

supplementing the congregation of Dalhousie, N. B., and we hope one also in P. E. I. But full details are given in the annual reports. It is only necessary now to urge on all to do their duty in the matter, and to explain that the money is under the control of the Synod, and is allocated as equitably as possible, the most needy places having always the first claim.

The collection should be made as soon as possible that it may not conflict with the next scheme. Where there are no ministers, let the minister supplying on the first Sunday after this notice consult with the Session, and announce that it will be taken up whenever there is Divine service again.

We need not speak of the propriety of such a mission. A church that exists only for itself, that refuses to aid its weaker sisters in its own land, or that refuses to do anything to send the Gospel to the heathen, is self-condemned. It will not be blessed, for it refuses to bless. Such a congregation is no help, but a dishonour to a church. And almost as sad a sight is it when hundreds profess to collect for a Christian object, and the sum total of the effort is found to average a cent or two per head.

GEO. M. GRANT, *Convener Home Mission Board.*

### MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

HALIFAX, November 29 and 30.

LETTER addressed to the Colonial Committee was read, showing the disbursements of money for half-year ending 1st August, and that there was a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £6 18s. 4d. sterling.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Donald was read, calling attention to the necessity for a Missionary for Richmond and Woodstock. It was agreed to write the Colonial Committee again on the subject.

A letter from Rev. James W. Fraser, C. B., was read, asking assistance to the extent of \$200 to repair the West Bay Church, and enclosing a copy of the deed of the building. Rev. Mr. Campbell having given a statement of the circumstances of the case as they had come under his own observation, moved that \$100 be at once granted from the Synod's Home Mission Fund, and that the matter be again taken up at the next meeting of the Board in New Glasgow. Agreed.

The Board having had before it the extreme need for Gaelic ministers in the County of Pictou, and that there was no immediate prospect of receiving any from Scotland, agreed to respectfully suggest to the Presbytery of Pictou, the propriety of withdrawing their only Gaelic Missionary. Mr. Fraser, from River Inhabitants for six months, to labour in Pictou County, as in Cape Breton his services are confined to a comparatively small number of people, and at a cost to the Church of \$500 per annum, while large and self-sustaining congregations in Pictou are vacant.

The Secretary was instructed to insert in the *January Record* a list of the supplements for current half-year, with notice of the method of paying them.

The Board adjourned to meet in New Glasgow, on Wednesday, January 12th, 1870.

(Signed) GEO. McLEAN, *Sec'y.*

NEW GLASGOW, January 12, 1870.

Rev. Mr. Fraser's application on behalf of West Bay Church was again taken up, when, on motion of Mr. Pollok, it was agreed to ask from the Colonial Committee a grant of \$100 to make up the sum applied for.

Application from the Trustees of the Church in Dalhousie, N. B., was read, asking for supplement to Minister's salary. The application was endorsed by the Presbytery of Restigouche. It was resolved that £10 sterling be granted