

might be willing to come under the condition required by the Synod, as set forth in the before-mentioned bond and obligation. Your Committee have not felt themselves in a position with regard to funds to warrant them in carrying out this part of their instructions, as will be seen from the following statement of collections as ordered to be made on the last Sabbath of October, 1855, which shows a considerable falling-off from the amount received for the previous year, viz Total, £50 19s.

At the meeting of your Committee already referred to another application was made for aid from the Fund by Robert Falconer, A. B., son of Mr. Wm. Falconer, Blacksmith, Newcastle, Miramichi, which your Committee received favorably, and resolved to allocate a sum to him on the conditions required from the other young men.

Your Committee in the belief that the amount of the collection to be taken up subsequent to their meeting would equal that of the previous year, resolved to allocate to Mr. Henry J. McLardy, Mr. Wm. Porteous, and Mr. Robert Falconer, £20 stg. each. When the collections were received, and the bursaries remitted, your Committee found that they had only a balance of £20 18s. 9d., remaining, and for this reason they did not feel warranted to carry out the instructions given at last meeting of Synod.

The falling off in the collections last year your Committee attribute to the depressed state of commerce and trade, and not to any disinclination on the part of the people to support this interesting and useful and necessary scheme of our Church, and it is to be hoped that, on a revival of mercantile business, our funds will again be in a flourishing condition as formerly. Still your Committee would not recommend an extension of your operations till some of the young men already receiving benefit from the Fund, shall have finished their studies. Mr. MacLardy will have done so in the course of two years, when we may endeavor to find another young man, either in the Province, or in Scotland to take his place.

It should have been stated, that Mr. Falconer entered the Divinity Hall, Edinburgh, last year, and that Mr. Porteous attended the 2nd class in the Literary Course in the same University during last winter.

Most favorable accounts have been received of the attention and progress of all your students during last term. Mr. McLardy gained the 2nd prize offered in his class for an essay on "the Imprecatory passages in the Book of Psalms," and Messrs. Porteous and Falconer obtained most excellent certificates—the former from Professor Kelland and the late Sir W. Hamill, and the latter from the very Rev. Principal Lee, Prof. Liston, and Rev. Dr. Robertson.

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In addition your Committee have the pleasure of informing you that Messrs. McLardy and Porteous are engaged for the

summer as Tutors in families of great respectability, and are discharging their duties in a manner highly satisfactory to their employers, and creditable and beneficial to themselves. Mr. Falconer is also employing the recess in a manner to improve himself and in accordance with his views.

Upon the whole your Committee have good reason to congratulate you on the great success of your Scheme hitherto, and look forward to results very beneficial and honorable to the Church. At the same time they desire to give thanks to the great Head of the Church for the measure of good they have already been instrumental in accomplishing, and to implore His continued favour and blessing on this interesting, useful and necessary undertaking.

In name of the Committee.

W. DONALD, *Concener.*

Since this report was given in, a collection made by the Rev John Hunter in Richmond and Woodstock, amounting to £8 15s, has been received.

W. D.

Mr Girvan, Treasurer of Bursary Fund, read statement detailing state of the Fund, which was also approved, and ordered to be inserted in the minutes. It is as follows:

The New Brunswick Synod Bursary Fund in Act with W. Girvan, Treasurer

1856	By Balance from last year	£10 7 1
Oct 29.	Rev. W. Donald, St. John	26 15 11
Nov 14.	Dr Brooke, Fredericton	10 0 0
" 10.	James Murray Bathurst	3 11 1
" 21.	Wm. Henderson, Newcastle	
	St James's Church £3 11 8	
	Redbank 1 2 10	
	Sundry Collections 0 10 0	
		5 0 0
1856		
Feb 27.	James Steven, Campbelltown	1 10 0
Mar 12.	Al. & Forbes, Dalhousie	3 5 0
July 31.	Wm Stewart, Chatham	1 16 0
Aug 4.	John Ross, St. Andrews	
	Greenock Church £2 16 0	
	Whittier's Ridge and St. Patrick's 1 13 0	
		4 9 0
		£100 0 1

Dr.

To paid for Bill of Exchange for three Bursaries, viz

Henry J. McLardy	£20 0 0
W. Porteous	20 0 0
Robert Falconer	20 0 0
	£60 0 0
Exchange and Premium 104 p. c.	18 0 8
To Discount on Montreal Paper	0 0 5
	73 7 4
	£26 18 9

Balance in Treasurer's hands

The Synod re-appoint the Committee, and request Mr. Girvan to continue his services as Secretary and Treasurer.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

Friday, August 22nd, 1856.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

MODERATOR'S SERMON.

It was moved and seconded that the Synod convey their thanks to their late Moderator for his excellent and appropriate sermon at the opening of the Session. Motion agreed to, and thanks given from the Chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Clerk, in name of the Committee on Church Property, reported that the Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod had not succeeded in bringing before the Legislature such a measure as was contemplated; whereupon, on motion of Mr. Donald, the Synod resolved to re-appoint the Committee, and instruct them to keep the object in view,—to prepare a measure embracing the objects contemplated, to be laid before next meeting of Synod, and, if possible, to submit such measure, previously to the several bodies of Trustees for their consideration and remarks.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE QUERIES.

On motion of Mr. Henderson the Synod resolved that a Committee be appointed to revise the Queries adopted by the Synod in 1851 to be answered by all the ministers within their bounds; that a copy of the Revised Queries be printed and sent to each Minister, and that answers to the same be laid before the Synod at its next meeting. The Moderator, Dr. Brooke, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Donald were nominated to constitute the Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KING'S COLLEGE.

The Committee on King's College reported that no steps had been taken by the Legislature to carry out the suggestion of the Commission, nor otherwise, calling for their interference.

The Synod re-appoint the Committee, instructing them to watch over the proceedings of the Legislature, and to act in the matter as may to them appear expedient.

USE OF THE BIBLE IN PARISH SCHOOLS.

The Clerk reported that, as a member of the Committee appointed for that purpose, he had brought under the consideration of his Excellency the Lieut. Governor and various members of the board of Education the earnest desire of the Synod that the Sacred Scriptures should be read in all the Parish Schools. The Synod re-appoint the Committee, instructing them to keep this object in view, and to adopt such measures as may be most likely to accomplish the desired end.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Mr. Henderson on behalf of the Committee appointed to correspond with the Presbyterian Board of Publications, Philadelphia, reported what had been done in the matter. Whereupon the Synod recommend to the different Congregations within their bounds to take measures to procure a supply of the Books published under the Superintendence of the said Board for the purpose of disseminating them as extensively as possible among the people.