

tions in our Colonies and in heathen lands. I shall refer you to the April number of the *Record* for the particulars, and here only make a few remarks. In regard to the Home Mission Fund, the sum received during the year amounts to £7541, being more by £1731 than during the preceding year—(applause)—but our expenditure has been nearly equal to our income, having amounted to £7453, still, however, leaving a surplus of £88 to be added to the fund on hand—(applause). In regard, again, to the Gospel Ministry Fund, the sum received was £828, being less by £430 than the preceding year; and our expenditure has exceeded the income by £26. The Church Extension Fund began only in the end of November, and yielded £732; and there is nothing against it but some expenses which left us with £705 on hand with which to commence operations. Altogether for home operations connected with these funds, the receipts have amounted to £9101, and the expenditure to £8334, leaving us thus better by £767 in 1863 than we were in the beginning of 1862—(applause). In regard, again, to the Foreign Mission Fund, the sum received during the year has been £23,862, being £3948 better than the preceding year—(loud applause)—while our expenditure has only been £20,461, so that on this fund, as a whole, we are better at the end of 1862 than we were at the beginning of the year by £3401—(applause). Two years ago I had to report to you an annual deficit for several years in succession for our general foreign missions of about £2000 per annum, and that, consequently, from having had a fund on hand at the beginning of 1857 of £7000, we were in debt £1370 at the beginning of 1861. It is gratifying to state that, during 1861 and 1862, our contributions for missions generally have enabled us not only to get clear of this balance, but to close 1862 with £4465 on hand—(applause). For India, however, our expenditure for last year exceeded what was received for that mission by £735—a circumstance which the friends of that very promising mission will, I hope, keep in view. Our missions in that quarter are rapidly extending, and their liberality must be proportionally exerted.—As a whole, the contributions received for missionary purposes, connected with all the funds I have mentioned, have in 1862 amounted to £32,963, or, adding those for Church Extension in London and the proceeds of the *Record*, £34,673. A larger sum than in any previous year has been raised in the Church for missions—(applause). It is gratifying to observe that of this sum, no less than £19,817 has come from our congregations and congregational societies—(applause).

## News of the Church.

**PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.**—An account of the meetings of Presbytery held on the 6th and 7th May in Chalmers Church, Halifax, was accidentally omitted from the June *Record*. It is only necessary now to record the fact that on Thursday the 7th May, the Presbytery after the usual trials, licensed Mr. JAMES D. GORDON to preach the Gospel.

The Presbytery met in Poplar Grove Church on Thursday the 18th June. Present, Rev. William Duff, Moderator, Professors King and McKnight, Rev. William Murray and A. Stuart; and Messrs. A. James and Robert Murray, Ruling Elders. The only item of business requiring to be recorded is the fact that Rev. John McLeod reported that he moderated in a call in the St. John's congregation according to appointment of Presbytery. The call was unanimous in favour of Mr THOMAS CUMMING. The Presbytery sustained the call and directed the clerk to forward it to Mr. Cumming. The Moderator was authorized to prescribe subjects for trial to Mr. C., in case he should accept the call.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery is to be held in Poplar Grove Church, on Thursday the 9th July, 11 o'clock.

**OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH AT MAHONE BAY.**—In no county in our Province has the Presbyterian Church been making more satisfactory progress than in Lunenburg. We have a pleasing evidence of the fact in the opening of a new Church in the MAHONE BAY section of Rev. Mr. Duff's congregation. The *Witness* of the 20th June says:—

“On last Lord's Day the new Presbyterian Church at Mahone Bay was opened for public worship.—Rev Professor King preached from Psalm 122. 1., a very able and appropriate discourse. The audience was large and appeared profoundly interested in the services of the day.

The church is 52 x 38 feet, and is one of the most elegant and comfortable places of worship in the County. It is charmingly situated on a small hill just at the head of Mahone Bay. No finer site for a church could be selected anywhere. To the credit