 to meet at 3 p. m.

At 3 p. m. the Synod met, and after praise and prayer, resumed business. The Rev. Mr. Gillies, according to previous arrangement, addressed the Court in the interests of the Book and Tract Society, and with special reference to colportage. Anent which it was moved by Dr. Waddell, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Herdman, and unanimously agreed, "That the cordial thanks of this Synod be conveyed to Mr. Gillies, for the very interesting and instructive address with which he has favored the Court, and that this Synod heartily unite in the very earnest request to Mr. Gillies, that, if at all consistent with his other engagements, he will (D. V.) repeat his visit to these colonies, at no distant date, and spend a longer time in travelling among our congregations;" which was conveyed accordingly by the Moderator.

It was further *Resolved*, "That the Synod once more heartily recommend to the sympathy and support of our people the British American Book and Tract Society, and in particular their colportage work."

The Report of the H. M. B. having been fully considered, it was moved by Rev. D. McBae, seconded by Dr. Waddell, and *Resolved*, "That the Synod adopt the Report of the H. M. Board, and thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, for the ability and care with which they have conducted the work of the Board; express their great regret that no increase has taken place in the number of their ministers during the by-gone year, and also, that as formerly, many congregations have failed to make collections, and that the imperfect returns from Presbyteries, have prevented the Convener from giving a full statement of what is being done for Home Mission work within our bounds; rejoice that the No. of Catechists has been considerably enlarged, they being a class whose services appear admirably adapted to the necessities of many portions of the field, and which promise, to judge by the past, a great and growing usefulness; express satisfaction with the results attained through the plan suggested by the Board to congregations, to add to the stipends of ministers; welcome the arrival of the Rev. A. Pollok to fill the chair of Church History and Pastoral Theology, in the Divinity Hall at Halifax, and declare that he shall be regarded as a member, with the position and powers of an ordained minister in full charge of a congregation, of the Presbytery of Halifax; express their deep gratitude to the Colonial Committee for the liberality displayed in undertaking the salary of the Divinity Professor, and recommend that as soon as practicable, efforts be made to have the Professorship endowed, so as to relieve the funds of the Colonial Committee from this charge; rejoice in the expectation of receiving valuable assistance from Mr. Pollok, in the general