

page in prayer. After one or two addresses from Members, the Chairman read part of 17th chap. of John, and Mr. Christie afterwards engaged in prayer.

The Committee then unanimously resolved to record their thanks to the Trustees of this Church for their kindness in granting them the use of it for their meetings, and also to the Christian friends in Montreal, who have with so much heartiness and generosity extended their hospitality to the members of these Committees.

After singing the last two verses of the 72nd Psalm, and after the Benediction by the Chairman, the meeting was closed.

W. TAYLOR, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*  
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Sec'y.*

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## Articles Contributed.

### Synod's Home Mission.

There are a few facts connected with this Mission that every one should know: (1.) As will be seen by the notice in this month's *Record*, \$308.25 have been voted as supplements for the current half year from this fund; viz., \$50 to Prince Edward Island, \$115 to Nova Scotia, and \$143.25 to New Brunswick; and as that will make the expenditure for the year to be over \$600, it follows that the average collection from each of our thirty congregations should be \$20. (2.) But as some of our congregations do not contribute by schedule for a Presbytery Home Mission, their collections should be much larger; for, as a rule, the congregations that give for both, give three times as much for their Presbytery as they do for the Synod Home Mission; so that those who do not contribute to a Presbytery Mission, ought, in fairness, to give at least double when the collection enjoined by Synod is made. (3.) We ought not to rest satisfied surely with our present amount. Last year we raised for Presbytery and Synod Home Missions \$1993 as against \$1050 for the year before; but more than half the amount was from one Presbytery, and it perhaps the smallest of the six. (4.) The collection should be made on the last Sunday in January, or as soon thereafter as possible, and remitted before June to Geo. Maclean, Esq., Merchant's Bank, Halifax, the General Treasurer.

Full information as to this Mission will be found in the Annual Report of the H. M. Board, laid before last Synod, and printed with the Minutes in the August supplement of the *Record*. More need not be said now, except to point out that we, as connected with an Established Church and holding her principles, are specially bound, in the only form possible for us, to extend the ordinances of religion to thinly peopled districts, to help the weak according to our strength, and to see that no brother in the ministry is left to suffer in temporal things while devoting his whole time and strength to the spiritual improvement of any corner of our vineyard. It is earnestly hoped that the collections for 1871 shall exceed those of any previous year.

GEO. GRANT,  
*Convener Home Mission Board.*

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### The Indianapolis Convention of Y. M. C. Associations, and the Journey of the N. S. Delegates.

(Concluded.)

Three sessions were held every day of the Convention except the last, which was Sabbath, and on which there was only one, the Farewell meeting. The morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to business and the discussion of questions; the evening sessions, as they were more largely attended by the public, were generally freed from business, and given up to the discussion of such questions as were of general interest. — Even with these three sessions the time would have been very fully occupied, but these were not all. Prayer-meetings were held at six o'clock, and eight o'clock, in the mornings, and for half an hour before the afternoon sessions; and open-air meetings were conducted at different places at seven o'clock in the evening. All of these prayer-meetings were not, of course, attended by every delegate, but they were largely attended, and were among the most useful parts of the Convention's work. What a contrast they formed to some meetings, meant for and misnamed prayer-meetings, which, instead of being means of grace, seem to be rather heavy taxes on the endurance of those who feel it to be their duty to attend them; or which, to say the least,