

able Superintendent of Missions, the Synod resolve that they record upon their minutes their deep sense of the loss which the Church of Scotland in this Province has sustained by the removal of this venerable minister of the gospel. For forty years he officiated as minister of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, and at the same time was always most zealous in supplying the spiritual wants of the people throughout the Province. His love for the Church of Scotland was deep and sincere—his life was devoted to its welfare and extension, and to his fidelity the Church owes no small part of its present success.

The committee appointed to go over the accounts of the *Monthly Record*, reported as follows:—

“Your committee beg to submit the following table of figures showing the present state of accounts:—

Assets for 1865	£109 18 8½	
Debts due for 1864	34 16 1½	
Debts due for 1863	6 11 8½	
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Estimated expenditure for remainder of year 1865	£123 10 9½	
Estimated bad debts	31 0 0	
	<hr/>	£154 10 9½

Estimated deficiency for 1865 £3 4 3

The committee venture to offer the following suggestions:—

(1) Subscribers to pay their subscriptions in advance as formerly.

(2) The price of the *Record* to continue as formerly.

(3) Advertisements to be allowed on the cover of the *Record*.

(4) Ministers to be earnestly enjoined to use all their efforts to obtain an increased circulation of the periodical among their congregations.

(5) As there is a great deficiency in local news, ministers to be asked to send every month some item of local news or some article likely to interest their people.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WILLIAM M. PHILIP, Convener.

The Report of the *Record* Committee having been received, it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the report of the committee be adopted—that Messrs. Grant, McGregor, McCunn, Hon. John Holmes, John McKay and William Gordon, Esquires, be a committee to manage the general affairs of the *Record*—that Messrs. Pollok and Gordon be a small consulting committee to aid Mr. Pender—that the thanks of the Synod be given to the present Editor for the admirable manner in which he has discharged his duties, as also to the Secretary and Publisher—that £5 be granted to the *Record* from the Synod Fund, and that the corresponding member from the Synod of New Brunswick, Mr. Ogg, be requested to solicit aid from the sister Synod.

The committee on Overtures reported that they had agreed to transmit the following, entitled, “On Sabbath Schools.” It is as follows:—

“Whereas it is now acknowledged by all Chris-

tian Churches that Sabbath Schools serve an important end in the godly up-bringing of the young;

And whereas there is more especial need for such institutions in communities in whose common schools religious instruction is not necessarily given to any great extent;

And whereas it is desirable that such institutions should be formally sanctioned, organized and fostered within the bounds of this Synod, as they are by the Supreme Courts of the Church of Scotland;

It is humbly overtured that the Synod do take the whole subject into consideration, and if good cause be shewn, appoint a Committee or Board to superintend the Sabbath Schools of the various congregations within its bounds, to draw up a scheme of lessons, and if possible to prepare notes on the lessons for assistance of teachers, to be published in the *Monthly Record*, to collect such Sabbath School Statistics as they may see meet, and report annually to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) THOMAS DUNCAN.”

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the Overture, when, after remarks from members, it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that Messrs. McCunn, Herdman and McMillan, be appointed a committee to take the whole subject into consideration, gather all the information possible, and report to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at the usual hour for devotional exercises, and this sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH DIET.

*St. Matthew's Church,
Halifax, July 1, 1865.*

The Synod met, after devotional exercises, and was constituted—the Rev. G. M. Grant, Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday's sederunt having been read and sustained, the Committee on Overtures transmitted the following overture, entitled, “On Divinity Curriculum,” the tenor whereof is as follows:—

“Whereas there are young men now studying in Dalhousie College with a view to the ministry of the Church of Scotland, for whose Theological Education no provision has as yet been made or even contemplated by this Synod;

And whereas the Synod of the sister Church in New Brunswick has suggested the inception of a Divinity Hall as furnishing common ground on which both Synods could advantageously co-operate;

And whereas it is well known that the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland is always willing to aid in the establishment of such institutions in the colonies;

It is hereby humbly overtured that the Synod do take the whole of these premises into their consideration, and come to a definite finding on the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) CHARLES S. OGG.”

The overture was supported by the Rev. C. S. Ogg, corresponding member from the Synod of New Brunswick; after whom, the greater number of the members of Court expressed themselves in terms favorable to the overture. The Synod, however, deferred