

## SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

We have been favored with a copy of the "Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of New Brunswick," in connection with our Church from which we glean some items of interest and importance. This Synod, like that of Nova Scotia, consists of three Presbyteries, and sixteen charges, of which we regret to observe four are vacant. It enjoys the services of one ordained missionary.

This year the Synod held its diets in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, and transacted the usual amount of routine and other business. We regret to observe that the corresponding member from the Synod of Nova Scotia was not able to attend in consequence of sickness in his family. It is much to be desired that the most intimate and friendly relations should be kept up with the members of this Synod, and we should rejoice to know and see a little more of each other. Nothing would tend to further this neighborly feeling more than the occasional exchange of pulpits, so that not only the clergy but the people of both Provinces belonging to our Church might be led to take a stronger interest in each others' welfare. We have much in common; more especially we have many wants in common, such as want of ministerial services, and the means of educating young men. These difficulties, by coming into closer contact, we might help each other to surmount, by taking counsel together, and perhaps by uniting our common resources. We are under great obligations to the clergy and people of the Church in New Brunswick for the liberal support they have given to this periodical, and shall at all times be glad to avail ourselves of any opportunity of giving publicity to those Church matters in which her people are interested. We observe that the thanks of the Synod were tendered to Mr. Ross of St. Andrew's, Greenock, for his excellent discourse delivered before that body. We would deem it a favor if Mr. Ross would forward us his sermon for publication in the *Record*, as has been generally done in the case of the Synod of Nova Scotia. We observe that the subject of the *Monthly Record* was brought up before them, and its claims recommended. We should be happy to receive that support enjoined by the Synod, and trust it will be acted upon. We need all the encouragement and assistance we can get, and as the Publication, in consequence of its small price, is far from self-supporting, we trust that every one will put his shoulder to the wheel, and help us materially.

From the statistical return we observe that last year New Brunswick contributed the handsome sum of £74 12s. 2d. to the Jewish Mission scheme, and £43 6s. 9d. during the present year. The metropolitan Churches in Fredericton and St. John take the lead in this good work, and show an example to our Halifax neighbors, which they might be noth-

ing the worse of imitating, for we are sorry to observe from our own statistical returns that neither church in that city has made any collection for any of the schemes of the Church during the past year, unless the Synod Fund is to be brought under that category.

The amount collected for the Bursary Fund, a Scheme the same as our "Young Mens" is £71 10s., of which Mr. Donald's Church in St. John contributed £22 4s., and Mr. Brookes £5; It is particularly pleasing to notice that this scheme seems to command the interest of the whole Church, as collections have been taken for it from not fewer than 17 places. Surely after this no congregation in Nova Scotia will neglect our Young Mens' Scheme. For the Home Mission Fund about £60 have been collected.

We trust that our friends in the neighboring Colony will be encouraged to make still greater exertions and that not relying upon their own strength, but that God and that faith in which we all place our trust they will grow in strength and piety, and that the various sections of our Church, scattered over the different Provinces, may be drawn more and more towards each other, and also towards that generous and munificent parent in Scotland, with whom we are all proud to claim connection.

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 REVIEW OF THE PAST MONTH.

Want of space compels us this month to crowd much within small bounds. The Union of the Secession and Free Churches takes place in Pictou on the 4th of the present month, and the united body intend to celebrate the Tri-Centenary of the Reformation on the following day. Several interesting subjects have been apportioned to various speakers, and we have only to regret that this to be new body could not make it convenient to hold their celebration on the 20th. December, the real anniversary, instead of the 5th of October, which so far as we know, is not more appropriate than any other day in the year or any other year.

We have to chronicle this month, the sudden death of a young minister of our Church, a native of Pictou County; John Livingston of Dundee, Canada East. Mr. L. was a young man of considerable promise and of ardent piety, and his loss will be severely felt by the church of which he was a worthy servant.

We have also to record the death of the Rev. Mr. McLearn, a Baptist preacher and who was also a merchant in Halifax. We believe we only express the feeling of the whole Halifax community, in pointing to the whole life of Mr. Learn, as that of a pious, consistent and earnest Christian, who carried his principles into his daily walk and conversation, and was beloved of all men.