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LETTER FROM THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

The following most gratifying letter has just been received from the Colonial Committee. It shows not only the warm and intelligent interest that the Committee takes in us, but its readiness to meet our views, its willingness that we should co-operate with the sister Church, and its kindly remembrance of one who has laboured in the past among us.

The question of co-operating with the sister Synod in Theological Education, even as we have done in Dalhousie College in Arts, with so much success, was started at the Synod last June, and met with the most favourable response. The idea was not the one entertained some years ago of undertaking a Hall of our own, but that we should have one Professor in the existing Hall at Halifax, while the other Body, representing as it did two Churches, should go on paying for two Professors. It was felt that we were not in a position to undertake to pay the salary at once, and that we should therefore apply to the Colonial Committee to guarantee the whole amount required, viz., £300 *stg.*, and that of course, in the event of their doing so, we should leave the nomination and appointment of the Professor in the hands of the Committee. Indeed, so great was and is our confidence in the Colonial Committee, that in any case we should no doubt have left the appointment of a Professor with them.

On this action having been taken, the Convener of the Home Mission Board at once waited on the sister Synod, and, having brought the matter before it, was assured of its readiness to enter into the arrangement, and on the week following he received official intimation to that effect. He then wrote to the Colonial Committee in terms of the deliverance and mind of our Synod, scrupulously abstaining from mentioning any person's name, though well aware that there was one on whom the mind of the brethren was set. A very kind and favourable answer was received, in which, however, it was stated that it was not at all likely that any appointment could be

made in time for this session of the Hall. This was reported at the October meeting of Synod, when a resolution was carried, with a cordiality amounting to enthusiasm, that the name of the Rev. Allan Pollok should be brought under the notice of the Colonial Committee for the Professorship. The Convener—fortified by this—wrote a second letter to the Committee, but evidently the Committee, just about the time they received it, had made up their minds independently that Mr. Pollok was the man for the position, and that his past services, his scholarship, his literary powers, and his many other qualifications, entitled him to it. This coincidence must be delightful to Mr. Pollok's friends, and to Mr. Pollok himself. It is well that he should have been chosen by the Colonial Committee, but it is also well that he and the Colonial Committee should know how he is regarded by the Church in the Maritime Provinces.

We give the letter of the Colonial Committee in full:

THE MANSE, DALMENY, EDINBURGH, }
6th Nov., 1874. }

MY DEAR SIR:—

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Colonial Committee, after anxious consideration of the Memorial you transmitted to them on behalf of the Home Mission Board of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, and in view of the great importance of promoting the education of young men for the Ministry within the bounds of the Synod—have agreed, in terms of your Memorial, to aid in providing a Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology for the Theological Hall in Halifax; and that they have unanimously agreed to request the Rev. Allan Pollok, late of New Glasgow, to accept their nomination to that Professorship.

Before proceeding, however, to the final arrangements necessary for completing this appointment, the Colonial Committee desire to be well assured that the way for it is thoroughly prepared in all details, securing for the Professor his proper place for the efficient discharge of his duties in the chair.

Referring to the minute of Synod under the authority of which you communicated with the Colonial Committee on this subject, they find that the Home Mission Board were instructed, besides communicating with the Committee, "to negotiate with the sister Church in reference to adding a Pro-