

the next Sabbath. The average attendance is seventy-five. The Sabbath Schools are full of interest. That at Thongzai has seven classes, and each class a teacher and an assistant teacher. Two of the native preachers are ordained, and all make good. The church members give liberally, notwithstanding their poverty, for the support of their own religious institutions; and every member who is not prevented by sickness or the care of infant children, is expected occasionally to make little tours in the vicinity to make known the Gospel to the heathen. There is a great demand for books especially from such as have received them already. Having learned a little of the Gospel, they have a desire to learn more. The Roman Catholics have erected a church and school at Thongzai, and stationed there two priests, who visit the natives freely, and indefatigably seek to draw away disciples after them."

THE Methodist Episcopal church is at present carrying on Missions in ten countries, viz:—In Liberia, where they have a resident bishop, 61 preachers, and 2,100 members; in South America with 1,000 members; in China, with 36 missionaries, 80 natives helpers, and 1,668 native members; in Germany and Switzerland, with annual conference, 75 ministers, nearly 9,000 members, and 46 churches; in Denmark and Sweden, with 59 missionaries, 41 local preachers, and over 8,822 members; in India, with an annual conference, 78 preachers and teachers, and 1,102 members; in Bulgaria, with seven preachers; in Italy, with 12 missionaries and helpers; in Japan, with 9 missionaries. More than \$300,000 are annually appropriated to prosecute these missions.

THE Baptist Missionary Union in its sixtieth annual report states that during the year six missionaries and their wives, and four lady missionaries, have been appointed, while eight men and one lady are under appointment. The total receipts for the year were \$261,530, an increase of more than \$45,000 over last year. The debt of the Union has been reduced to \$27,778. The growth of the two Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern and Western, is the marked feature for the home work for the year. The reports from the various missions are as general thing encouraging. The following summary shows the extent of the Union's work: In heathen lands, 119 missionaries, 506 native preachers, 397 churches and 23,428 members; in European lands 4 American missionaries (the rest are natives), 426 native preachers, 346 churches and 31,307 members; making a total of 123 American and 932 native missionaries, 743 churches and 54,735 members.

## NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

### NOTICE.

The adjourned meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, will meet in James' Church, New Glasgow on Wednesday, the 21st Oct., at 10 o'clock. a. m. The opening discourse will be preached by Rev. P. G. McGregor, Moderator.

Clerks of Presbyteries will please forward to the Synod Clerk, *pro tem*, revised rolls of their respective Presbyteries, at least ten days previous to the meeting of Synod, that the Synod Roll may be prepared.

Papers to be submitted to Synod involving new business should be forwarded to Rev. Dr. Bayne, convener, or Rev. N. McKay, Secretary of the Business Committee.

Sessions are expected to make a collection for the Synod Fund, to defray the travelling expenses of the members of Synod, and other necessary outlay.

ALEX. FALCONER,  
*Synod Clerk, pro tem.*

The Treasurer acknowledges receipts of the following sums within the past month:

#### FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Gays River.....	\$ 7 92
Upper Stewiacke, per Rev. E Grant, ½ year.....	11 00
Middle Stewiacke.....	4 20
Lyon's Brook, Pictou, per Dr. Bayne, for Mr. Morton's expenses.....	10 15
Wm. Dodge, Newport, price of 1 bush cl of wheat.....	1 50
Balance of Bequest of James Roddick, Durham, per Rev. G. Roddick.....	40 00
Prince St. Church, Pictou, per Rev. J. Yorston.....	56 27
Economy, per G. Murray.....	20 00
Newport col. for Mr. Morton, no notice	6 06
" F. M. Collection.....	10 06

#### Mission Ship and Trinidad Schools.

Poplar Grove S. S. third quarter..... 26 58

#### HOME MISSIONS.

Gays River.....	10 46
Upper Stewiacke, ½ year.....	11 00
Antigonish.....	\$31 55
Cape George.....	8 45
Middle Stewiacke.....	4 20
Bedford, per P. Smith.....	11 64

#### SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

New Mills, per Rev. A. McMaster....	8 00
Upper Stewiacke, ½ year.....	10 25
Ladies' Societo, West River, per Rev. G. Roddick.....	3 50

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Interest on \$389.33, 2½ years.....	54 50
Gays River.....	3 87
Dividend, B. N. A.....	182 50
New Mills.....	5 00
Upper Stewiacke, ½ year.....	11 00
Building Society Dividend.....	245 28
Interest.....	90 00