

# Committee Minutes.

## Abstract of Minutes of Home Mission Board.

NEW GLASGOW, April 30, 1872.

At which time and place the Home Mission Board met in compliance with a requisition from the Convener.

The Convener first brought under notice of the Board the arrival in March of Mr George L. Gordon—sent out by the Colonial Committee to act as a Gaelic Catechist in Cape Breton, and to study for the ministry. He had been sent on as soon as possible to River Inhabitants, and the surrounding stations.

The Board approve of the action of the Convener, in sending Mr. Gordon on without delay; express their gratitude to the Colonial Committee for this new proof of its interest in the welfare of the Church, and resolve upon the following scale of remuneration for Mr. Gordon's services:—

(1) That the people among whom he labours shall be expected to pay to him \$100, and to provide his board.

(2) That the Colonial Committee be solicited to make him a grant of £30 sterling, for the first year.

Letters were then brought before the Board, by the Convener, announcing the expected arrival, for a stay of ten or more weeks, of the Rev. Dr. Masson, the minister of the Gaelic Church of Edinburgh, who has come to the Dominion, for a brief period, under the auspices of the Colonial Committee. The following arrangements were made with a view of meeting the wishes of Dr. Masson:—

(1) That his services be placed at the disposal of the Pictou Presbytery from May 19th to the meeting of Synod at the end of June. (2) From the meeting of Synod until the middle of July, at the disposal of the Presbytery of P. E. Island. (3) After that date, that his services be at the disposal of the Pictou Presbytery for Cape Breton. The Board also recommended that his services be given to Earlton and W. B. River John during Sabbaths, May 19th and 26th, and to Barney's River for the first Sabbath in June.

Some correspondence was next,

brought before the Board, with reference to Rev. Mr. Moffat, a minister who came out in the fall of 1871, from the North of England, and who has been, since his arrival, labouring within the bounds of the Presbytery of St. John, N. B. After some discussion it was agreed to place Mr. Moffat at the disposal of the Presbytery of P. E. Island; his labours there to commence on Sabbath, the 19th of May, and to continue until the sederunt of Synod—and that the Home Mission Board shall guarantee one-third of his remuneration during the above period.

The Board then adjourned to the date of the regular semi-annual meeting in June.

D. MACRAE,

Clerk, *pro tem*.

P. S.—Since the above meeting of the Board, a telegram has been received from Dr. Masson to the effect that on reconsideration he has decided to remain in Ontario till the middle of June, for the meeting of our Synod in Kingston. The above minutes therefore, as far as he is concerned, may be considered as cancelled.

G. M. G., Convener, H. M. B.

## Letters to the Editor.

### Letter from the Rev. P. Melville.

Dear Mr. Editor.—You will excuse my long silence to you, as I have three wide congregations which justly claim my first regard. I need not, therefore, increase the delay by an apology.

I like Prince Edward Island. It is young and progressive, although a very great deal remains to be done in thoroughly organizing and cultivating it. I believe its people are inferior to none in native talents and capacities. They inherit the Divinely-given powers and accomplishments of constitution, bodily, mental, and moral, in exuberance; and to draw out these precious gifts, and to train and perfect them for the Lord of All, is truly a heavenly work of faith and love, worthy of the noblest life and the longest life-time. Assuredly I delight to spend and be spent in this work.

Georgetown, the headquarters of my Parish, is a lovely seaport and county