

Mr. McCurdy's reasons of dissent. 1. Because the education of the people is not properly the business of the state, but of the church.  
2. Because my objection, which I obtained leave to record, to the resolutions passed in 1848, referred to in the amendment, was not (through inadvertance I presume) recorded in the minutes of Synod for that year: and as by appointment of Synod, I went to Masquodoboit to preach, I was not present at the next or any future seditant of that Session, I had no opportunity of having the minute corrected.

JOHN McCURDY.

Com. on Widows fund. The Committee appointed to disburse the Widows fund reported that they had not been able to accomplish the object of their appointment. Agreed that the amount be merged in the Synod fund.

Next Meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting of Synod shall be held in Halifax on the 4th Wednesday of June, at 7 o'clock, P.M.

The Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer was reappointed.

The minutes of the present sederunt were then read, when it was moved, "That the Synod do now adjourn." It was moved in amendment, "That Rev. Messrs. Baxter and McGregor and Mr. C. Robson be a Committee on the subject of a General University," when the question being taken the motion carried.

The Roll being called, the Rev. Messrs. McGregor and Cameron were absent without leave, but excused. Psalm 133rd being sung, the Synod closed its meeting with Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

PETER G. MCGREGOR,  
Synod Clerk.

Pictou, July 3rd, 1854.

*Abstract of Synodical Accounts, as reported by the Standing Committee for Auditing Accounts.*

Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 4th July, 1854.		1854.	
Home Mission Receipts	£258 2 2½	July 4. Home Mission—balance in Treasurer's hand	£157 1 11
" " Expenditure	230 0 11	Foreign Do. " " " "	606 8 6
Receipts more than Expenditure	£28 1 3½	Synod Fund— " " " "	5 3 3
Foreign Mission Receipts	£433 15 2	Seminary Fund— " " " "	177 3 2
" " Expenditure	293 0 7½	Educational Board " " " "	15 0 2
Receipts more than Expenditure	£140 14 4½	Theological Professorship Fund, including interest on this money in Bonds and mortgages	581 11 10
Synod Fund Receipts	£81 2 1½	Monies of Educational Board, at interest,	1500 4 6
" " Expenditure	78 4 9		£3102 13 4
Receipts more than Expenditure	£2 17 4½		
Seminary Fund Receipts*	£328 0 3½		
" " Expenditure	346 4 0		
Expenditure more than Receipts	£18 3 8½		

\* £50 of the Seminary's Receipts were appropriated by the Synod this last year, for the purchase of apparatus.

N. W. GLASGOW,  
17th July, 1854.

GEORGE WALKER,  
ROBE. MCGREGOR,  
ALEX. FRASER, } AUDITING COMMITTEE.

**BOARDS, STANDING COMMITTEES, &c.**

**Board of Home Missions.**—Rev. Professor Ross, Rev. Messrs. Patterson, Watson, and Walker, together with the Presbytery Elders of Green Hill, West River, and Primitive Church. Rev. George Patterson, Secretary.

**Board of Foreign Missions.**—Rev. Messrs. Baxter, Keir, Roy, Walker, Bayne, and Waddell, and Messrs. Ebenezer McLeod and Daniel Cameron, of West River; A. Fraser, of New Glasgow, and John Yorston, of Pictou. SECRETARY, Rev. J. Bayne.

**Seminary Board.**—The Professors, ex officio. Rev. Messrs. McCulloch, Bayne, Christie, McGilvray, Watson G. Patterson, and Messrs. Daniel Cameron and J. McGregor. Mr. McCulloch, CONVENER. Rev. Mr. Watson, SECRETARY.

**Committee of Bills and Overtures.**—Rev. Messrs. Bayne, Roy and McGilvray, and Mr. Jas. McGregor. Mr. Bayne, CONVENER.

**Committee of Correspondence with Evangelical Churches.**—Rev. Messrs. Patterson, Walker, and Bayne. Mr. Patterson, CONVENER.

**General Treasurer for all Synodical Funds.**—Abram Patterson, Esq. Pictou.

**Receivers of Contributions to the Schemes of the Church.**—James McCallum, Esq. P. E. Island, and Mr. Robert Smith, Merchant, Truro.

**Committee to audit Accounts.**—Rev. G. Walker and Messrs. Roderick McGregor, and Alexander Fraser, of New Glasgow. Rev. G. Walker, CONVENER.