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Editor of the "Monthly Record."

I observe that a subscription has been set on foot in Glasgow, etc., for the purpose of erecting a monument to the late Principal McFarlane. Now, there are many claims on the late Principal's name upon these Proceedings, and of them, only one need be named, he was the originator and founder of the original Scheme of the Church of Scotland. In a great measure, that scheme owes its success; by word and deed he contributed towards its extension; and now that he is out from among us, a befitting opportunity presents itself of manifesting our gratitude and cherishing the memory of a great good man, who "being dead, yet speaketh."

Let subscription lists be set about *without delay*, and collectors appointed, so that it may not be said, that Canada was the first to show her gratitude, of the British American provinces. Good will is a good thing, but good deeds are better. Subscriptions from 2s. will be acceptable, both from rich and poor.

I am yours, A. B.

For the "Monthly Record."

THE SYNOD.

At the time for another meeting of Synod now approaching, it cannot be out of place to draw the attention of "members," "committees," and "presbyteries" to the importance attending to the instructions of last Synod, of preparing for the approaching session. Committees, when asked for their reports, say, "there was no meeting, and so there is no report;" if members, when asked for their statistical returns, answer, "I have not got my reason is—;" if Presbyteries, when asked to have to be made to their ministers, disconcerted to their own amazement that they keep minutes, surely enough

"The chiel amang us wha took notes,"

and this year have good reason to speak of want of business habits in the conducting of our business. It is well then that Presbyteries bear in mind that their Records must be examined to be examined by the Synod. And, the Synod may know whether each session does its duty, every Presbytery ought at each meeting, previous to the meeting of Synod, to examine the Session Registers of each congregation within its bounds.

Committees were appointed on seven different matters of importance to the Church: the Synod will expect a report from each Committee.

In the printed minutes of last session, the second and third pages, the members of committees are named, so that there need

be no doubt as to who is Convener, who are members, or what the object of their appointment. Written reports are essential to the methodical conducting of business. It is true that, where the Convener may chance to be afflicted with an unfortunate fluency of tongue, a verbal report may be more interesting and more lengthy than a written one. But it generally happens, that verbal reports end with the 'report'; while in the written report, there is a solid foundation for future action. Let Committees meet, and if they can find nothing to do, let them commit to writing that one important fact!

I shall quote an extract from the minute of first July, on an important matter to be attended to by individual members, and looked after by Presbyteries: "In reference to Statistical Tables, it was unanimously resolved that those Presbyteries who have not sent in returns, be enjoined to forward to the Moderator of Synod the same, made up for the year ending the 1st of June last, on or before the first day of September next. For the future, Presbyteries are enjoined to be more punctual in their return of Statistics."

JAMES MAIR, Synod Clerk.

The following appeal arrived too late for insertion in the March number of the *Record*. The collection was appointed to be made on the 6th March, but as it is known to us, that many congregations have not yet obeyed this injunction of Synod from the non-appearance of any notice in this paper, it is thought advisable for these reasons, and on account of the importance of the subject, to publish Mr. Duncan's appeal even at this late date.

INDIA MISSION.

ANNUAL GENERAL COLLECTION.

By appointment of the Synod, an Annual General Collection, in aid of the India Mission Scheme of the Church of Scotland, falls to be made on the Sabbath of the 16th of March.

This is the first collection ordered to be made by the Synod for India—a land where spiritual destitution has been exposed to the consideration of the Christian world by the events of the late war. The Scheme for which the collection is ordered, has long been in operation, and has enjoyed the services of zealous men. At present, the demands on the liberality of the members of the Church is greater than at any former period, on account of the employment of several additional laborers. At the conference of the Missionaries of the various churches, lately held in India, some cheering facts were stated, and an urgent call made to all sections of the Protestant Church, to enter on the work with renewed vigor. Our Church thanked God for the cheering intelli-