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**SHIPMENT OF GOODS FOR THE MISSION**

The Barque Sydney sailed from Pictou for Melbourne, N. S. W., on the 12th ultimo., having on board 14 boxes of clothing and other supplies for the Aneiteum Mission. These have been insured in the Union Marine Insurance Company, N. S., to the value of £400. According to the value attached to the various articles, by their respective donors, the gross amount would greatly exceed what this insurance will cover in the event of loss; but it was considered by such as were competent to judge, it was not prudent to insure to the extreme value. The numerous contributors to this munificent donation, have now the satisfaction of being assured, that their "free-will offerings of material to rear a tabernacle for Jehovah in the isles of the sea," are now, so far as human foresight can determine, in a fair way to reach their destination. The Rev. Robert Hamilton, East Melbourne, who, on a former occasion, so very efficiently forwarded the goods consigned to his care, has been requested again to undertake similar service, and from his own generous offer to act as consignee at any time when the welfare of the mission could be promoted thereby, there is every

confidence, that nothing will be wanting on his part to ensure their safe transshipment to Sydney, when the faithful and zealous agent of the London Missionary Society, Dr. Ross, will receive and retain them until an eligible opportunity be presented, for conveyance to Aneiteum. The amount of expense incurred by freight and insurance to Melbourne, N. S. W., is not less than £43 7s. 10d. This sum does not include the expense of package, &c., which must have been no small item. The Messrs. Yorston, who have hitherto acted as General Receivers of Mission goods, have always refused to present any bill, or receive any recompense for the trouble and outlay incurred by them in this capacity. It will be impossible to determine the entire cost of transmission until the arrival of goods is announced by the Missionary. It is not probable, however, that any less amount will be charged from Sydney to Aneiteum than from Pictou to Melbourne. From this, it will appear that the cost of shipment will increase one fourth the amount insured, so that a very serious question may arise as to the policy of sending goods from Nova Scotia, when pecuniary contribution can be permitted, to the same amount, at a trifling

cost. To remove all doubt upon this point, we have only to reflect, that such articles as are sent from Nova Scotia, cannot be procured in Britain or Sydney, unless at a greatly advanced rate. In addition to freight and insurance, all goods must be charged in Sydney with the profit of the merchant there, which is well known to be most exorbitant; and though direct transmission from Britain to the London Missionary Society would prevent this charge, British freights are no doubt greatly in advance of what has been found chargeable in Nova Scotia. If then, the goods sent are of high consequence to the prosperity of the mission, (and of this, the testimony of our missionary leaves no room to doubt,) no less expensive or more efficient course can be suggested, than that which is now pursued.

At the same time, it is well to observe, that in the amount of goods lately despatched, and the expense incurred thereby, we have more than the amount of salary required for the support of two additional missionaries, for the two years, during which the property has been accumulating. This statement should be carefully considered by all who imagine that our Church is

not able to support *three* or even *four*, ordained missionaries, on the New Hebrides. The propriety of the late Synodical decision on this point, is fully borne out by the simple fact, that without any special appeal for public liberality, the funds of the Foreign Mission are not only maintained, but the free-will offerings of material supplies are so abundant, that not a few are disposed to *refrain the people from bringing*. The high gratification which this abounding unto the riches of liberality, is fitted to inspire, is only abated by the apparent destitution of missionary spirit in the ministers and licentiates of the Church, to whom the appeal has long been made in vain. Who will go for us? It is to be earnestly hoped, that this said abatement to our missionary success, will not long be permitted to continue: now, that the Supreme Court has empowered the Board of Foreign Missions to send out two missionaries inmediately, and that, with the view of engaging for the same service, the present candidate, as soon as he can go. Who will come forward to roll away this reproach from the Church? How incongruous!! *A willing people, and an unwilling ministry.*

## Home Mission.

### MEETING OF SYNOD.

CONCLUDED.

*Thursday June 29th.*—Before giving an account of this day's proceedings, we would present our readers with an abstract of the report on Colportage, read by Rev. J. I. Baxter, yesterday forenoon. We do so because we know it will prove not a little interesting to the members of the Church.

*Abstract of Report of Committee of Colportage.* The Committee have nothing very extraordinary to report. They have been enabled to send their Colporteurs a second and third time to most of the congregations. Mr. A. Fraser has furnished the account of the Island and the sale of over 2000 volumes, value, about £200. Mr. McLeod, being

laid aside by sickness, Mr James Millar has taken his place in the eastern circuit, for whom we crave the patronage of the Church as he has to contend with private speculation. Mr William Dickie, having retired, his place is ably filled by Mr John Falkner, in the western circuit, who seems to be imbued with the true missionary spirit of a Colporteur. Another large supply has been forwarded to P. E. Island, and Mr James D. Baird of Onslow, has been engaged for their distribution. Mr Millar spent the most of last winter in a tour round the western extremity of the Province, visiting Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth, Barrington, Shelbourne, Liverpool, and Lunenburg with fair success. A small supply has been sent as

far north as Miramichi, per Mr Hardie, student of divinity. There has been purchased during the last year from the Board of Publication 7270, vols. valued at £665 7½, which with the number last year reported make 15587 vols. valued at £1411 16s 3½d. all of which have been put into circulation and paid for, except the last two orders now on hand. Of the above amount \$37,32 have been discounted to clergy which showing they have purchased to the amount of \$136,60, and \$15,56 have been discounted to congregational and sabbath school libraries, which shows that they have purchased to the amount of \$82,80, and there have been books to the amount of \$9,38 given to the poor, besides many thousand pages of tracts. About 13,00 volumes of standard religious works, therefore have annually been put into circulation during the last two years through the length and breadth of our church, besides tracts, and the benefit which by the blessing of God on these and the religious intercourse of the Colporteurs with the people, we leave it with the church to contemplate, and if they should determine in our favor we will for a continuation of their support.

*Forenoon.*—The Synod met at 9 o'clock. The Clerk of P. E. Island Presbytery, being now present, reported the inductions and licensures which had taken place within the bounds of that Presbytery. The Synod was occupied the greater part of the forenoon in considering improvements suggested by the Board in reference to the appointment of preachers. The only topic which appeared to excite much interest, was brought forward by the Halifax Presbytery, who asked the Synod's advice, whether the expense of a recent ordination at Shelburne, amounting to £10, should be borne by the Home Mission Board. It was moved that, in the peculiar circumstances of the case, the money be paid from the Synod fund. It was moved in amendment, that the money be taken from the Home Mission fund. The amendment carried. Rev. William McCulloch tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Home Mission Board. It was accepted.

*Afternoon.*—3 o'clock, Synod met. The afternoon was occupied with the

business of the Foreign Missions. The report was read by Rev. J. Bayne, Secretary. It contained an account of the state of the Mission—of the successful labors of Mr Geddie, and his fellow laborers—of the great change which had already taken place in Ancoitum—of the church which had been built—of the efforts made to secure another missionary—and of the proceedings of the Board in reference to Mr Gordon. The topics contained in the report were severally discussed. It was decided that the goods sent out by the Board should be insured.—The conduct of the Board was approved in reference to Mr Gordon, and they were requested to continue their oversight of his preparatory studies. The question being raised whether the Board should accept of one or two persons as missionaries, should they offer themselves, after considerable discussion it was agreed that the Board should be authorized to accept two. There was nothing else connected with this Board which required particular consideration. The Board was re-appointed.

*Evening 7½ o'clock.*—*Missionary Meeting.*—This was a very interesting meeting. At the request of Synod, Robert McKay Esq. occupied the chair. It was agreed that the Secretaries, instead of reading the reports, should, in the form of speeches, give to the meeting an outline of these reports, selecting what was most important, and dwelling on what was most useful. This mode of conducting the preliminary proceedings of the meeting, turned out to be, in the estimation of every one present, a great improvement on the former mode. The reports, or rather speeches of the Secretaries were as effective as the speeches of any of the others who addressed the meeting.

Rev. J. Bayne, Secretary to Foreign Mission Board first addressed the meeting. He went over the several topics already referred to, as contained in the report, and endeavored successfully to press upon the attention of the audience, what seemed to him peculiarly worthy of consideration.

Rev. G. Walker spoke on the following subject: "the labors of the christian missionary—dear to God and beneficial to men"

Rev. G. Christie next addressed the meeting. He commenced his address with a synopsis of the report of the Home Missionary Board. He observed that the report of last year showed improvement in Home Missionary operations. There was however a complaint of the want of Funds, and also of laborers in the Mission field. In both these respects the report of the present year will show improvement.

The Committee have had on their list during the year ten missionaries, some of these were only employed a short time. Four of them are now settled as Pastors. The labors of our Missionaries have had a wide range. The principal places are Cape Breton, the Eastern parts of the Province, and various stations on P. E. Island. Within the bounds of the Presbytery of Truro, I may name Wallace River, West Chester Mountain, Acadia Mines, Folly Mountain, Parsboro' and Maccan.

The Truro Pby. have also had Missionaries laboring in the Province of New Brunswick; particularly in the settlement of Harvey, which was formerly supplied by the Rev. Daniel McCurdy.

Within the bounds of the Presbytery of Halifax, the principal supply has been given to Annapolis, Digby, Cape Sable Island and Locke's Island.

These are the chief places in which our Missionaries have been laboring; and reference to the reports which have been forwarded to the different Presbyteries, will show that the labors expended have been highly appreciated, and encourage us to believe that the Funds of the Church in supporting these Missions have been wisely expended.

He then called attention to the "relation of Home Mission activity to the internal prosperity of the Church."

Mr Sedgewick, gave an effective speech on the same topic.

Mr Gordon spoke next. On "the claims of the perishing heathen to the regards of the Christian." After pointing out their wretched and miserable condition, the duty of the christian towards them, and efficiency of the means employed for their conversion, he made some earnest appeals to the people of God to imitate the conduct of Christ and his Apostles towards the perishing.

The Rev. Mr McGregor next addressed the meeting, on the peculiar claims of the Aneiteum mission upon the Church.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by the Moderator. A collection was lifted which amounted to about £4. By many present it was considered a very profitable meeting, and one well calculated to foster and augment a Missionary spirit and to advance the general interests of the Church.

Friday, June 30th.—Forenoon.—Synod met at 9 o'clock, proceeded to the appointment of the Board of Home Missions. After several suggestions and reasoning upon them, it was decided that the Board should consist of Professor Ross, Rev. Messrs. Patterson, Watson, and Walker, together with the Presbytery elders of Greenhill, West River and Primitive Church New Glasgow.

Two topics principally occupied the attention of Synod this forenoon. The first was the report of the Theological Seminary, read by Rev. J. Watson, Secretary of the Board. The report stated that during the 6 years of the Seminary's existence, it had annually been making progress. It contained an account of the close of the session 1853—of the session of the Divinity Hall, its opening and its close;—the report of the Professors, giving a statement of the lectures delivered, the exercises performed, the portions of the classics read, and the mathematical course gone through; the election of a second Professor, the action which the Board had taken on Prompter's scheme, and the state of the library. The report was received and the diligence of the Board approved. A few topics referred to in the report were discussed, but not of such general interest as to require to be particularly dwelt upon.

*Overture on Investments.*—The second subject which engaged the attention of Synod this forenoon, was that of investments for educational purposes. The subject came up for discussion by an overture from the Presbytery of Truro, to the effect "that the Synod prosecute the scheme of investments upon which it has hitherto acted in part, with reference to the support of the Theological Seminary." This overture was sup-

ported by several of the members of Truro Presbytery. Another memorial was read from the Session of Primitive Church, New Glasgow, and transmitted by the Presbytery of Pictou, to the effect that the scheme of investment be abandoned altogether. It was agreed that the Session of Primitive Church should withdraw their memorial, and that the discussion should turn upon the memorial from the Presbytery of Truro, as the adoption or rejection of this memorial would necessarily dispose of that of the Session of Primitive Church. A number of questions were asked and answered, previous to entering upon the discussion of this overture; and by the time this was done, the hour for adjournment had arrived.

*Afternoon, 3 o'clock.*—The Synod entered upon a full discussion of the principle of investments, which lasted during this and the greater part of the ensuing sederunt.

Mr Roderick McGregor, elder, rose and moved, "That this Synod disapprove of ministers soliciting money to invest, so that the interest only, can be appropriated for the schemes of the church."

Rev. George Walker seconded the motion.

Rev. George Christie moved "That the Synod feeling the importance of giving, as far as possible, stability to their Theological Seminary, do, in accordance with the spirit of the Truro Presbytery, agree to express in general their approbation of the plan to raise by voluntary contribution such sums as parties may be disposed to give for increasing the permanent funds of the Church."

Rev. John McCurdy said, he rose to propose an amendment, as neither of the motions made were satisfactory to him.

He proposed, therefore, as an interim measure, "That the Church proceed in the meantime to raise contributions for the Seminary as heretofore."

Rev. T. Trotter said, that he had not taken so much interest in this discussion as some others.—His views of voluntarism differed in some respects both from those of Mr Christie, and from Mr McCurdy.

Professor Ross remarked that on this subject, two questions presented themselves for consideration. The first, is the principle of investments scriptural

and the second if scriptural, is it at present expedient? He would say that he considered the principal quite scriptural, and he would further say, that in ordinary cases, it is quite expedient. But the point to be ascertained now is, in our present circumstances as a church, is it expedient for us to adopt and act upon this principle. He confessed that he had some doubts upon this subject.

*Friday Evening, 7 o'clock.*—The Synod resumed the consideration of the question of investments, which occupied the greater part of the evening sederunt.

Rev. Mr. Murdoch cordially supported Mr. Christie's motion.

Rev. John Campbell took a review of the very different opinions entertained by members of Synod on this subject; and for this reason was inclined to propose some measure by which the sentiments of the church at large should be ascertained. He saw now objection to continue on the voluntary principle. The churches might be so classified in giving their contributions that a security or permanency might be obtained as effectual as that of investment. He would, therefore, propose for ascertaining the opinion of the church at large, "That the question of endowing the Seminary be remitted to Sessions and Presbyteries, to report at next meeting of Synod."

Rev. George Patterson said that numerous as the motions were, which had been submitted to the Synod, he was not entirely satisfied with any of them.

He concluded by making the following motion: "That from the past success which has attended the efforts of Synod, as well as the improved circumstances of the people, the Synod consider that the time has now arrived for making a special effort for the permanence of the Institution, by raising a sum for library, apparatus, and buildings if necessary, receiving such sums as parties may choose to have invested for its annual support."

Rev. Henry Crawford rose to second Mr. Patterson's motion.

Rev. Ebenezer E. Ross supported Mr. Campbell's motion. It appeared reasonable in itself, and necessary that it should be transmitted to Sessions and Presbyteries in the present state of our information.

Rev. A. Wylie did not consider that the Synod was introducing any new prin-

ciple. On the contrary it was a principle acted upon by all Presbyterians.

Rev. J. Watson moved "That as this Synod have never made the question of Church and State a term of Communion, and as there is a difference of opinion among members whether or not investments involve the principle of Church and State,—this Synod pronounce no decision on the subject, but leave every individual untrammelled, to act according to the dictates of conscience."

Rev Wm. McCulloch also objected to sending down this question to Sessions and Presbyteries. It did not involve a constitutional principle.

Mr. McDonald, elder from St. Mary's, rose to support Mr. Campbell's motion. After all he had heard, he was as favorable to the voluntary principle as ever, and as much against investments.

Rev. P. G. McGregor said, that a number greatly lamented the controversy that had arisen upon this subject. For his part he did not do so. He was convinced that it had done good. It had done good in two ways. It had prepared the minds of the Synod for an impartial and thorough investigation of this subject, and, notwithstanding what may be thought or said to the contrary, he was persuaded that it had tended not a little to bring the members of Synod nearer to one another in their opinions and views.

Mr. Grant, elder from Upper Settlement, East River, made a few remarks. He was not against investments altogether; but much might be accomplished by the voluntary offerings of the people.

Rev. J. I. Baxter began by saying that he was convinced of the propriety of investments; but when he saw so many opposed to them at one time, he thought it would be wrong to vote. An elder convinced him of his error. "If I were convinced of the correctness of the principle," said the elder, "I would vote for it though the whole world were against me."

Hon. S. Creelman, elder, said that he did not understand how the principle of investments could affect any constitutional principle of the Church.

Investments were followed out on the same principle as that of any other religious or benevolent society. Thus, if a man chose to give £5 annually to some benevolent institution he might do it in either of two ways. He might give £5

annually out of his principal, or might invest £100 and give the interest, £5, annually. In the latter case he would be doing as much good to the society as in the former; and would be affording it as great a share of support. If he invested the £100 in perpetuity it is quite clear he would be doing the institution a greater service still. In the former case his annual contribution of £5 would cease at his death; in the latter case it would continue the same as if he were still living. In both cases the contribution was voluntary on his part, and therefore it appeared to him that in both cases the principle, religiously considered, was the very same. He must say, for these reasons, he was in favor of investments.

After a few desultory remarks from several members of Synod, Mr Roderick McGregor replied—running over the principal objections which had been made to the principle contained in his motion, and endeavoring to answer them. There was then a general call for the vote and it was proceeded with. Messrs. Christie and Campbell withdrew their motions; the vote being taken first for or against Mr Watson's motion, the majority were against, and it was lost. The vote was then taken for Mr Patterson's motion, or any of the others: Mr Patterson's carried, by a large majority. The Synod therefore declared in favor of Mr. Patterson's motion.

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST.—Forenoon, 9 o'clock.—The subject which was discussed at this sederunt was the overture from Poplar Grove Session relative to the property of Pictou Academy. The overture requested the Synod "to adopt the measure to show the Legislature the injustice which this Church suffers, while maintaining out of its own resources two Professors to teach the preparatory branches of education, in being deprived of property, and that without any compensating advantages to the educational interests of the province; and respectfully, but firmly, to request that the said property be conveyed to a trust under control of this church, to be held and applied for the promotion of education under this Synod."

Rev. P. G. McGregor supported the overture. This overture, he believed, was brought up to Synod for two reasons. The first was, they had been informed that if they asked for the Pictou Academy property, they would obtain it;—

and the second was, to elicit the opinion of the Synod on this subject.

Rev J. McCurdy expressed his admiration of the liberality and self denial of the founders and supporters of the Pictou Academy, and of their indomitable perseverance amidst the opposition and difficulties they had to encounter. He cheerfully acknowledged his own personal obligations to those patriotic and devoted men for the education he received at the institution. He maintained that by far the largest part of the funds received, in voluntary contributions for the Academy, were raised by the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia; and that it was a hardship that these funds should cease to be employed for the benefit of the Church. But he pleaded that the Academy had never at any period been strictly and exclusively under the control of the Synod. The overture, therefore before Synod, asked for too much. It asked to have "restored" more than we ever had.

He thought it would be much better if we should select another site, and erect new and more suitable buildings and he did not believe that there would be any difficulty in raising from the church the comparatively trifling sum at which the Pictou Academy might now be estimated. All that we could gain by the course proposed, would be the pecuniary worth of the old Academy; and there were too many sacrifices to be made, to think of balancing them by this solitary advantage. For these reasons he would move "that the overture from the Halifax Session be dismissed."

*Monday.*—A memorial from a member of the church, anxious for her purity and spirituality, to the effect that the Synod should pass such resolutions as would suppress dancing and similar amusements of a doubtful character, at least by church members, received a respectful attention. The Synod were not prepared to pronounce dancing sinful *per se*, and consequently declined making it a term of communion, but re-affirmed a former resolution, enjoining upon ministers and elders prudent and affectionate diligence and faithfulness in the suppression of the irregularities and other great evils which arise from the unnecessary mingling of the members of the church with the men of the world, either for recreations, in themselves innocent, or for purposes of doubtful or dangerous tendency.

Having been absent when the motion for the appointment of a committee of Conference with the committees of other religious bodies on a general university of learning was discussed, I am not competent to state the grounds of the Synod's procedure in that matter, further than appears from the minutes. The motion on the subject was, "That the Synod having, at its last meeting in 1848, declared its sentiments on the subject of education, does not deem it necessary, under present circumstances, to take any further action in this matter." The amendment, which was carried by the casting votes of the Moderator, was for the appointment of a committee. Owing to the difference of sentiment, and the lateness of the time, many members of Synod having obtained leave of absence, the committee were not appointed. It is to be regretted that this subject was not brought before Synod earlier, that it might receive the mature consideration to which, from its importance, it is entitled.

The next meeting of Synod will be held in Halifax on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1855.

Received from Rev. Mr Murray the following sums, which have been contributed by his congregation during the past year.

Bible to China, from Cavendish,	10 0 0
do. do. New London,	9 2 9
Bible Society, Cavendish,	6 6 3
Foreign Missionary Society, do.	15 0 0
do. do. New London,	7 1 3
Synod Fund, from do.	2 2 5
do. do. Cavendish,	1 7 8½
Home Mission from do.	2 8 3
To aid the Waldensian Mission at Turin, &c.,	6 2 6
Theo. Seminary Fund,	3 7 8½
In all,	62 18 11

PETER McCALLUM,  
General Receiver.

Brackley Point, June 28th, 1854.

On Monday the 26th June, a meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church of West St. Peters, when the report of the Missionary Society connected with that Church was submitted. From this report it appears, that during the past year, the members of this congregation had taken a decided interest in the cause of Missions, and had manifested greatly increased liberality in their contributions. The sum of £28 18s. 9d. was then in the Treasurer's hands ready to be forwarded to the Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. This,



in addition to the sum of £13 7s. 5d. from the East Church of St. Peter's, and £9 3s. 7d. from the Church in Bay Fortune, for the Home and Foreign Missions, and the sum of £7 15s. contributed during the past winter, by both Churches of St. Peter's, for Foreign Missions, and the sum of £4 8s. 2d. for the Theological Seminary at the West River of Picton, and a box of Missionary goods made up by the ladies of this congregation, valued at £8 13s. 8d. for the Island of Anciteum, make the Missionary contributions of the Presbyterian congregation of St. Peter's and Bay of Fortune during the last year, amount to £72 6s. 7d.

The Presbytery of Picton met at Picton during the meeting of Synod, when application was made by the congregation of Mabou for a moderation in a call to one to be their pastor. Commendable liberality was displayed by the congregation in their efforts for his support, over £100 having been subscribed in a body amounting only to between thirty and forty families. The Presbytery cordially granted the request, and appointed the Rev. James Bayne to moderate in said call on Tuesday 1st August. Mr Bayne was also appointed on a mission to Cape Breton for three Sabbaths.

The Rev. Alexander McKeenzie was appointed on a mission to Cape Breton for

three months. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Merigomishe, for the Presbyterial visitation of the congregation on Tuesday 15th August.

Dear Sir,—As I mentioned to you, I would like to have the following sums acknowledged in the Register, as the money is from private individuals.

A legacy from the late Mrs H. Dunlap, jr.; half to the F., and half to the Home Mission,	£5 0 0
"First fruits," from a young lady; half to Anciteum, and half to Calabar,	1 0 0
From Mrs Duulap, sen.; half to the F., and half to the H. Mission,	0 12 6
From Robert G. Rutherford, Foreign Mission,	0 5 0
From Mrs Graham Cox, H. Mission,	0 5 0

The legacy from the late Mrs. Dunlap, is the natural fruit of early piety. While but young in years, she was cut down like an untimely flower, by a very short illness. Her premature, and very unexpected death, is a solemn warning to the young, while it shows impressively the great advantage of early piety, and the happiness of being ready, and in the exercise of waiting, when the call comes.

Yours, very truly,  
JAMES SMITH.

Stewiacke, 18th July, 1854.

## Miscellaneous.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SCOTLAND.

(Continued.)

REPORT ON SCHOOLSHIPS.

DR. ROBERTSON submitted the annual report of the committee on the scholarship scheme, which is as follows:—

"The committee very deeply regret that in consequence of the severe and protracted indisposition of their able and indefatigable chairman, they are not in circumstances to present so full and satisfactory a report as they could wish. Dr. King's illness—from which he is happily recovering—put an end, for the time, to the prosecution of active measures for the raising of money on behalf of the scheme, and left the

committee little else to do than attend to the routine business of the Board. Since last meeting of Synod, the usual examinations have taken place in August and November, and the usual number of bursaries has been assigned. There competed of students attending the Universities 56, and of students attending the Theological Hall 38. Of the former, 20 obtained scholarships of the value of £200, and of the latter 24, of the value of £240. The state of the funds did not allow of more bursaries being given, or even of an increase being made to those of students who, on account of their standing, were entitled to an augmentation.

"For reasons already referred to, nothing farther has been done towards

the raising of the £10,000. The exact amount realised up to this date is £3371, 10s. 6d.

"Having made these statements, the committee very earnestly entreat the attention of the Synod to the importance of the scholarship scheme, and especially to the absolute necessity of a more general support being accorded to it by the members of this church. As to its importance, little need be said, as it has been dwelt upon in almost every report which the committee has laid upon your table. Its avowed design is to elevate the standard of ministerial attainment in our religious denomination. All will readily enough allow, that this is a matter of the very highest moment, and our committee are prepared to affirm, from what they know of the actual working of the measures, that this object is to a considerable extent being attained. Great improvement has manifested itself in the exercises of the competitors. These are now, generally speaking, highly creditable to their scholarship, and not unfrequently excite surprise and delight.

"Nor are the collateral advantages of the schemes unimportant. Without being eleemosynary, it assists the needy, supplies facilities and incentives to study, and while directly and greatly benefiting a few, it exerts a beneficial influence on the whole body of the students.

"Is a measure of this nature, then, to be allowed to expire, or even to languish? A thoroughly educated and pious ministry is emphatically the demand of the times. Other ecclesiastical bodies know it, and are aiming at its realization, and it is at our peril, it is at the risk of losing that honorable position which, as a church, by the blessing of God, we have long held, that we decline to avail ourselves of such means as the Scholarship scheme affords, of ensuring a sufficient supply of accomplished and devoted preachers of the gospel.

Dr. BAIRD in a few remarks, in which he explained that he meant no disparagement to the scholarship scheme, moved, that as there are other schemes before the church, such as the liquidation of debt and the better support of the gospel ministry, which are of far more pressing importance than the scholar-

ship scheme, and for which deputations had been often suggested, and which are at present contemplated, the plan of general deputation for this fund be at present waived.

Mr. CAIRNS of Paisley seconded Dr. Baird's motion.

Mr. RONALD moved, "That, for carrying on the scheme with energy and efficiency, the Synod direct the Scholarship Committee to nominate a sub-committee for the specific purpose of raising funds through the medium of committees in the various districts of the church, and direct the committee to consider whether the efficiency of the scheme would not be promoted by offering scholarships in a larger proportion than hitherto to the University rather than the theological students."

Mr. MARSHALL threw his views into the form of a motion, as follows:—

"That in the course of the coming year the committee take measures to visit by deputation all the congregations of the church, to lay the claims of the scheme before them, and to ask subscriptions on its behalf—these subscriptions to be raised only when the full sum of the £10,000 has been subscribed by the church."

Dr. TAYLOR had much pleasure in seconding Mr Marshall's motion.

Mr. SINCLAIR of Greenock strongly deprecated the sending down of deputations in the present state of feeling in the church, as that course would injure rather than benefit the scheme. He would second Mr Ronald's motion.

The Synod divided on Mr Marshall's and Dr Baird's amendments, when the latter was carried by a large majority. On the second division, between the motion of Mr Ronald and that of Dr Baird, 90 voted for the former and 87 for the latter, which was accordingly lost.

#### SUMMARY OF PRINCIPLES.

Mr. CAIRNS of Stewarton read the report of the Committee on the Summary of Principles.

Mr. PEDDIE, in a few remarks favorable to the adoption of the Summary of Principles prepared by the committee, submitted the following motion:—  
"That the Synod, without entering a minute examination of the Summary

of Principles prepared by the committee, approve of it as fitted to promote the end in view in its preparation, viz., that of affording especially to persons seeking admission into the fellowship of the church, a succinct account of its rise and past history, the views of divine truth which it holds; and authorises the publication of the Summary in a cheap form for general circulation. At the same time, the Synod declare that the Summary is not to be regarded in any respect as an addition to, or a superseding, or explaining, the recognised and subordinate standards of the church, which remain as constituted in the basis of union."

Mr. M'LEOD of Strathaven concurred in receiving the report, and in awarding thanks to the committee who had displayed their anxiety to produce a thorough and honest summary. To the historical part he had no objections, and he considered it necessary for explaining to young people their distinctive principles as a church. As to the doctrinal part, he would say, that if it was intended to supersede our present standards, by which he meant the Shorter Catechism and Confession of Faith, it was most inadequate to take their place; if it was not intended to supersede these, it was useless, as he held there was no middle course. He adduced various grounds for their not acting upon the doctrinal part of the Summary, and concluded by moving the "Synod adopt the historical part of this Summary, and reject as unnecessary at present the doctrinal part; but that the Synod add to the historical portion propositions illustrative of their distinctive principles as a church."

Mr Blyth of Kinross seconded the motion of Mr M'Leod, and Mr Renton seconded that of Mr Peddie, but the hour of four o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned till six o'clock in the evening, leaving the discussion unfinished.

After some conversation as to whether any steps could be taken by the Synod to advance this question a stage, it was agreed simply to adjourn the discussion till next Synod, and, on the suggestion of Mr Renton, to forward to the Presbyteries and Sessions the

copies of the revised Summary as drawn up by the Committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

The Clerk read an overture from Wellington Street United Presbyterian Church against the Synod engaging in the discussion of questions of a political, or of a mixed political and religious character, and praying the Synod to discontinue the Committee on Public Questions.

Two members of session were heard in support of the overture, after which Mr Renton moved that it be dismissed.

Mr. M'GILL seconded the motion.

The overture was dismissed.

After one or two motions were made on the subject, it was agreed to appoint a Committee on public questions, and the nomination of its members was left to Mr Paterson, Kirkwall, Mr Sinclair, and Mr Peddie, who retired for a few minutes, and returned with a list of members whom they recommended.

#### CLOSING ADDRESS.

THE MODERATOR said—Brethren, we are now about to separate. When you did me the honor to elect me to this chair, I felt very considerable difficulty lest I should not be able to discharge the duties of the chair with propriety. But in now thanking you very sincerely for the honor you conferred on me, I feel happy at the thought that all our proceedings have been characterised with great regularity and great harmony. There has been no more appearance of feeling and warmth in discussion than may always be expected among an assemblage composed of so great a number of persons having free liberty of speech. I have seen nothing approaching the unbrotherly feeling, but a very great degree of harmony in discussion, and in regard to our decisions also. In many cases there was no division at all, and when there was a division, that occasioned no bitterness. I think that is great ground of thankfulness to us all. It is impossible for persons in our circumstances to meet and separate without feelings of solemnity. Many who were associated with us last year have been removed by death, and probably some present at this meeting of Synod will be removed before the next. That is a circumstance that says to all of us—Whatsoever thy hand findeth to

ds. do it with thy might, for there is no knowledge, nor device in the grave, whither we are all hastening. And it would be a great matter if we separate not only with a feeling of thankfulness for God's goodness to us since we met, but with a firm resolution to be more active in the way of duty, more zealous than ever we have been in laboring to convert sinners and establish those who already believe. A passage in the chapter we read at the commencement of this meeting should always be in our minds, that we labor, that whether present or absent we may be accepted in Jesus Christ. For we must all appear before the judgement seat. My heart's desire and prayer to God for all the brethren present at this time, and for all our brethren through the Church is, that they may be signally successful in their labors in the forthcoming year, and that everything relating to the temporal, and especially to the spiritual interests of our Church, may be signally blessed. We live in times when events of very great importance are taking place, and very many duties devolve upon us as ministers, with which our forefathers were not called upon to interfere. It is our duty now very frequently, if not as members of a Church Court, at least as members of the civil community, to pay attention to passing events, and it should be our aim at all times to throw in whatever influence we possess with the view of repressing those evils that prevail around us, such as intemperance and Sabbath desecration, with the view of advancing both the civil and religious interests of the country. And I think we should do everything in our power to discourage the war spirit, so easily excited in our country, and which has so often led to painful results to ourselves and others. I think it would be quite improper to detain you at this late hour, and I can only again express my gratitude for the honor you have conferred on me, and the manner in which you have borne with me in the discharge of my duties. I feel under great obligations to the Synod for the position they have assigned to me, and for the manner in which they have enabled me to conduct the business.

## MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

The Missionary meeting, designed for conference with the Rev. Dr. Duff, for which arrangements were made some time since, convened in the Lecture Room of the Rev. Dr. James, Wm. Alexander's church, New York, on the 4th inst. Some two or three hundred of the prominent friends of Foreign Missions were present, including officers of the voluntary and various denominational organizations—seven evangelical denominations being represented. It will be understood, that there was no design to break down denominational distinctions, nor to encourage the idea that all can be fused into one or more general organizations. The effect of this conference is precisely the reverse of this; it shows that however much the various branches of the Church may insist upon carrying on their operations distinctly, they are yet aiming at the same great end, and can still confer with each other as to the most efficient methods of accomplishing it; in other words, that distinctive organizations do not argue uncharitableness, or hostility and conflict. The following is a condensed report of the proceedings:

"At 10 o'clock the meeting was organized by the Hon. Luther Bradish, as the presiding officer, and the Rev. Mr. Patterson of Philadelphia, and John Paton of New York, as secretaries.

Among the foreign missionaries present were the Rev. William Dean, D.D., Baptist missionary to China; the Rev. J. G. Oncken, D.D., Baptist missionary in Germany; the Rev. John Newton, Presbyterian missionary to Northern India; Mr. C. A. Minor, of the Palestine Agricultural Mission; the Rev. George Pierson, American Board's missionary for Micronesia; the Rev. A. H. Seely, Presbyterian, Northern India; the Rev. Oliver Crane, of Turkey; the Rev. E. M. Dodd, Greece; the Rev. Narcissus Cyr, Baptist Grand Ligne Mission; the Rev. William Ramsay, Presbyterian, India.

After a brief address from Mr. Bradish, the Rev. Dr. Alexander gave out the hymn, commencing, "Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove," &c., and offered prayer. The Rev. Dr. Murray of Elizabethtown, moved the appointment of a

committee, to be called the "business committee," to which all subjects for discussion should be committed; this was ordered, and the committee constituted of the following named persons:—the Rev. Dr. Murray, Presbyterian; the Rev. Dr. Tyng, Protestant Episcopal; the Rev. Dr. Bangs, Methodist Episcopal; the Rev. Dr. De Witt, Reformed Dutch; the Rev. Dr. Oncken, Baptist Missionary for Germany; the Rev. J. S. Wood, Secretary of American Board of Foreign Missions; the Rev. J. L. Wilson, Secretary Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions; the Rev. Robert Patterson, Reformed Presbyterian; George H. Stewart, Esq., Reformed Presbyterian.

This committee subsequently brought in a report in the shape of questions. The first was, "To what extent are we authorized by the word of God to expect the conversion of the world to Christ?" This brought out a full and free discussion of the question, which resulted in the unanimous adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That without entering into any definition as to the technical meaning of such a term as conversion, and without entering into any statement as to the time or succession of antecedent events, the Convention rejoice in unanimously testifying their simple, heartfelt, undoubting faith in the emphatic declaration of God's inspired word, that "men shall be blessed in Him" (Jesus Christ;) "all nations shall call him blessed," yea, that "the whole earth shall be filled with His glory."

Five other questions followed, all of which were discussed in the same spirit of Christian kindness and concord; and resolutions in answer were each adopted unanimously.

II. What are the divinely appointed and most efficient means of extending the gospel to all men?

*Resolved*, As the general sense of the Convention, that the chief means of divine appointment for the evangelization of the world, are:—The faithful teachings and preaching of the pure gospel of salvation, by duly qualified ministers and other holy and consistent disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, accompanied with prayer, and savingly applied by the grace of the Holy Spirit, such means in the providential applica-

tion of them by human agency, embracing not merely instruction by the living voice, but the translation and judicious circulation of the whole written word of God—the preparation and circulation of evangelical tracts and books—as well as any other instrumentalities fitted to bring the saving truths of God's word home to men's souls—with any processes which experience may have sanctioned as the most efficient in raising up everywhere native ministers and teachers of the living gospel.

III. Is it best to concentrate laborers in the foreign field or to scatter them?

*Resolved*, That while this Convention fully accord in the propriety and desirableness of diffusing a knowledge of the gospel, as far as circumstances admit, or providences of God may indicate, by means of a duly qualified and unrestrained itinerancy—they may yet fully accord in the propriety and desirableness of seizing on strong and commanding stations, more especially in countries where hereditary concentrated systems of error have long prevailed, and there concentrating a powerful agency, fitted by harmonious co-operation to carry on the different departments of the missionary enterprise in such a way as to constitute them, by God's blessing, emanative sources of evangelizing influence to the surrounding multitude, as well as the most efficient means of perpetuating the gospel in purity to the succeeding generations.

IV. In view of the great extent of the heathen world, and the degree to which it is opened, is it expedient for different missionary boards to plant stations on the same ground?

*Resolved*, That considering the vast extent of the yet unevangelized world of heathenism, and the limited means of evangelization at the disposal of any of the existing evangelical churches or societies, it would be very desirable that, with the exception of great centres, such as the capitals of powerful kingdoms, an efficient pre-occupation of any particular portion of the heathen field, by any evangelical church or society, should be respected by others, and left in their undisturbed possession, at the same time acknowledging, with thankfulness to God, that heretofore there has been practically so little inter-

ference with each other's fields of labor.

V. How may the number of qualified laborers for the evangelization of the world be multiplied and best prepared?

*Resolved*, That in the absence of sufficient data to give a full deliverance on the subject, this Convention cherishes a deep conviction that, in order to the multiplication of suitable agents for the heathen mission field, ministers of the gospel must strive more vividly to realize in their own souls the paramount grandeur of the missionary enterprise in its relation to the glory of God, as manifested in the design and consummation of the whole redemptive economy, and as the divinely commanded instrumentality for the regeneration of the lost and perishing in every land; and then strive habitually, through prayer to the Lord of the harvest, who alone can truly raise up and send forth laborers, as also through their public and private ministrations, to stamp similar vivid impressions on the minds of church members, and especially Christian parents, Sabbath-school and other Christian teachers, who may have it in their power to train up the young in simple dependence on God's blessing, to realize the magnitude and glory of the work of the world's evangelization, and lead them to consider personal dedication to the work as the highest of duties and noblest of privileges. Moreover, that for the due preparation of candidates for the foreign field, it were very desirable that provision were made in our theological seminaries generally, for bringing the nature, history, and obligations of the missionary enterprise before the minds of the students, or what may be briefly designated a *course of evangelistic theology*.

VI. Is it expedient to hold meetings such as this annually?

*Resolved*, That a Convention similar to this will meet next year; that a committee, consisting of gentleman of New York representing the various evangelical churches, be appointed to make the necessary arrangements, and that the chairman appoint that committee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. McLeod, seconded by Rev. Dr. Willis, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Foreign Missionaries present, for the ample and

satisfactory information communicated by them, and for the blessed influence they have exerted during all its deliberations.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Steele, seconded by Rev. Dr. Bangs, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That this Convention express gratitude to Almighty God for the harmony and brotherly love which have prevailed during all our sessions, and for the unanimity which has characterized our decisions, and we view it as an indication of the approach of that glorious period, when we all shall see eye to eye, and most unreservedly dedicate ourselves to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

We have placed the resolutions together without regard to the day on which they severally came up for discussion. On Friday, just before the adjournment, Mr. Stewart of Philadelphia, moved that the Hon. Luther Bradish vacate the chair, and that it be temporarily filled by John A. Brown, Esq. of Philadelphia. This having been adopted, Mr. Brown assumed the duties of the chair, and Mr. Stuart offered a vote of thanks to Mr. Bradish for the very able and dignified manner in which the duties of the presiding officer had been performed, which was unanimously adopted. Mr. Bradish made a suitable acknowledgement, and the meeting was then closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Dean, a Baptist missionary."

#### RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE IN RUSSIA.—

No associations for religious purposes are tolerated in Russia; no printing presses are permitted to print the Bible in the vernacular tongue of the people; no versions of Scripture in the only language the masses can understand are permitted to cross the frontier. It is stated that there has not been a copy of the Bible in Russia, printed in that country, since 1823. Colporteurs, Bible agents, tract distributors, find as little favor with the bigoted Czar as so many red Republicans. Even to the two millions of Jews concentrated in his empire, not a copy of the Old Testament in their native Hebrew is permitted. No Christian missions to the most barbarous and distant tribes under his sway are tolerated. The inoffensive and pious Moravians, permitted to pursue their charitable work everywhere else, have been driven from their labors in Russia.

**REGARD FOR THE BIBLE.**—A Wesleyan missionary, at the recent anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, said that the inhabitants of the Friendly Islands had received the New Testament with great joy, that they read and study it with great diligence, esteeming it more precious than fine gold. Many have committed whole books of the New Testament to memory. Romish priests are now in the islands. One of them after intercourse with some of the instructed, said, "We are too late in coming; we ought to have seen here before the Bible."

**PREBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.**—Under the direction of this Board are 22 missions, with 59 ordained missionaries, three licentiate preachers, 109 male and female assistant missionaries, 29 native helpers, 26 churches, and about 500 native communicants, 25 schools, 4,050 pupils, and 9 printing presses, from which more than 6,000,000 pages were issued

last year. The receipts for the last year were \$174,353.

**THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.**—In its general influence over the minds of our children, and over the whole business of education, the Bible in our schools is invaluable. It is a constant habitual nourishment, an uninterrupted, systematic influence over tender minds at the most susceptible age—as steady, as cheerful, as healthful, as the light of the sun. In this way a great many children are blessed with the privilege of listening daily to the Word of God, which alas! would never hear it read in the family; and this is one highly important reason for maintaining it. It brings the children of the abandoned, the vicious, the worthless—of families where no family altar was ever dreamed of—to the daily recognition of a heavenly Father, and the daily table of that bread which he has provided for the soul.

## Notices.

**BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,**  
in Account with Abram Patterson, Treasurer.  
1853, Dn.

July	By balance of Ac. at date,	£525 13 10
	Two Miss Archers,	1 0 0
	Ladies P-a-week So. Primitive Ch	2 10 0
	Wm Chism. N. Glasgow	1 0 0
	Rev W Barrie, Erramosa, C. W.	1 0 0
Aug.	A friend to the prosp'ty of Zion	0 5 0
	W. R. Ladies penny-a-week Society	1 10 0
Sept.	Fish Pools. Primitive Church	2 0 0
	Antigonish	0 18 9
Oct.	John Murray Esq, Mabou	1 0 10
	Lambert L. Smith	0 5 2½
	That is all	0 3 9
	Roger Hill Religious & Ben. So.	2 0 0
	Juvenile Society Maitland	4 0 0
	Mrs Irvine, Mount Tom	0 5 0
	Alex. McAskill	0 5 2½
	Robert Smith, Truro	1 11 4½
Nov.	Student's Missionary Society	7 6 0
	Mrs A. Coffin, St Peters Bay	1 5 0
	Mr Jacob Hatfield	1 0 0
	A friend at Salt Springs	1 0 0
	Mr John Graham West River	0 5 0
	Mary A. McKenzie, first earnings	0 1 6
	W. R. Ladies Relig. & Ben. Society	1 2 3½
Dec.	Ladies Miss. So. Tata'gouche	10 15 6
	Miss Stiles' S. S. to ed. youth An.	0 15 0
	Gift to Mr G. from Dr Donnelly	1 0 0
	S. S. Salt springs, to translate scrip.	1 0 10½
	Miss Mary Begg	0 10 0
	A friend, per Rev G. Walker	0 5 2½
1854—Jan.	Mrs McColl	0 10 0
	Bal, from R. Smith, Truro	0 2 6

Joseph McNaught	0 10 0
George Roy, Pine tree Gut	1 0 0
A friend of miss. per R. McGregor	0 10 0
Childn's Bazar, pr Rev J. M'Curdy	33 5 0
Feb'y. Salem Church congregation	7 8 9
Received by Messrs Yorston	28 11 0½
Miss & Ben Society, Toronto, per	
Rev John Jenrings	10 0 0
A friend to missions per do	1 5 0
do do do	1 5 0
S. S. missionary box do	1 12 6
March H. McDonald Esq. Antigonish	1 0 0
A friend, per G. Patterson	0 5 0
J. Carmichael Esq, for print. press	4 0 0
Charles Harris Esq, Horton	1 0 0
Hiram Blanchard Esq	0 10 0
A friend to missions, N. Bruns'ik	1 0 0
April, Robert Smith, Truro	31 16 6
Rev. G. Walker, from sundry persons	0 17 8½
David Gilchrist, Treasurer of Pickering congregation, Canada.	2 5 0
West section, Prince st Church	2 17 1½
Collection in do.	16 17 10
Mrs James Graham, G. Hill	0 2 6
Glasgow young ladies' relig. & ben. Society, for printing press	2 0 0
May, Mrs T. Smith, N. Glasgow	0 5 2½
S. S. box and preaching station, Chippoway congregation, per Rev Mr Christie	3 15 0
William Matheson Esq	5 0 0
Thomas Barrington, P. T. G.	0 5 2½
A wid's mite, per Rev G. Patterson,	0 10 0
June, Princetown, per Js, Bearisto,	
£27 Is. currency.	22 10 0

James Mc Donald, Barneys river	0 5 2½
Mr D. Patterson, per rov G. Walker,	0 12 6
Bedeque, £19 13s Is. cur., from J. Townsend, for printing press	6s, 16 12 6
Richmond Bay cong., Lots 13, 14, including a legacy of £10 from Lauchlan McLean	£21 9 2d Is. cur. 17 17 7½
A friend at St. Eleanors, for printing press, 21s 3d Is. cur., other friends 21s 3d, Is cur.	1 15 4
Richmond Bay cong., Lots 16, 17, £22 11 0¼ Is currency,	18 15 10½
West St Peters, £20 3 7d, Is cur.	
East St Peters, £11 6 2d, do.	26 4 9
Upper Londonderry	5 0 0
Yarmouth	0 17 6
East branch East river cong.	6 4 0
do Ladies penny-a-week society,	1 0 0
Sherbrooke Ladies' society	2 0 0
Glenelg	4 0 0
Caledonia	2 0 0
Glenelg, for printing press	0 13 6
Sherbrooke do	0 10 0
Stowiacke	13 10 10½
Legacy of the late Mrs H Dunlap	2 10 0
Mrs H. Dunlap sur.	0 6 3
Robert G. Rutherford	0 5 0
First fruits from a young lady	0 10 0
Roger Hill Ladies' Rolig. & Ben. Society, for printing press	2 0 0
Lower Londonderry	13 1 8½
Nine mile river	7 10 0
Fortune Bay, £7 17 1¼ Is. cur.	6 11 0
Robert Smith, Truro,	5 14 10
West St Peters	4 7 6
Mrs B. Coffin, Savage harbor	0 5 0
Mrs John Dixon	0 6 8
Mrs James Anderson, St Peters	0 5 0
Brackley Point, Covehead	6 15 6
Casumpee congregation	7 11 1½
do Kildare river, sowing society	2 1 10
do Foreign miss. society	0 6 2
Missionary society, Erramosa C.W.	1 0 0
A friend in Canada West	0 5 0
Windsor & Newport	12 10 0
do half coll. miss. meeting	2 3 3
River John	1 10 11½
Bank interest on £300	9 0 0
	£959 9 0½

1854.

July, By am't brought forward £959 9 0½  
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July, To paid postage, &c., to Secretary, £1 0 0  
Aug, do. To Rev. P. G. McGregor, 0 11 3  
Oct, For sterling bill to remit to Mr Geddic, £185 sterling, 281 5 0  
Mr George N. Gordon, p. order, 10 0 0  
for Secretary for printing ink  
for Aneiteum, 1 17 6

1854.

Jan., Balance of Register acc't, 17 0 0  
Feb., Mr G. N. Gordon p. order, 10 0 0  
Mar., Postages paid Rev. J. Waddell, 0 10 0

May, Mr G. N. Gordon, p. order, 10 £0 0  
Com'n on £433 15s 2d, at 2½ p.c. 10 16 10½  
293 0 7½

Balance in Treasurer's hands, £666 8 5  
Audited by Geo Walker, }  
Roderick McGregor, } Auditing Com.  
Alex. Fraser, }

Monies received by Treasurer from 26th June to 4th July.

## FOR REGISTER.

From Mr R. Smith, 10s., £0 10 0  
July 4—Agent, 15 10 0  
Primitive Church, Glasgow, 3 0 0

## FOREIGN MISSION.

15—From Cavendish, £15, P. E. I. cy. £15 0 0  
New London, 7 1 0

## HOME MISSION.

Cavendish, £2 8s. 3d. P. E. I. cy. £2 8 3

## SEMINARY.

Cavendish & New London, £3 1 0  
Abram Patterson, N. S. cy., 3 0 0  
Alex. J. Patterson, 3 0 0

## SYNOD FUND.

Prince St. Church Session to pay ringing bell, &c., N. S. cy., £2 0 0  
Cavendish, P. E. I. cy, 1 7 8½  
New London, do. 2 2 5

Abstract of Synodical Accounts, as reported by the Standing Committee for auditing accounts. 1854.

July 4—Home Mission. Balance  
in Treasurer's hands, £157 1 10  
Foreign Mission, 666 8 5  
Synod Fund, 5 3 5  
Seminary do. 177 3 2½  
Educational Board, 15 0 2  
Theological Pro. fund including interest: this money in bonds and mortgages, 581 11 10  
Monies of Ed. Board at interest, 1500 4 6  
£3102 13 3½

Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 4th July, 1854.

Home Mission receipts, £258 2 2½  
do. do. expenditure, 280 0 11

Receipts more than expenditure, 28 1 3½  
Foreign Mission receipts, £433 15 2  
do. do. expenditure, 293 0 7½

Receipts more than expenditure, 740 14 6½  
Synod Fund receipts, £81 2 1½  
do. do. expenditure, 78 4 9

Receipts more than expenditure, 2 17 4½  
Seminary Fund receipts, £328 0 3½  
do. do. expenditure, 346 4 0

Expenditure more than receipts, 18 3 8½

George Walker, }  
Roderick McGregor, } Auditing Com.  
Alex. Fraser, }

New Glasgow, 17th July, 1854.



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 And Dipping Unnecessary to its right Admin-  
 istration, &c.**

BY THE REV. ROBERT WILSON, D.D.

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#### FORMS OF BEQUESTS.

Persons desirous of bequeathing property, real or personal, for the advancement of Education generally, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, are requested to leave it to the "Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia," this being the Synod's Incorporated body, for holding all funds entrusted to its management, for all Educational purposes, Classical, Philosophical, and Theological.

"I devise and bequeath to The Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the sum of——[If in land, describe it,—if in money, name the time when it is to be paid.]

If persons wish to state their object more definitely, they may do so thus:—

"I bequeath to The Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the sum of——to be applied for the support of the Synod's Theological Seminary, (or) in aid of young men studying for the ministry, as the Synod may direct, (or) for the Theological Professorship Fund.

FOR RELIGIOUS OR MISSIONARY PURPOSES.

I hereby bequeath the sum of——Pounds to my Executor [or to some other persons in whom Testator has confidence] to be applied in aid of the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, (or) in aid of the funds of the Board of Home Missions, (or) to assist the congregation of——in erecting a place of worship.

The Board of Domestic Missions will meet in New Glasgow on Monday evening, 14th August.

Appointments of Preachers during the month of August:

Preachers.	Presbyteries.
Mr Robert Grant,	Halifax.
Mr Samuel McCully,	P. E. Island.
Rev. Alex. McKenzie,	Pictou.
Rev. Daniel McCurdy,	Truro.
Rev. Hugh Ross,	Halifax & P. E. Island.
Mr James McLenn,	Truro.
Mr Jas. McG. McKay,	Halifax.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONARY WANTED.

The Board of Foreign Missions having been directed by the Synod to endeavor to secure the services of another Missionary to labor in the South Seas, are now prepared to receive applications for that service, from ministers and Licentiates of the Church in Nova Scotia, or the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, or its branches in the Colonies. Applications to be directed to the Rev. James Bayne, Secretary of the Board, Pictou.

#### BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Board of HOME MISSIONS—The Rev'ds McCulloch, E. Ross, Honeyman, and Wylie, with the Presbytery Elders of Truro, Upper & Lower Londonderry, three to form a quorum. Rev. Wm. McCulloch, Secretary.

Board of FOREIGN MISSIONS—The Rev'ds Baxter, Koir, Roy, Walker, Bayne, Waddell, Watson, G. Patterson, and Ebenezer McLeod, & Daniel Cameron, West River; Alexander Fraser, Esq., New Glasgow; John Yorston & J. W. Dawson, Pictou. Rev. J. Bayne, Sec.

Educational Board—The Rev'ds Smith, McGregor, Campbell, Ross, Bayne, and Messrs Abram Patterson, Charles D. Hunter, Adam Dickie, Isaac Logan, John D. Christie, James McGregor, John Yorston, Anthony Smith, J. W. Carmichael, and J. D. McDonald. Ex-Officio members, the Moderator and Clerk of Synod for the time being. Rev. J. Bayne, Sec.

Seminary Board—The Professors ex-officio, Rev'ds McCulloch, Bayne, Christie, McIlvray, Watson, G. Patterson, and Daniel Cameron and James McGregor. Rev. Wm. McCulloch, Convener. Rev. J. Watson, Sec.

Committee of Correspondence with Evangelical Churches—The Rev'ds. Patterson, Walker and Bayne. Rev. G. Patterson, Convener.

Committee of Enquiry respecting the best locality for the Seminary—The Rev'ds Murdoch, McCulloch, McGregor, G. Patterson, and James McGregor.

General Agent for the Register, FRANK BEATTIE, Junior, Pictou.