

Pastoral Theology, those being the subjects assigned to our Professor. The Committee accordingly appointed Mr. Pollok, and he having accepted the appointment, was expected to arrive in Halifax in time to take part in the work of last session; but private duties compelled him to resign just when he was on the eve of leaving for Nova Scotia. The Board thereupon unanimously fixed upon the Revd. Dr. Bell, of Walkerton, Ont., as a suitable person for the chair, and brought his name before the Colonial Committee, but Mr. Pollok in the meantime found that he was in a position to undertake the work, and applying to the Committee was again appointed. He has recently arrived in Halifax, and is now under the authority of the Synod, to do the work of a Professor in the Hall in Halifax, and to be of any further use to the Church that the Synod may indicate, consistently with his duties as Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology. Mr. Pollok's past services, his knowledge of our congregations, and his sympathy with the people, are sufficient guarantees that he will do all in his power to advance the true interests of the Church, and to promote its extension in the Maritime Provinces, without neglecting his strictly professional duties. The Board congratulates the Synod on his appointment, and considers the guarantee of his salary as one of the wisest and most generous things ever done for our Church by the Colonial Committee. An effort should be made as soon as possible to raise an endowment for the chair, that will relieve the Committee's funds and show our appreciation of the services of our Professors. A building should also be erected on a suitable site in the City of Halifax, a library should be secured, and everything done to make the Hall not only a school of the prophets, but the centre of the Christian life and work of our Church in the Lower Provinces.

"The Treasurer's Report is appended. It shows that \$556 13 or nearly the same amount as last year was collected, for the Synod's Home Mission. As usual, about one-third of our congregations did not make the collection enjoined. With regard to Presbytery Home Missions or Lay Associations, it is impossible to report with accuracy, as owing partly to the Synod meeting at an earlier date, few returns have been sent in to the Convener. From all that can be ascertained, however, the amount is less than last year, owing to the fact that St. Andrew's congregation St. John, N. B., was the only congregation in that important Presbytery that did anything for the cause, though there was more local need than usual. Halifax and Pictou Presbyteries have done as well as usual. The amount in all collected in this way amounts to at least \$1500; and thus the sum raised by us for Home Missions and Supplementing may be set down as over \$2000.

"It will be seen by the Treasurer's Report that the legacy of \$1600 left three years ago to the Synod by the late Geo. Kerr, Esq., of Chatham, the interest to be divided between the Synod's Home Mission and the Bursary Fund, has been received from George McLeod, Esq., the Executor, and placed in the Bank until a suitable investment offers.

"In submitting the above Report, the Board considers it very desirable that the Synod should give some expression of its views as to the mode in which Home Mission and Supplementing work should be carried on in future. It is also questionable if the Board should be longer entrusted with any work connected with the Theological Hall. A Special Committee could better attend to that department.

"All which is respectfully submitted,

"GEO. M. GRANT, *Convener.*"

Accounts of the Home Mission Board, 1874-75.

TABLE NO. I.

Treasurer's Report from June 15th, 1874, to June 5th, 1875.

Synod's Home Mission Fund, in account current with Geo. P. Mitchell, Treasurer.

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| August 13. | To amounts paid as specified in August payment of Table No. II. | |
| To June 5. | appended to last year's report, and in Feb'y. payment of | |
| | Table No. II. herewith appended..... | \$1653 66 |
| | Balance carried down..... | 426 54 |

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