

Letter from the Colonial Committee to the
Home Mission Board.

In answer to a letter from the Colonial Committee explaining the appointment and the proposed action of the Home Mission Board, and asking whether all the correspondence was to be with the Secretary or with the Convener, the following has been received:—

G. A. COLONIAL MISSION,
22 QUEEN STREET EDINBURGH,
23rd Sept., 1888.

MR DEAR SIR:

The Committee were much gratified to learn that a Home Mission Committee had been appointed by the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, and they cordially approved of all your arrangements. The Committee will hereafter entertain no applications save those coming through your Committee. The official correspondence should be addressed to me. The Convener here, will exercise his own discretion hitherto as to replying; but in all cases the *business* part of the correspondence will be conducted by me. Every letter coming from you will be at once forwarded to the Convener for his perusal.

Our last act prior to our entering on these new arrangements, has been the appointment of the Rev. F. Nicol to the Presbytery of Miramichi.

Believe me, Very truly yours.

SIMON S. LAURIE.

REV. G. M. GRANT.

With reference to the last sentence in this letter, we are sure that all who knew Mr. Nicol when he was a missionary in the Presbytery of Halifax, many years ago, will be delighted to learn that he is again coming to the Maritime Provinces. He was too far from the sea away up in Ontario.

It is cheering to think that during the last two months we have received an accession to our force in our United Synod of six missionaries; two Scotchmen from Scotland, Rev. Mr. Fogo, for Truro, and Folly Mountain and Mines, and Rev. John Robertson for Tabusintac; two Nova Scotians from Scotland, Revs. Finlay McDonald and Campbell for the Presbytery of Pictou; and two from Ontario, Rev. F. Nicol, and the Rev. John Thompson, (son of our excellent elder Isaac Thompson, Esq., St. Peters Road, P. E. L.) who having finished his studies at Kingston has come down to labour in the Master's cause in the Maritime Provinces. This is a noteworthy addition to our strength, and may perhaps suggest a lesson to some who grudged that we should devote our dear brother—John Goodwill—to the Lord's work—in the South Sea Islands. Let the Church generally as well as individuals learn the lesson, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth and yet it tendeth to poverty."

The Presbytery of P. E. Island.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island, met on the 20th of August and was constituted.

The different members of Presbytery, appointed to supply the pulpit of St. James' Church during the absence of the Rev. Thomas Duncan reported, that they had fulfilled their appointments.

Mr. Alexander Nicolson, B. A., of Queen's College, appeared and expressed his desire to receive a certificate from the Presbytery with the view of admission into the Theological Hall at Princetown. The Presbytery, with much pleasure, granted the request and ordered accordingly.

The Clerk of Synod laid on the table an extract from the minutes of Synod, which enjoins, that for the future, the Clerk of Session shall not be the moderator of that Court, and that the Session records be examined each year by the Presbytery, at its meeting immediately before Synod.

The Presbytery directed that intimation of this be made to the different Sessions, with the injunction to act in accordance therewith.

In reference to the Home Mission Board, the Presbytery considered it proper and necessary that every missionary within these bounds, and every Minister receiving aid, be enjoined to submit to this Court any application for supplement, intended for transmission to the Board, before forwarding the same and the Presbytery enjoin accordingly.

The Presbytery having taken into consideration the prospects of being able to form Lay Associations, in the congregations under their charge, and a letter from the Rev. G. M. Grant, M. A., of St. Matthew's, in reference to this matter having been read, it was resolved to use all possible diligence to establish such an Association, throughout the bounds of this Presbytery, and for this purpose, Presbyterial visitations were appointed in the different congregations. In reference to the above associations, it was resolved that the funds shall be entirely under the control and direction of the Presbytery, to be employed within the different stations as shall appear most necessary.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again at Ch^h Town on the first Thursday of November.

Closed with prayer.

A. MACLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

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Dalhousie College Endowment Fund.

Fixis Coronat opus. The task is completed. The edifice is crowned. These are large words to use for so small an affair as raising the Endowment of a Professorship, but indeed I hardly know whether they are so or not, so thoroughly rejoiced am I that the work is done. A few days ago, the Treasur-