

journalist whose utterances are so shocking to the religious mind. Speaking of the robbery by the Commune of the Paris churches, he says: "We do not hesitate to declare them national property, for the single reason that they proceed from the generosity of those to whom the Church has promised Paradise, and the promise of imaginary returns made to obtain any property is qualified as swindling by every code;" and he adds: "Our eternal belief is that, Jesus Christ having been born in a stable, the only treasure that Notre Dame ought to possess is a bundle of straw."—*N. Y. Observer.*

### Conference of P. E. I. Presbyteries.

ZION CHURCH, 24th May, 1871.—The Conference of the two Presbyteries met this day, in Zion Church, and was constituted with prayer.

There were present the Rev. Messrs. Patterson, Laird, McNeill, Lawson, Gunn, Campbell, Frame, Allan, Murray, Crawford, Cameron, Cumming, L. McNeill, Duncan, MacLean, Stewart, McWilliam, Ministers; Joseph and Charles Kennedy, A. Stewart, J. McMillan, J. McDonald, A. Kennedy, Dr. Fraser, Wm. Brown, T. Brehaut, and Alex. Roberison, Elders.

Mr. Patterson was unanimously elected Chairman, and Mr. McWilliam Clerk. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

Mr. Allan and Mr. Stewart stated in regard to Covehead, Brackley Point and St. Peter's Road, that these congregations, while desirous to promote the interests of religion and Presbyterianism in their district, did not, in the meantime, appear favorable to any alteration in the arrangements at present subsisting. The Conference having heard these statements, resolved that, while much pleased to see the evidence of a more friendly feeling, no further action be in the meantime taken by the Conference in this matter, but that the brethren there be encouraged to continue to promote the cause of union amongst their people.

### NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

#### SYNOD.

The Synod of our Church will meet this year in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B., on the last Wednesday of June, at 7 o'clock, and will be opened with sermon by the Rev.

A. Pollok, moderator. It is specially requested that the Reports of all the Standing Committees be prepared before the Synod meets, so that the business may be arranged and despatched without unnecessary delay.

Congregations and local Treasurers are respectfully reminded that the financial year of the Synod ends on the 15th June. All collections therefore should be forwarded to the general Treasurers by that date; sums received after the 15th cannot appear in this year's account. The collection, however, for the Synod Fund, is to be paid to the Convener, the Rev. G. J. Caie, at the Synod table.

ALEX. MCWILLIAM, *Synod Clerk*

#### HOME MISSION.

Rev. W. Murray, Campbellton, being amount of supp. to that charge, and now returned, the cong. having raised the amount themselves. . . . \$61 90  
Col. St. James' Ch., Newcastle. . . . 18 45  
" Belfast . . . . . £4 9 8  
" Charlottetown. . . . . 5 0 0  
" Georgetown. . . . . 1 0 0  
" Cardigan. . . . . 1 0 0

£11 9 8 38 20

St. Andrew's Ch., Nfld., for services by Rev. D. McDougall, for Jan. . . . 62 50  
St. Matthew's Ch., Wallace, per Mr. Mackay. . . . . 30 65  
Pugwash. . . . . 23 81

GEORGE MACLEAN, *Treasurer.*

Halifax, May 31, 1871.

#### FOREIGN MISSION.

David Corbett, Boularderie, C.B., \$2, and Mrs. Corbett, \$1. . . . . \$3 00  
Col. St. James' Church, Newcastle, N.B., \$60, and prem. \$1.20. . . . 61 20  
Col. at Belfast, P.E.I. . . . £30 6 0  
" Georgetown, P.E.I. . . . 2 8 0  
" Cardigan, . . . . 1 16 0  
" Montague, . . . . 0 18 0

P. E. I. Cy. . . . . £35 8 0 118 00

" Brackley Point Road. £2 0 0

" St. Peter's Road. . . . 3 5 10

P. E. I. Cy. . . . . £5 5 10 17 64

\$190 84

JAS. J. BREMNER, *Treasurer.*

Halifax, June 3, 1871.

#### YOUNG MEN'S BURSARY FUND.

Newcastle, N.B. . . . . \$18 00  
Georgetown, P.E. Island. . . . 2 50  
Cardigan, P. E. Island . . . . 2 00

RODERICK MCKENZIE, *Treas.*

Pictou, May 31, 1871.

MISSIONARY SERVICES.—PRESBYTERY PICTOU.

Paid Rev. R. McCunn. . . . . \$60 00  
From Barney's River. . . . . 8 00

RODERICK MCKENZIE, *Treas.*

Pictou, May 31, 1871.