

cannot be calculated. An endowment is indispensably necessary for this purpose, and it only requires a united, determined and persevering effort to secure its accomplishment.

### FREE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

This Court met on the 21st of this month, according to adjournment, and was constituted. Present—Rev. Professor King, Moderator, Rev. Alexander Forrester and Rev. Professor Lyall—Commissions in favor of Mr. John Smith and Mr. Alexander Farquharson, Ruling Elders, were read and sustained. The Rev. Mr. Wright of Morebattle, one of the members of the Deputation from the Colonial Committee to these Lower Provinces, being present, was invited to take his seat in the Presbytery. Mr. Forrester, convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund Committee, read an account of the Income and Expenditure of this fund for the years 1851 and 1852, from which it appeared that there are at present £16 in his hands. The Moderator read a communication which he had received from the Rev. Alexander Romans, requesting a Presbyterian certificate on the ground that he did not feel himself to be in a state of mind in which he could co-operate with the Free Church in this country. The Presbytery in all the circumstances of the case, appointed a committee to deal with Mr. Romans—The following supplies were then made:

- July 24. Chalmers' Church—Mr. Wright.  
 " " Dartmouth and St. John's—Professor King.  
 " 31. Dartmouth and Lawrencetown—Mr. Wright.  
 " " St. John's—Professor Lyall.  
 Aug. 7. Lunenburg—Mr. Wright.  
 " " Dartmouth—Mr. G. Sutherland.  
 " " Sackville—Professor Lyall.  
 " " St. John's—Mr. Forrester.  
 " 14. Cornwallis—Messrs. Forrester and Wright.  
 " " Chalmers' Church—Mr. Duff.  
 " " Lunenburg—Professor Lyall.  
 " " Dartmouth—Mr. Murray.  
 " " St. John's ———.  
 " 21. St. John, N. B.—Messrs. Forrester and Wright.  
 " " Chalmers' Church—Mr. Duff.  
 " " Lunenburg—Professor Lyall.  
 " " Dartmouth—Mr. Murray.  
 " " St. John's ———.  
 " 28. Chalmers' Church—Mr. Duff.  
 " " Lunenburg—Professor Lyall.  
 " " Dartmouth—Mr. Ross.  
 " " St. John's ———.

Mr. Wright, in accordance with the instructions of the Colonial Committee, made inquiries relative to the subject of the Sustentation of the ministry within the bounds of the Presbytery, and particularly as to the propriety of a General Sustentation Fund for the whole Synod. In reply to this last point, the Presbytery stated that they considered it inexpedient, in present circumstances, to put into operation such a Fund. Mr. Wright also made inquiries, at the Presbytery, in reference to what they conceived the best mode of dispensing foreign pecuniary aid. The Presbytery appointed a committee to consider this matter, and to report.

The Presbytery adjourned to the last Wednesday of August.

### COLLECTION FOR SYNOD FUND.

By an oversight at the close of the proceedings at last Synod, the usual appointment of the collections for what are called the Schemes of the Church was omitted. The schemes themselves, however, are continued; and the committees on whom are devolved the different departments of business, for carrying on which the collections are required, will still need the supplies to be furnished by these collections.

As convener of the committee for managing the Synod Fund, I have to direct the attention both of ministers and people to the fact that, not only have the expenses connected with holding the late meeting of Synod been incurred, but money has been advanced to meet those expenses in the confident expectation that the necessary funds will be provided by the forthcoming collection. It is expected, therefore, that the collection for the Synod Fund will be made, as usual, on the first Sabbath of August next.—Ministers, missionaries, and catechists, are requested to give intimation on the Lord's-day immediately preceeding; and, in cases where it may be inconvenient or impossible to have the collection made on the usual day, it ought to be made as soon thereafter as possible.

ANDREW KING,

Convener of Committee on Synod Fund.  
 Halifax, 16th July, 1853.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The missionary efforts of the Free Church of Scotland, with which our own church claims intimate and filial connex-