

## APPENDIX J.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE  
COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Correspondence with the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland beg to report to the Synod that, in accordance with notice given by circular, a meeting of Committee was held in Montreal in the month of November last, to receive applications from Congregations for aid from the Parent Church in the erection of Churches, and from Presbyteries for Missionaries. Of the applications thus laid before your Committee, and duly considered by them, a certain number were ordered to be transmitted to the Colonial Committee with an Extract Minute embodying your Committee's recommendation in each case. The Convener was also requested to write the Convener of the Colonial Committee with reference to the several applications, and to urge the views of the Canadian Church on certain points connected with the subject of the present correspondence.

There has been received a reply from the Colonial Committee, of date 20th January last, intimating a grant of (£30) thirty pounds stg. in aid of the Bishop's Mills Church, on the usual conditions as to the liquidation of the debt on the building. Also a grant of £120 stg. in aid of the Church of Lochiel.

In response to the application from the Presbytery of Perth the Colonial Committee intimate their readiness to continue the grant of £50 stg. for the year ending 1st Feb. 1870, in aid of Missionary operations in the Township of Darling.

In accordance with the application of the Presbytery of Toronto, the Colonial Committee agree to send two Missionaries in the event of their being able to secure the services of competent men, upon the condition expressed in the Presbytery's application, to provide a sum equal to one half the salary of each Missionary.

Further the Colonial Committee agree to grant £50 stg., in aid of the stipend of any Minister who may be settled at London.

The Colonial Committee further agree to send out two Missionaries to labour in the Presbytery of Saugeen as soon as they are able to secure the services of two competent Licentiates.

In the letter enclosing the Colonial Committee's Minute, the Secretary, Mr. Laurie, states that, as authorized, he had advertised for Candidates for appointment in the several cases above referred to.

Your Committee further express the satisfaction with which they receive the assurance that the Colonial Committee sympathize deeply with the Canadian Church in the financial misfortune which has befallen it, and that it was with great pleasure they had heard of the laudable efforts which had been made by this Church during the past year to meet the exigencies of its position.

It further appears that the Colonial Committee were much gratified to observe the standing rule passed by the Synod's Correspondence Committee to the effect that each Presbytery, in applying for a Missionary from the Parent Church, shall accompany its application with a promise to contribute (£50) fifty pounds stg. towards his salary.

The Correspondence Committee would specially draw the attention of the Synod to the evidence, afforded in recent communications, of the great interest which the Colonial Committee continues to take in the prosperity of this Church, and the readiness with which they come to our aid in granting assistance, where necessary, from their funds to congregations making efforts to increase their Church accommodation, and to liquidate the debt on existing Church edifices.