

yet taken up the matter. We cannot help noticing the inequality existing between the different portions of the Church in the contributions to the fund, and the unfairness that there would be in its continuance. For example, every congregation but one on the Island of Cape Breton has contributed something, and nearly all the Ministers there, whereas there are two Presbyteries on the main land from which no contributions whatever has been received either from Ministers or people.

As to the claims upon the fund, the committee are already aiding one father to the amount of one hundred dollars per annum; and there are two or three others that ought, if the fund were properly established, to be at once placed upon it. Under those circumstances the Committee affectionately appeal to those portions of the Church which have not yet aided, and to those Presbyteries and Sessions which have not yet taken up the matter, to come to our help, so that if possible every section of the Church may before next meeting of Synod have done its part in the work.

The Committee would also present the fund to the notice of those who may be disposing of their property by will. The object we believe to be worthy of their attention, more particularly as hereafter the fund will be largely dependant on legacies and donations.

By order of Committee.

GEORGE PATTERSON,  
Convener.

### Joint Meeting of Sabbath School Committees.

A joint meeting of the Sabbath School Committees of our own and the sister Church was held in Poplar Grove Church, on the 15th October, at 3 p. m. Present: Rev. Messrs. Smith and Simpson and Chas. Robson of the one Committee, and Rev. Messrs. Duncan and J. F. Campbell and M. M. Lindsay of the other. Mr. Duncan was called to the chair, and Mr. Simpson acted as Secretary.

The Chairman offered prayer and stated the object of the meeting.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

(1st) That we continue the International series of lessons for 1874.

(2nd) That in the judgment of this Committee it would be better if the lessons from the Old and New Testaments alternated quarterly instead of half-yearly as now. The Secretary to convey this decision to the Secretary of the Committee in New York.

(3rd) That the Scheme of Exercises for our Schools, consisting of the Questions of the Shorter Catechism, and the Bible Les-

sons with the Golden texts and the Doctrines to be proved to be prepared by Messrs. Duncan and Simpson, Mr. S. taking the first six months and Mr. D. last six months of the year.

(4th) That in addition to these exercises a column be added to the Scheme, headed, "Verses to be committed to memory," these verses to be selected from the lessons for the day.

(5th) That the Notes on the Lessons be provided and published in the *Records* as hitherto.

(6th) That the following Committee be appointed to draw up a list of books that they can recommend to the Sabbath Schools of the Church, viz—Rev. Messrs. Duncan, Smith, J. F. Campbell, Currie, and Simpson, and M. M. Lindsay Messrs. Duncan and Simpson, joint conveners.

Closed with prayer and Benediction by Mr. Smith. A. SIMPSON, Secy.

The Scheme of Lessons referred to above will be published early in December, so that Sabbath Schools throughout the country can be provided with them by the first of the year. They will be had as usual at the Nova Scotia Printing Company's Office, and at the usual rate,—50 cents per 100 copies.

Sunday Schools would oblige by sending their orders as soon as convenient that an approximate idea may be formed of the total number required.

### Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces Church Insurance Scheme.

The Committee of the Synod of the P. C. L. P., on the insurance of Churches have to intimate that the number of applications has not been sufficient to warrant their commencing the scheme on the scale originally contemplated. But being desirous of putting it in operation, they have resolved to do so with the following modifications.—

*First.* That at present they assume no greater risks than \$2,000, and that instead four classes, there be, for the present, only two, \$1,000 and \$2,000.

*Secondly,* That the rates be payable in one or two years, according to the option of managers or trustees, instead of in one or three.

As soon, however, as a sufficient number of congregations join, or the funds warrant the scheme will be carried out on the scale originally contemplated, extending the risks to three, four, or it may be five thousand dollars. In the meantime the scheme as above modified will go into operation on the 1st January, 1874. Those managers of congregations who have sent in their returns and made application for the benefit of the scheme, are requested to forward