

"Your Committee, as directed by the Synod, opened a correspondence with the India Committee of the Church at Home, in reference to the Chumba Mission, then supposed to be vacated for want of labourers, in the hope that, that station might be transferred to this Synod, and be occupied by the beloved brother, the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, who offered his valuable services in the Foreign Mission field. Your Committee regret that in this they have been disappointed. That mission had been resumed and was partially occupied. And thus the sphere of our dear brother's labours is yet undecided, and is again left in the hands of the Synod for its consideration.

"Your Committee have further only to report, that while the state of the Foreign Mission Fund is sufficient to meet all present demands, there has been a discouraging falling off in the contributions. In the case of two or three congregations there has been a considerable increase, but in the majority the *decrease* has been painfully large. In one section of the Church there is a general falling off, and three congregations, formerly contributing, have disappeared altogether from the list. This is sad. It is but only discouraging to the prospects of success in our Foreign Mission, has certainly indicated a low state of religion, if not the entire absence of its real spirit. Your Committee would express the earnest hope, that all the ministers and office-bearers of the Church shall exert their influence to arrest this decline, and to arouse our congregations from the apathy which is so visibly setting in, and do their utmost to bring all our Christian people up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. If we work for Him, He will work for and with and by us, 'Yea God, even our own God will bless us.'

"All which is respectfully submitted,

"A. MACLEAN, *Convener.*"

Foreign Mission Fund in Account with James J. Bremner, Treasurer.

1875.	Dr.	
Jan. 11.	To cash paid Bank Nova Scotia for bill on London at sight for £170 stg., at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. c. prem., remitted to John B. Lieshman, London, to be sent to Rev. Dr. Steele, Sydney, N. S. W., being for—	
	1 year's salary to Rev. H. A. Robertson, from 1st Jan., 1875, to 1st Jan., 1876.....	£150
	1 year's allowance to Rev. Dr. Steele up to 31st Dec., 1874, say on 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. c. prem.....	20
		\$ 835 89
June 1.	balance.....	3683 10
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1874.		
June 30.	By balance.....	\$3007 26
July 1.	Collection at Black River, Miramichi:	
	Upper District, per Miss B. Dick.....	\$9 60
	Middle District, per Miss Annie Ross.....	7 44
	Lower District, per Miss Maggie Cameron.....	11 10
		<u>28 14</u>
	River John, per Elder J. McKenzie.....	8 00
6.	One-half amount collection at Missionary Meeting Halifax, during Synod.....	16 90
8.	Collection per Rev. A. F. Fngo, at Nashwaak \$2, Sanley \$1.....	3 00
Aug. 4.	Donation from Rev. J. Patterson's Congregation, Hemmingford, Ont.....	25 00
Sep. 22.	Collection East Branch East River, per Duncan McDonald.....	13 10
20.	Bictou Island.....	13 63
Nov. 11.	Fredericton, per Rev. Dr. Brooks.....	20 00
20.	Cash per. Rev. J. F. Campbell:	
	Collection Richmond.....	\$13 82
	Contents of the money box of the late Montford Jones, Richmond, a little boy who wished to give something to God.....	1 07
	Collection North West Arm.....	11 24
		<u>26 13</u>
Dec. 7.	Rev. J. F. Campbell, collection at Goodwood.....	1 85