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SUPPLEMENTING FUND COM.

The managing committee of the Supplementing Fund of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, met in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the 26th Feb. and was constituted by the Convener. There were present Rev'ds. C. Dunn, Conv'r., A. W. Hardman, Wm. Stewart, J. W. Fraser, R. McCunn, A. J. McKichan, D. McKay, and Wm. McMillan, and Messrs. John Fraser, James Keith, Wm. McLeod, Roderick McKenzie, John McDonald, Roy, J. T. McDonald, and D. Munro.

The Convener stated that the object of the meeting was to ascertain the progress of the Fund, and arrange for the investment of the money collected.

From the reports of the different representatives it appeared that collections have already been made by Stellarton, Westville and St. Paul's, E. R. congregations; that, in Pictou, Roger's Hill, McLellan's Mountain, Barney's River, Gairloch and Earltown congregations the collectors were at work but had not completed their task; and that in New Glasgow, W. B. E. River, Cape John and River John, collectors had not been set to work. Saltsprings, and West Branch, River John, have not been heard from.

It was resolved that congregations that have no pastor be visited and assisted in their arrangements for making collections for the fund; and that all the congregations that have not moved in the matter, be urged to make the collection as soon as possible.

It was then agreed to adjourn until the collections were made by each of the congregations.

The collections reported amount to over \$500. The depression in trade and want of remunerative employment have told sadly on the collections, but no one should be discouraged, even if the beginning be small, there is a good time coming, and we heartily trust that all the congregations may share in it. The longest lane has a turning, and the darkest night of commercial depression, and hard times will be chased away by a morning of prosperity and hope.

THE FOREIGN MISSION SCHEME.

LETTER FROM MR. ROBERTSON.

Having been asked to write on this which I call "Our Heathen Mission," I may commence with the remark that on this, as well as on some other schemes, we co-operate with the United Body. In an official published statement it is averred that "the Presbytery of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, continues to co-operate with the United Church in the Educational, Foreign Mission and Widow's and Orphan's schemes." Such was the expressed desire of the Colonial Convener when here and interrogated, and such has been the course that our ministers hitherto have pursued. Then as to the Foreign Mission Scheme whose collections were ordered for the month of February, there are two things satisfactory to declare, first that every congregation within the bounds has contributed during the year 1877, for the conversion of the perishing Heathen. Some, by cards as well as by Church door collection, but all have contributed as the paper produced by clerk in Presbytery shows. It is the object to raise an annual sum of \$200 for the scheme, and it is to be hoped through the exertions of ministers and liberality of congregations, that it will be effected. Secondly, we are hearing from our two missionaries Rev'd F. Campbell, who is now in Mhow, British India, and Rev'd Hugh Robertson of Erromanga, who went forth from our own Sabbath School, College and Church. The latter, in a letter dated January 23d, 1878, Sydney, New South Wales, expresses himself gratified