

The Synod further regrets, that notwithstanding the earnest appeals made to Christian parents to devote their children to the work of the ministry, so few have come forward with that view, and that the impossibility of contemplating Church extension is where it was in former years. Feeling deeply the great need that exists of taking some definite steps towards improving the position of the Church in this respect, the Synod *Resolves*, that the H. M. B. be authorized to negotiate with the Sister Church in reference to adding a professor from our Church to the present staff of the Theological Hall, and to communicate with the Colonial Committee on the subject, in the hope that young men who are now or may hereafter be induced to study for the ministry, may be enabled to pursue those studies in our own Provinces, and so make their native land their field of permanent labours.

THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' SCHEME.

J. J. Bremner, Esq., Convener of the Committee on the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Scheme, gave in the following Report, which was read:—

Your Committee, in transmitting the accounts of the Treasurer for the past year, would respectfully call the attention of Synod to the fact that but a very few Congregations have yet reported any action in reference to this Scheme, as will appear from the following statement:—

<i>Congregations reporting.</i>	<i>Amount said to be subscribed.</i>	<i>Amount received.</i>
St. Matthew's, Halifax.....	\$2,842.00	\$2,115.66
St. Andrew's, do	416.00	335.50
Truro..... over	100.00	70.75
St. Andrew's, Pictou.....	445.00	439.97
Saltsprings	80.00	17.71
St. Andrew's, St. John, N. B.....	1,000.00	500.00
Campbelton, N. B.....	100.00	
St. Peter's Road, P. E. I.....	36.75	36.75
	<hr/> \$5,019.75	<hr/> \$3,516.34

Your Committee believe that it would be of advantage were the Synod, in appointing the new Committee, to select its members so as to represent Presbyteries, or at least large districts, thereby insuring more general interest and action throughout the Synod than has so far been secured.

It will be pleasing to the Synod to learn that the capital of the Fund has been increased between four and five hundred dollars by the advance in the value of Bank of Nova Scotia shares bought as an investment, and it is to be regretted that, if money collected has not been as profitably invested, it had not been earlier in the hands of the Central Treasurer.

These shares at present stand in name of Messrs. J. J. Bremner and W. C. Menzies, in behalf of the Fund.

Your Committee would call the attention of Synod to the fact that a special order of Synod is requisite to withdraw from the Savings Bank in St. John, N. B., money of this Fund lodged there by the late Dr. Donald.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. J. BRENNER, *Convener.*

Halifax, 27th June, 1874.

Whereupon it was moved by Rev. D. McRae, seconded by Dr. Brooke, and *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod conveyed to the Convener for his able management of the funds. The Synod, while highly gratified with the statement presented, regrets that greater effort have not been made to raise the sum contemplated at the outset, urges that greater diligence be used by the Congregations, especially in the County of Pictou, to complete this Scheme by next meeting of the Court, appoint the following Committee, viz., the present Committee with the addition of Messrs. Grant and Campbell, to draw up rules and regulations for the dispensing of the Fund, and to report at next meeting of Synod, and also recommend that, as far