

Fund showed both to be in a good state. The assets of the first named amount to \$20,157. The Synod decided to create a Trust and place the funds in its charge. The Widow's and Orphan's Fund was commenced four years ago with the intention of raising \$8,000 before paying any annuities. Although several Presbyteries have not contributed their quotas the capital already amounts to \$7,500.

HOME MISSIONS.

Mr. GRANT, Convenor, reported the finances to be in a satisfactory condition, and a large increase in the number of catechists, while the number of ministers and licentiates remain the same as when the board was organized seven years ago. The sum drawn from the Colonial Committee for all purposes has decreased from \$6,500 annually to about \$1,000. The amount raised within the bounds of the Synod last year for Home Missionary purposes was \$2,000. In addition to which a legacy of \$1,600 had been received from the late Mr. Geo. Kerr, of Chatham, N. B. The Board is making efforts, with good hopes of success, to raise the minimum stipend all over the Synod to \$1,000 and a Manse. The report further announced the arrival of the Rev. Allan Pollok, as professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology in the Divinity Hall, Halifax, his salary being in the meantime guaranteed by the Colonial Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Mr. McLEAN read the annual report of the Foreign Mission Board; while the mission at Santa, one of the South Hebrides Islands, had to be discontinued, the work on the Island of Erromanga was progressing most satisfactorily under the charge of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, who now employ ten native assistants; there have been 24 members added to the Church out there, and between four and five hundred attend Divine service on the Sabbath. Miss Johns had gone to Madras as a missionary, the entire expense being borne by the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, which thus presents to the entire body a signal example of true Christian liberality, and should erase forever from the Treasurers returns the pitiful items of \$20, \$30, &c., showing

the sums given by various congregations to the work. The report was warmly received.

Rev. JAS. FRASER CAMPBELL, who had offered his services to the Synod as a missionary to a foreign field, was called on to state his views. He believed the foreign mission work was decidedly the most important; and that a Church by extensively devoting its energies to this branch would quicken the home Churches. He quoted the passage in which our Lord called on his disciples to preach the Gospel to all the world, beginning at Jerusalem, but not remaining there. He desired to go to some field where he could use the English language. After prayer on the subject.

Rev. Mr. McRAE believed, from all he knew, that Rev. Mr. Campbell would be extremely useful in Madras, India, where there is a very large heathen population that speaks English; under God it was probable English would eventually become the written and spoken language of India's 300,000,000 people. He moved a resolution, expressing a willingness to allow Mr. Campbell to go as a missionary, and noting two propositions from the Church of Scotland for him to go to Madras, and from the Canada Presbyterian Church inviting him to go to Formosa.

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK.

Rev. FRASER CAMPBELL, on behalf of the ex-Moderator, presented a report on Christian life and work. It was incomplete owing to the small number of returns sent in, but such information as had been received was of an encouraging character.

Rev. Mr. HERDMAN, in the course of his remarks alluded to a very blessed communion service in Pictou, at which some 500 Protestants of all denominations were present.

Before agreeing to the final minute in reference to the consummation of union, which was in the same terms as that agreed upon by the other churches, three Ministers and one Elder, laid on the table a document stating that on account of the attitude of their congregations, they were unable in the meantime to enter the union. The congregations referred to being Pictou, Salt-springs, Earltown and Barney's River,