

APPENDIX E; FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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DISBURSEMENTS.			
Paid Mavor & Wand, masons.	\$1590 00	Paid for coke, for heating Church, . . .	19 00
" E. Maxwell, carpenter.	1597 06	" Labour attending stoves, . . .	10 00
" Reid & Co., slaters,	316 97	" Gibb & Hunter, notarial	
" McGinnis & Co., plasterers.	150 00	services.	5 00
" G. Nunn, painter.	200 00	" Telegraphing to Kingston, . .	3 65
" Lawford & Nelson, arch'ts,	100 00	For remittance from Brock-	
" Insurance.	17 00	ville.	0 17
" Lithographic view of the			
Church.	10 50		
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Montreal, 23rd May, 1863.	ARCHD. FERGUSON,	Treasurer.
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1862-63.

The Committee beg leave to report,—
That they have during the year been engaged in correspondence with the Conveners, respectively of the Jewish and Colonial Committees of the Church of Scotland, with the view of co-operating with these Committees in Missionary operations.

The Jewish Committee suggest Beyrout as a field to be occupied, being a station where there is a Scottish population, among the Missionary could labour in part. The Jewish Committee will, it is expected, aid in the support of a Missionary there to the extent of £100 sterling, and local assistance may also be looked for, while eventually the advantage of the Consular Act would be obtained. Moreover, the Missionary could statedly visit Jerusalem, and thus with Dr. Aiton's consent, which, it is understood, would be given, the money collected by him might be appropriated in aid of the Mission. It is hoped that the Synod of New Brunswick would also assist in the support of this effort. The negotiations are still pending for the establishment of this Mission, but with good prospect of success. The Committee ask authority to continue their negotiations and would remind the Synod that the possession of funds entails upon the Synod the duty of appropriating them in conformity with the purposes for which they were obtained.

The Colonial Committee are prepared to co-operate with the Synod in Missionary work, but prefer Ceylon for immediate occupation; and it is suggested that the Synod of Nova Scotia should be invited to unite with this Synod, in a Missionary enterprise in that country.

Jaffna is pointed out as the locality best suited for the purpose. There are six Ministers of the Church of Scotland in Ceylon, and correspondence is now going on for the possession of a fine old Dutch Church at Jaffna, so that there is the prospect of having a resident minister there, which would be an advantage. The friends of the church in the colony would aid the Mission; and, with assistance from the Colonial Committee, and the co-operation of the Nova Scotian Synod, the scheme is one of easy attainment. The salary of a Missionary at Jaffna would require to be £300 sterling, but native helpers would, when required, be had at much less cost. The Treasurer's Report is also submitted.

The Committee trust that by the combination of these different sources of support, the Synod may be enabled to enter upon promising Missionary efforts, and so do somewhat, to obey the command of the Master to preach the Gospel to every living creature.

ALEXANDER MORRIS, Treasurer.