

duce others "to do likewise." Will not the ministers and elders at the approaching Synod come prepared* to organize some scheme in behalf of aged and infirm ministers of our Church? Almost all denominations of christians are now waking up to this subject. In the United Presbyterian Church, as you will see in the *Missionary Record*, the capital fund for this object has reached the gratifying sum of £13,404.

Yours, very truly,
JOHN MCCURDY.

CHATHAM, May 14th, 1857.

REV. J MCCURDY,—

Dear Sir,—The subject of our late conversation has been one which has frequently been matter of thought to me, viz., the desirableness of a provision for aged and superannuated ministers, and, in case of their decease, to aid the bereaved widow and often-straitened family. I have wondered often at the inconsiderateness and cold calculation of the professors of religion when they seem to argue upon how little a minister can support himself and family, not recollecting that he ought from the fruit of his labours to be able to make a suitable provision for his family after his death, and during life to keep them in a respectable manner. How often have I seen a family at once plunged into great temporal distress and forced to resort to menial employment, in order not merely to keep up former appearances, that being frequently out of the question, but to procure the necessaries of life. But to the point, if the religious body with which you stand connected as a minister be inclined to form a Society having the above for its object, I shall be happy to pay annually into your hands, or the hands of any authorized Treasurer, the sum of Two Pounds.

I am, Rev Sir,
Yours with much respect,
CHARLES LLOYD.

* The letter was too late for June No.

Notices, Acknowledgments, &c

Monies received by Treasurer from 20th May to 20th June, 1857:

1857. *Foreign Missions.*

May 23—Mr James Dawson, for Messrs Geddie, Gordon & Matheson, £1 each £3 0 0

June 18—Roger Hill Young People's Rel & Benev Syl 0 0
A Friend 2 6
20—Mr Robert Smith, Truro, half year 37 17 5½

Home Mission.

June 18—W F., by Rev G. Walker 1 0 0
A friend of H. Missions and member of the Church per do 5 9 9
Roger Hill Young People's Rel & Benev Syl 1 3 6
20—Mr Robert Smith, Truro, half year 23 11 5½

Seminary.

18—Collection in Primitive Church N Glasgow 26 0 0
20—Mr R. Smith, Truro 60 8 8
do do 2 10 0

Synod Fund

15—Coll. taken in Prince Street Church, Pictou 6 7 9½
20—Truro Session, per Mr R Smith 6 0 0

Schooner "John Knox"

18—Ladies' penny-a week Soc., W. Branch E. R. 1 0 0

Robert Smith, Truro, acknowledges the receipt of the following, for

Foreign Mission.

Daniel Hingly, Salmon River £0 5 0

Home Mission.

Daniel Hingly, Salmon River 5 0

Seminary.

Brookfield cong. per Mr Densmore 15 0
Annual Collection Truro cong 15 0 0

From the following Ladies of the Upper Londonderry congregation—the proceeds of a Soiree: Mr Widow Brown, Mrs Widow Fletcher, Mrs Francis McLean, Mrs Charles Layton, Mrs A. D. Morriou, Mrs Chas. Fulton, Mrs Charles Stewart, Mr. John Fulton, Mrs William Flemming, Miss Urquhart, Miss Little, per Rev E. Ross, 10 0 0

The Treasurer of the New Glasgow Bible Society acknowledges the receipt of £2 12s. from the Prayer Meeting Society, Fish Pools, a free donation to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The youth attending the various Sabbath Schools of the Church are hereby informed that the Fund raised by their con-