

Treasurer, will show the financial condition of the church at the close of the meeting of Synod :—

Abstract of the Treasurer's account after the meeting of Synod, July, 1865.

FOREIGN MISSION.

By balance of accts. 1st June.....	£381	1	6
Amount paid since.....	652	9	7

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To paid out since 1st June... ..	87	10	0
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By balance.....	£946	1	1
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HOME MISSION.

To balance of accts. 1st June.....	£135	4	3½
paid out since do.....	275	4	4½

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By amount received since.....	301	14	7
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To balance.....	£108	12	9
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To balance of accts. 1st June.....	£41	17	10
paid out since.....	149	1	6

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By amount received since.....	138	13	5
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To balance.....	£52	5	11
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EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

By balance at date, 1st June.....	£323	7	1
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To paid out since.....	210	0	0
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By amount loaned.....	798	8	3
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By balance.....	£811	15	4
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Mission Vessel, amt. in hands at date.....	£19	10	3
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Special effort do. do.....	22	4	0
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Jewish mission do. do.....	15	2	9
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Theological Seminary, received since 1st June.....	151	9	3
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CLAIMS OF THE HEATHEN.

To the readers of the Home and Foreign Record :

The Saviour commands his followers in all ages to preach to every creature that gospel which he promulgated upon earth and which he sealed with his blood. Though all cannot literally fulfil this command, yet we all can fulfil the spirit thereof by giving of our substance for bringing within the influence of the glorious light of christianity those who are groping their way in the gross darkness of heathenism. How can the blinded heathen know the way of salvation,

unless it is pointed out to them? How can they understand the plan of redemption unless it is explained to them by the heralds of the cross, and how can those gospel pioneers go forth unless they are sent? The master of the gospel feast says, "compel all to come in" to the supper of salvation. If circumstances prevent us from being the immediate instruments in persuading the heathen to close with the offer of salvation, yet we may still be instrumental in the good work, though more remotely, by being liberal stewards of the manifold bounties of a gracious providence.

Our Saviour, when in the days of flesh, once looked up "and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all; for all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God; but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had." No offering is too small for the Lord's treasury when a larger one cannot be devoted to the promotion of his cause. The pennies of the poor, the fruits of labor, of pains, of self denial, are just as acceptable before God as the 'easy gotten' pounds of the man of wealth. In rich and in poor, in old and in young, "God loveth a cheerful giver," "if there be first a willing mind" it is "according to that a man hath and not according to that he hath not," that God requires for the support of his cause among men. Giving, besides being a duty, is a very great privilege, "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive." I witnessed the full realization of this apparently incidental scripture promise a short time ago, in the case of the members of a juvenile missionary society in West St. Peter's, P.E.I. In the month of June, while employed in the Master's service among this people, I was requested to be present at the meeting of this society, for the purpose of opening their missionary saving box. This society was commenced last November by six little boys, the oldest of whom is thirteen, and the youngest seven years of age, all of whom belong to three families.