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That th' earth thy way, and nations all may know thy saving grace.—Ps. lxxvii. 1, 2.

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MEETING OF SYNOD.

This ecclesiastical body, which has for its usual places of assembling Pictou, New Glasgow, Halifax, Truro, met on the 23rd day of June at 11 o'clock. A. M., in the Presbyterian Church in Truro, a building of recent construction and of excellent proportions and finish. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev George Walker of New Glasgow from Hab. iii. 2, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." On this text he considered the following subjects, first, the nature of a revival of religion, as distinguished first by an increase of vital piety among the members of Christ's Church, and secondly by an awaking of the careless; thirdly, the means of a revival of religion, God by the influence of the Spirit; and fourthly, the necessity of a revival of religion, pointing to some features, such as the small attendance on prayer meetings, &c., in our congregations, which seem to indicate the need of earnest prayer that God would revive his work.

The number in attendance at the commencement of public worship was small, some being detained by sacramental engagements and others by Providential circumstances which could not be foreseen or prevented. We fear that want of punctuality and of high appreciation of the devotional services, which generally precede actual business, will account for the late arrival of not a few. These remarks will not apply to the members of

the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, for they were detained in crossing from Charlottetown through the want of a steamer on the route this year. We have heard of ministers waiting till the first sederunt closed lest they should be called to fill the Moderator's chair. But such excessive humility cannot surely be general. Let the members show, by pressing forward to be present in time, that they value the sermon and the devotional services, and their example will be much more salutary on the congregation where the Synod assembles than it is at present.

When the members had come up there were present 28 ministers, being constituent members of Synod, 3 ministers who were corresponding members, and 20 ruling elders, making in all 51 members.

Business was slightly impeded at the first sederunt by the absence of the Clerk, who was detained by affliction in his congregation. The Synod simply appointed persons to conduct the devotional exercises and adjourned.

On re-assembling in the afternoon the Rev Messrs. Johnson of Harvey, and McCurdy of Chatham, N. B., with the Moderator, conducted in succession the devotional services. These being completed the Rev George Patterson was unanimously-chosen Moderator, and, having briefly acknowledged the honour, and solicited the support of the Synod in discharging his duties, took the chair. The usual committees on Presbytery Minutes and on Statistics were then ap-

pointed, after which the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures was read and adopted, and the Synod proceeded to take up the subjects in the order in which they were arranged on the docket.

The Report of the Committee on Colportage was read by the Rev John I. Baxter, giving an outline of the operations of the committee during the past year, during which time 8457 volumes valued at £601 8 shillings, have been imported and for the most part circulated, making since the commencement of the committee's operations, a diffusion of 44,036 volumes, valued at £3558 1s. During the year the Colporteurs visited 200 families and united in prayer with them in many instances, the full results of which can be known only at the last day when the Great Head of the Church, will take an account of all his servants. The report gave a statement of difficulties which met the committee in prosecuting their operations and referred to the Synod for advice.

The Report was received and the diligence of the Committee approved. The Rev Messrs. Murdoch, Christie and Samuel Creelman, Esq., Ruling Elder, were then appointed a committee to take the whole matter of the report into consideration particularly as regards the further management of the business, and to report to a future sederunt.

The third sederunt was taken up in the discussion of a memorial from Rev James Waddell, asking the Synod to review decisions come to last year as regards the mode of procedure which the Synod intended should be pursued in disjoining from West River congregation the parties now constituting the central congregation of West River. Memorialist had objected to the procedure of Presbytery, but was overruled,—the majority of Presbytery maintaining that whether the course pursued was strictly in order or otherwise, it was that which the Synod had directed them to follow. After deliberation, the Synod approved of the steps which the Presbytery had taken, and raised that these were according to Synodical appointment, and being adopted in very peculiar circumstances were not to be taken as a precedent to be followed in ordinary circumstances.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH.

MORNING SESSION.—REV Messrs. Sedgewick and McKay were appointed a

committee to receive and to arrange Sessional returns on the subject of temperance, as remitted by last Synod.

The committee of correspondence with Evangelical Churches submitted their Report, from which it appeared that during the past year a very interesting and affectionate letter had been received from the U. P. Church in Jamaica, and that a similar communication had been received from the U. P. Church in Canada, addressed to the Moderator of this Synod. The reading of these communications was deferred, but the Synod directed the Clerk to send a copy of the Synod Minutes regularly in future to the Synod Clerks of these Churches, and a copy of the *Missionary Register* to each minister of the Jamaica Synod, as it is now done to the Canadian ministers. The committee was then discharged, and the prosecution of the correspondence entrusted to the different Boards of the Church.

The remainder of the sitting was devoted to the preparation of Rules and Forms of Procedure,—a work which the Synod commenced a few years ago, and which it is slowly but steadily prosecuting.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—On opening the Synod, the Moderator stated that he had, during the recess, received a telegraphic despatch informing the Synod that a deputation from the Free Church would be in attendance in the evening. It was then unanimously agreed that no other business should be taken up in the evening. This being the most appropriate time the Committee of Co-operation with Committees of other Presbyterian bodies was then asked to report. Professor Ross stated verbally that no formal meeting of the three committees had been held. He stated however that Rev Mr Bayne and he had last year waited upon the Synod of the Church of Scotland, at their meeting in Pictou, and had been respectfully received. He farther stated that during the past week a deputation had waited upon the Free Church Synod sitting at Halifax, and that members of that deputation were present. Rev Messrs Bayne and McGregor gave a brief account of their interview with the Free Synod, stating that they had spoken on the different subjects of co-operation and christian union, and had met with a very friendly and free expression of brotherly feeling from members of that Court, and found them favourably disposed to

entertain the subject of a more intimate union between the two bodies.

On motion of Rev Mr Sedgewick the Synod agreed to spend Friday evening in a free conference between brethren, and that the Synod should resolve itself into a committee of the whole house for that purpose.

The remainder of the sederunt was spent in preparation of Rules of Procedure.

EVENING OF WEDNESDAY.—When the Synod was opened, a Commission, signed William Duff Clerk of Free Church Synod, was laid on the table, containing the names and the appointment of the deputation, consisting of the Rev Mr Munro (Moderator), Rev H. McLeod, Rev D. B. Blair, and Rev Murdoch Sutherland. The two latter gentlemen only were present, and, having explained the causes of the absence of the other parties, addressed the Synod.

Rev Mr Blair stated that they came as wayfaring men to spend an hour with us in fraternal intercourse. They were scarcely free from the dust of the road and had no prepared speeches to deliver, but would give utterance to their sentiments and feelings as these arose in their breasts. He stated that they felt not under constraint, but free to express their sentiments as among brethren, and proceeded to speak on various topics of interest. He gave his opinion that precipitate union would prove no blessing to the Churches or to the Province.—The subject must be well considered and the people prepared. It was said that the people were more forward than the ministers, but Mr B. was of a different opinion. He did not think the ministers generally had any desire to retard it, but wished that they and their people might see and act together on a matter of such vital importance to the interests of religion.

Rev M. Sutherland spoke at greater length, and referred to a greater variety of subjects. He directed special attention to the loud call for increased effort, whether jointly or separately, to prevent the desecration of the Lord's day, first by our own people and next by the public at large. He referred to the travelling on the Eastern and Western roads, especially on the latter, as disgraceful to any christian people and a curse to any land, and gave his opinion that just so surely as it went on unchecked so surely would Railway trains follow, and those

who worshipped in that Church would hear the whistle of the Locomotive, distracting their minds while engaged in devotion. He stated the provision which the Free Synod had made to supply the Railway labourers with preaching during the remainder of this season, and asked for the co-operation of this Synod in that work.

He then spoke on the subject of union. He called attention to the grand objects which should be aimed at by union, such as the promotion of the divine glory, increasing affection and the conversion of souls to the Lord Jesus.

These remarks were responded to in a series of speeches by Rev Messrs. Roy, Murdoch, McCulloch, Cameron, Baine, McKay, E. Ross, Watson, Mr Roderick McGregor, and others, when the Moderator called upon the Rev Dr Forrester, who was present as a spectator, to give his sentiments on the subject. The Dr stated that he would at once accept the Moderator's invitation, but that what he had to say must be regarded simply as his individual sentiments, for which no other person was responsible. He stated that once he had been averse to union with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia but that his sentiments on that subject were more than modified—they were changed. A more accurate acquaintance with that body, and with the state and wants of the Province, and careful reflection on the subject in all its aspects had led his mind to the conclusion that union was practicable and proper, and that measures should be adopted to bring it about.

The following resolution, on motion of the Rev P. G. McGregor, was then passed unanimously:—"That the members of this Synod hail with much satisfaction, the appearance, among us, of our brethren of the Free Church; and having listened with great pleasure to their addresses, desire to express gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the progress which we are evidently making toward a cordial union, and cheerfully pledge ourselves, by avoiding unnecessary causes of irritation, and by endeavoring to promote the growth of christian love among ministers and people, to further a cause which is dear to our hearts."

The Moderator expressed the satisfaction with which he read to the deputation the resolution thus: unanimously passed, and called upon Dr Forrester to

address the throne of grace with thanksgiving, which being done, in a fervent spirit and in appropriate terms, this interesting sederunt closed at a late hour, with the Apostolic Benediction. May the Lord, by the communications of His Gracious Spirit, further these auspicious beginnings of a great and good work, the consummation of which would cause many hearts to rejoice, and constitute an epoch in the history of Presbyterianism in Nova Scotia.

THURSDAY.

On this morning, the committee of co-operation with the Free Church was appointed with the view of promoting friendly feeling, and of leading ultimately to union. It now stands as follows:—Rev Professors Ross and Smith, Rev Messrs. Sedgewick, Bayne, Cameron, McGregor, Baxter, and McCulloch, and Messrs. S. Creelman, Matthew Archibald, and Roderick McGregor.

The business of the day was MISSIONS—Home and Foreign. The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was first read by the Rev J. Bayne, Sec'y. It was a long document, filled with matter of great importance and of deep interest. These Reports have of late years become exceedingly interesting, and this one has fully equalled, if it has not surpassed, any of its predecessors. It shewed that there were now 26 christian teachers on the island of Anceitum; and 9 teachers, with their wives, on other islands, Tana and Fotuna; 100 church-members and five deacons on the island first named; that the strangulation of widows being abolished, these require to be provided for, and hence the ordination of deacons; that 2100 souls were under Mr Geddie's charge; together with many other interesting facts connected with the Mission and Missionaries, and candidates for the field, for which your readers must consult the Report itself, which will soon be published in the *Missionary Register*.

AFTERNOON.—The whole procedure of the Board was approved. It was left to them to make arrangements for Mr Matheson to visit the Churches this summer, preparatory to his departure this fall. It was agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Professors of the Free Church College in Halifax, for their instructions and kindness to Messrs. Gordon, Johnston and Murray, respectively, during their attendance upon their classes.

Rev D. B. Blair, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions was next read by Rev G. Patterson, Sec'y. This Report has for many years back proved itself worthy of the special consideration of the Synod and of the Church. There was no falling off in the present one. It gave a full but condensed view of our whole work under the Board and Presbyteries. The great cry is still for more missionaries, for men of zeal, prudence and activity, to collect together the lost sheep, and to lead them into the rich pastures. No settlement of a pastor took place during the past year, but three calls have been accepted, and consequently three efficient laborers will, in a few months, be withdrawn from the control of the Board. Oh may the Great Master qualify richly, and send forth quickly, more laborers into his harvest!

The Synod sanctioned the proposal submitted to them by the Board, that Probationers may be settled for 6, 9, or 12 months in any locality where a Presbytery may consider this desirable.

It was also determined, after deliberation and looking at the interests and wishes both of congregations and of Probationers, that it shall be held as a general rule, that Probationers shall not be settled until they have been heard within the bounds of all the Presbyteries, and thus have an opportunity of becoming generally acquainted with the condition and wants of all parts of the Church.

The Report of the Education Board was next read by Rev Professor Ross, showing the state of the invested funds. It appeared that the sum of £2,464 7s. is safely invested and bearing interest, which is annually collected and applied under direction of the Seminary Board. Report and diligence of committee approved.

The Report of the Seminary Board was read by Rev E. Ross, Secretary. It gave a full and clear view of the whole proceedings of the Board as regards the choice of the site and the erection of buildings, and the general management of the business entrusted to them, together with reports from the Professors both of the secular and theological departments, showing the number and proficiency of the students under their charge. The site appears to be well chosen and occupies quite a conspicuous

position in the centre of Truro, with a vacant space around it, and cost £200. The building is large and will contain, when finished, very commodious and elegant class-rooms, with all necessary accommodation for apparatus and library, the cost being £1,250. The consideration of the different topics was deferred, and the Synod adjourned till Friday morning, leaving the evening for the

MISSIONARY MEETING.

EVENING—The time usually allotted to the evening sederunt was occupied in holding the usual Synodical Missionary Meeting. The meeting was numerous and the audience attentive. The Secretaries gave condensed but interesting accounts of the leading points contained in the Reports of the Boards. We give the following notes of the statements made by the Secretary of the Home Board:—

At last Report there were eight missionaries in the home field. To these have been added two by licensure. But, on the other hand, two have been absent for a considerable period, one has been ordained as a Foreign Missionary, and one has been removed to take charge of a congregation at home, leaving six in actual employment, which has been about the average number throughout the year. Six vacant congregations have received supply. Ten stations formerly occupied have received occasional supply. Four others have been supplied regularly by a missionary stationed among them, and dividing his time equally among them. Besides these, two new stations have been occupied, viz: Charlottetown, P. E. I. and Bridgetown. Three weak congregations have received aid in the support of their ministers.

The Report of Foreign Mission Board gave satisfactory evidence of the most cheering progress both at home and abroad.

Twenty-six native teachers are stationed in Mr Geddie's district, which by a recent redistribution of the population now contains 2100 souls. Of these teachers 22 are married persons. In addition to this staff of active native agency there are 24 young persons residing on the premises of the Mission family, and several married persons living in the neighbourhood, studying with a view to become teachers. On Tana there are 6 native teachers and on Fotuna 3. Church membership 100, being an increase of

40 in one year. Five deacons, specially set apart to the care of widows and other secular duties comprised in the service of tables. No Elders yet appointed, in order that more extensive acquaintance be had with the Word of God in the native tongue. The Schools are attended by the entire population from childhood to 70 years of age. The Press has been actively employed. In addition to Mark printed at Sydney, and Luke printed in London, there have issued from the Aneiteum press, the Gospels of Matthew and John,—specimens of both having reached the Board. The Acts of the Apostles are ready for the press—also one half of Genesis. A copy of Jonah, in the Aneiteum dialect, has also been received, as well as Almanac and numerous School Books. Elementary works have also proceeded from this press for the Tanese and Fotunese.—Teachers' institute at Mr Inglis' station makes satisfactory progress, though, as yet, not in full operation. The work on the two sides of the island continues to occupy the same relative position that it has done for some years past, as appears from the following table, Jan. 14, 1856:

Entire population on Mr Inglis' side of the island,	1900
Professing Christianity,	1700
do do past year,	400
Heathen,	200
Church members,	44
Admitted during the past year,	18
Marriages during the Mission,	44
do do past year,	11
Schools,	29
Enrolled as scholars,	1400
Average attendance on public worship,	1100
Births among christian natives past year,	34
Deaths, do do	25
Principal stations for public worship on Sabbath,	2
Outstations, do do	3

The utmost harmony still prevails between the missionaries both in plan and operation.

Call for additional missionaries most importunate. Not only Tana and Fotuna, but Erromanga, loudly entreat European teachers. The entire group would appear open to immediate possession by the missionary. In view of this, the limited supply hitherto, the missionaries have united on a project to attract the attention of the students of their respective Churches to the claims

of the New Hebrides, by offering a prize for the best Essay written by said students both in Scotland and Nova Scotia.

With regard to home operations, the Board reported the departure of Mr Gordon for London in July, 1856, and his successive arrivals at Cape Town, Hobart Town, Melbourne and Sydney, Australia, and lastly, his safe arrival at Raiatea, Society Islands—also the engagement of Messrs. James Murray and Samuel Fulton Johnson as missionary students, and Rev John Wm. Matheson as missionary in full standing. The students had prosecuted their studies at Free Church Theological Hall, Halifax, and Mr Matheson had completed his course of medical study at Pennsylvania College, Philadelphia, U. S., and is now visiting the congregations throughout the Church prior to his departure to his sphere of labour. The prospect of additional aid, in men as well as money, from the U. P. Church of Canada continued most encouraging up to date of Report. Our coadjutors in Scotland were found to be quite as forward as ourselves in reinforcing the Mission staff. Two of their students are under training for early departure to the help of Mr Inglis.

In some respects the most gratifying prospect of foreign aid held out in the Report was the Circular of Enquiry from the Convener of Foreign Missions of the Free Church of this Province, to which the Board had returned a most encouraging answer.

Allusion was made at the close of the Report to the recovery of Goods at Melbourne and their safe arrival at Aneiteum—also the safe arrival at this Province of a box of heathen relics, being the spiritual spoils of Mr G.'s bloodless victories over the superstition of Aneiteum.

The funds of the Board were declared to be in a most satisfactory state. The contributions to the *John Knox*, Mission Schooner, had however failed to meet the stipulated sum of £150 stg., being yet short of that sum in currency.

The subjects of reference to Synod were the designation and departure of Mr Matheson and the future standing of the missionary students. In all these the views of the Board were adopted.

The speakers for the evening were: Rev Messrs. Murdoch, Patterson, McCurdy and Matheson; and the facts stated and appeals made by these gentlemen were evidently regarded with deep

interest by the audience. The evenings of Thursday and Wednesday were thus both exceedingly delightful occasions to all lovers of Zion.

FRIDAY.

This morning at 8 o'clock nearly all the members of Synod were present in the Normal School, listening to an examination of the teachers, by Dr Forrester, on the subjects studied during the past few weeks. After spending upwards of an hour with great satisfaction in the Normal School, the whole company passed into the Model School, which has been recently opened. Here the scene was, in some respects, still more interesting. Between one and two hundred children,—three-fourths of them being quite small,—sung as we entered, and under the direction of the accomplished Preceptress, went through various physical exercises with very evident interest and delight. Prayer was offered in opening, by the Superintendent, and all joined in a hymn of praise, when oral instruction was communicated, and the attention of the pupils kept up by questions addressed sometimes to individuals and sometimes to the whole. It was a lovely sight, and when, with music and the most perfect order, they moved along to enjoy their recess, and stood or played around the building on a beautiful June morning, it appeared a vision of peace and felicity, contrasting strongly with *other scenes* which memory called up when the School-house in Nova Scotia was a shanty, the teacher in many cases a tyrant, and the ferule and the rod regarded as the chief stimulants to progress. The grounds around the building are in excellent order, and all were gratified by what they saw and heard.

In Synod the morning sederunt was short, and no business of general interest transacted. In the afternoon the business of the Seminary Board was resumed. The recommendation of the Board to add £25 each to the salaries of the Professors was considered to be an act of justice and agreed to.

It was farther agreed that, after the close of the present session, the classes shall next open in the new building in Truro in the middle of October, 1858, the Theological Hall to open six weeks earlier at the same place. It was then agreed that the Professors be requested, as soon as practicable, and especially dur-

ing the interval thus left, to visit the Churches in Prince Edward Island and in congregations in this Province where as yet they are personally unknown that the whole Church may take a yet livelier interest in their Seminary.

The evening was spent according to previous agreement in conference, the Rev Professor Smith being in the chair. The Synod on resuming adjourned.

SATURDAY.

A few subjects of general interest were disposed of this morning. Mr Smith laid the statistical table before the Synod, accompanied by the statement of some very interesting facts drawn from a general view of it. All the congregations having settled pastors save one had furnished returns, and the pastor of that one was indisposed by sickness. For the particulars your readers must consult the report itself and the table, both of which were ordered to be published, Samuel Creelman, Esq., the ruling elder from Stewiacke, having consented to prepare them for publication.

The committee appointed to examine the subject of Colportage recommended that for the future two colporteurs instead of four should be employed, that no deduction should in future be granted to ministers in making purchases, that Bibles should also be sold, and thus the business might be continued at a smaller expenditure.

Leave of absence being granted to a considerable number of ministers and elders, who wished to return to their respective charges on the Lord's day, the Synod adjourned till Monday at 2 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Synod resumed business on Monday, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The attendance was smaller than on the previous week, some of the ministers and nearly all the elders having, on Saturday, obtained leave of absence.—As usually happens towards the close, a good deal of business was done in a short time.

Without any discussion it was agreed that the attendance of Mr James Murray at the Theological Classes of the Free Church, should be sustained as constituting part of his course of study.

Mr McCulloch gave notice of motion for next Synod against the practice of ministers employing students of Divinity in preaching without the sanction of Presbytery.

Mr McCulloch read the report of the Committee appointed to revise the questions put at Presbyterial visitations, together with the revised questions. It was agreed that these be sent down to Sessions and Presbyteries, to examine and report upon at next meeting of Synod.

The providing of a supply of preaching for the workmen on the railway line, was left to the Presbyteries of Truro and Halifax.

Arrangements were then made for the supply of the pulpits of Professors Keir and Smith during their attendance upon the Hall. Dr Keir's pulpit to be supplied by the Presbyteries of Pictou and P. E. Island, and Mr Smith's by the Presbyteries of Truro and Halifax. The Presbytery of Truro to provide for the first two Sabbaths.

The Board of Foreign Missions were directed so to arrange the time of Mr Matheson's visitation of Chatham congregation, that he may aid Mr McCurdy in dispensing the sacrament of the supper on the third Sabbath of August.

Two interesting letters from the U. P. Synod of Canada were then read by the Clerk. These, though read in succession were received at the interval of a year, the first in June, 1856, and the second in June, 1857. The first had, when received last year, been mislaid, and not having been then read in Synod, was subsequently published in the Missionary Register. It informed the Synod officially of the determination of the Canadian Synod, after hearing statements and addresses from the Rev. J. McCurdy and Rev. G. Paterson respecting our Foreign Mission operations, to commence a mission for themselves to the islands of the New Hebrides, in connection with our mission there. It appears from the second letter that the subject having been reconsidered at the recent meeting held in Toronto, that they had reversed or altered their decision so far as the field of operations was concerned, and gave notice to the Nova Scotia Synod accordingly. Against this alteration of the decision of the preceding year nine members of the Canadian Synod entered their dissent on the minutes.

Subsequently the Canadian Synod resolved unanimously: "That the Synod rejoice in the indications that have been given of the spirit in which the church is prepared to enter on the Foreign Mission field, and resolve:

1. To appoint a Committee to consi-

der in what mode, and in what part of the field she shall engage in the work, said Committee to report at next meeting of Synod.

1. That the same Committee be charged to make arrangements during the current year, towards securing the entire independence of the Church in this country of all foreign aid.

The Committee consists of Dr Ferrier, Dr Taylor of Montreal, Rev. Messrs Jennings, Thornton, Duff, William Inglis, Gibson, and Ormiston, with Messrs Christie, Lunn, Dunbar, and Henry, Elders.

In the Nova Scotia Synod, as might naturally be anticipated, the announcement of the change was heard with regret, yet it was heard without the slightest murmur or complaint. The Synod finding that the subject was still open agreed unanimously to pass a resolution to the following effect. "That while the members of this Synod will rejoice to find the Canadian Church engaged in any field which in their prayerful and deliberate judgment they may select, they will be glad to learn that notwithstanding the intimated change of opinion, that Church may yet see cause to choose a field of operations where our missionaries will be able to afford to each other, in a high degree, mutual sympathy and support."

The letter referred to in a previous part of this outline of proceedings, as received from the United Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, was read. As the letter is likely to be printed in an early number of the Missionary Register it is not necessary to furnish at present any statement of its contents.

A letter from Rev. John Keir, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology, was then read, tendering the demission of his office at the close of the ensuing session of the Hall. Agreed that the letter do lie on the table till next meeting of Synod.

The Seminary Board having been re-appointed and enlarged, the prosecution of the special effort was left to them, after a decided opinion had been expressed in favour of following out the measure with vigour during the present year.

EVENING.—Some routine business having been accomplished, an overture from the Presbytery of Pictou on Manses, was taken up. "Whereas ministers at their settlement are often subjected to much inconvenience from the want of a suitable residence; and whereas the providing of such from their own resources,

in many instances causes much embarrassment by involving them in debt, and thus mars their comfort and hinders their usefulness: Therefore, *Resolved*, That hereafter, at the settlement of ministers, Presbyteries be directed to use their influence with congregations receiving pastors to provide such residences, either by paying in whole or in part the amount necessary for that purpose, to the minister, in addition to his regular stipend, or in event of not doing this, by providing a manse, the property of the congregation."

At the commencement of the discussion there was some difference of opinion on this subject. At its close it was unanimously resolved to approve of the object, and to send it down to Presbyteries and Sessions to take such action in bringing it under the notice of congregations as they may see fit.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Pictou in favour of the appointment of a paid agent to advance the schemes of the Church, and to conduct its periodicals, was after a brief discussion deferred for the present.

Mr Sedgewick being absent, the Rev. Mr McKay read the report of the Committee appointed to arrange the answers of Sessions on the subject of Temperance, as sent down for consideration by the Synod of 1856. The report of the Committee will be easily understood when the following extract from the minutes of last year is read:

"It was moved by Rev J. Cameron—
"That, whereas Intemperance is a vice, alike condemned by God's Word, and destructive of man's interests, and whereas it is the duty of the Church of Christ to use every means to purify the Church, and whereas this cannot be done without the suppression of Intemperance:

Resolved 1st.—That hereafter no person shall be continued in the fellowship of the Church, who is engaged either in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, except for chemical and medicinal purposes.

Resolved 2nd.—That no person shall be continued in the fellowship of this church, who, in his magisterial capacity or otherwise, shall vote for licensing to sell alcoholic liquors, the Synod believing such conduct to be directly at variance with the ends of a christian profession and destructive of sound morality."

The motion being seconded, it was unanimously resolved:

"That the Synod having, at their

meeting in 1853, declared their views on the subject as follows: 'That, as the traffic in intoxicating drinks is one involving the most destructive consequences, the Synod are of opinion that, in these days of light, those who follow it pursue a course inconsistent with the solemn engagements and important ends of a Christian profession, and that Sessions be directed to use diligence in bringing the Church to a higher state of purity in this respect, agree to require Sessions to report at next meeting the progress they have made in carrying out this decision, and to give their opinion on the propriety of embodying Mr Cameron's resolution in a positive enactment.'

It appeared that only ten Sessions had made any report. *Four* approved of resolution first and rejected resolution second. *One* approved both, and *five* considered it unwise to embody them in a permanent enactment, and to make them a test of communion. Much disappointment was expressed and felt, at the fact that only about one-fourth of the Sessions had sent any report, that the greater number of these contained no information respecting the working of the resolution of 1853, so that the Synod could not tell how far it had answered its end, and whether any, or what number, engaged in the liquor traffic, were now communicants in this Church. One half of the members of Synod having by this time dispersed, the information could not now be obtained; and it was agreed, again to enjoin all Sessions, to give a direct answer to the second part of the Synod's inquiry what efforts they had made in carrying out the decision of 1853, and with what results?

The last topic brought under the notice of Synod was that of the Protestant Alliance of Nova Scotia in connection with the Protestant Alliance of London, the objects of which were briefly stated. These objects commended themselves fully to the minds of the members present; and while the Synod affirmed this, and recommended the consideration of the subject, to all ministers and congregations, they were left to take such action on the subject as may seem suitable in their respective localities.

After the usual disbursements had been made, the Synod unanimously expressed their thanks to the congregation and people of Truro, for their hospitality and kindness, during this session of Synod; and adjourned to meet in Prince

Street Church, Pietou, on the third Wednesday of June, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., closing with praise, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

The preceding outline of Synodical proceedings, designed for publication in the *Presbyterian Witness and Missionary Register*, will be found accurate, it is presumed, but must be regarded as unofficial.

P. G. MCGREGOR.

Halifax, July 2, 1857.

Foreign Missions.

LETTER FROM MR. GEDDIE TO MR. ROY.

ANEITEUM, Nov. 13th, 1856.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

Your letter of date July 4th, 1856, reached me only a few months ago. I feel grateful to you for your kind remembrance of me, and also for the words of counsel, comfort and encouragement, which your letter contains. In this distant isle, where we seldom see persons of our own colour, who can enter into our views and feelings, letters from dear friends at home are a treasure. A few lines from you at any time when you can make it convenient to write would be most acceptable. With your knowledge and mature experience you could sometimes drop a word that might be useful to a younger brother.

I am glad to learn that you enjoy a good measure of health. I trust that your life may be long spared and that your labours may be abundantly blessed. May you have many souls given to you for a crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord. I feel thankful to say that we enjoy excellent health at present. The goodness of God has been great indeed to us. O for hearts to praise Him.

I refer you to my letters to the Board of Foreign Missions for information about our labours. You will rejoice to know that the gospel continues to advance on this island. The greater part of the population are now under christian instruction, and the heathen are reduced to about 250. Not a few, as far as man can judge, have been converted to God, and many seem to be in earnest about the one thing needful. Our little Church numbers — members, and we hope to admit more previous to our approaching communion, which takes place in a few days. How precious to enjoy the ordi-

nances of religion in a land so recently the scene of every abomination, and of the darkest crimes of which human nature is capable. I have recently returned from assisting our dear brother, Mr Inglis, in dispensing the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. How it would have gladdened your heart to have been with us on the occasion. Besides the Church members 12 or 1300 persons were present to do homage to the true and living God.

The interest of the Church at home in the evangelization of these islands is truly cheering. Her efforts in this holy work will not, I am sure, impair her energies at home. It is when Churches, as well as individuals, endeavour to become a blessing to others, that they are usually blessed themselves. I have just been reading a letter from the Rev Dr Bates to Mr Inglis, in which he mentions that, notwithstanding what the friends in Scotland have done for this Mission, their domestic efforts were never so prosperous as they are this year. The Foreign Mission seems to have had an awakening and happy influence on that branch of the Church.

I feel grateful to the people of your charge for the interest they have always taken in this Mission. This interest will I trust increase as more labourers enter the field. The islands around us are in an awful state, and appeal to the christian sympathy of those who have been favoured with the means of grace. Our fellow creatures are killing and devouring each other, and indulging in the darkest and most revolting crimes. O it is one thing to read about the heathen and another to be an eye witness of their obscenities, abominations and cruelties. If christians at home could form any just idea of the darkness, degradation and misery of the heathen who perish for lack of knowledge, more I doubt not would be done for their evangelization. The poor Aneiteumese feel grateful for all that has been done for them.

It is sad to think that missionaries cannot be found for these islands. God calls, the Church calls, and the heathen call, for help, but no one responds and says "here am I, send me." I hope the time is not distant when God will raise up some who will be willing to forsake the endearments of home and come far hence to preach among these Gentiles "the unsearchable riches of Christ." It gladdens our heart to know that Mr Gor-

don may soon be expected to these islands. I have been telling our natives at the prayer meeting this afternoon that we have heard that he is now on his way and will probably settle on Tana. They are filled with joy at the news, and several are to go with him and share in the perils, the trials and the joys, of the new Mission.

Mrs Geddie unites with me in kind remembrance to you.

Ever yours, &c.,

JOHN GEDDIE.

Rev D. Roy.

DECISION OF THE U. P. SYNOD OF CANADA RESPECTING A FOREIGN MISSION.

Toronto, Wednesday, June 3, 1857,
9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met and was constituted by the Rev Mr Porteous, Moderator. *Inter alia*,—Called for the Report of the Committee on a Foreign Mission. The Report was read by the Rev Dr Ferrier.

On motion, the Report was received, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the committee for the zeal and diligence with which they had attended to the duty entrusted to them.

Took up in connection with this matter an Overture from the Presbytery of Durham representing the duty and consistency of formally relinquishing all aid from the Mission Fund in Scotland, on the part of this Synod, before taking any further steps towards engaging in a Foreign Mission.

Heard Messrs. Thornton and Lawrence, on behalf of the Presbytery of Durham, in support of the Overture.

After lengthened reasoning the following Resolution was submitted on motion of Mr Ormiston, seconded by Dr W. Taylor:—

"That this Synod rejoices to learn, from the Report of the Committee on a Foreign Mission, that the congregations of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada are prepared to enter, with so much zeal, into a Foreign Mission to the heathen, and also that there is a prospect of obtaining a missionary;—therefore, appoint a committee to proceed with and mature the business with as little delay as possible, and to correspond with the Churches on this important undertaking with the view of enlisting the prayers

and liberality of our people to a still greater extent, so that at next meeting of Synod we may have the man and the means ready for the work: that as it is necessary that this Synod should first be independent of all aid from the Parent Church in Scotland, therefore be it resolved to relinquish all aid from Scotland in future—without interfering with any arrangements which the Board of Missions at home have made, or may make, with ministers or preachers whom they send out to Canada: and that the minimum stipend shall be £125, and that it be left to the Committee on Missions to carry out this part of the resolution."

No vote was come to before the hour of adjournment, and at noon the Synod adjourned to meet again at two o'clock.

Same day and place, 2 o'clock, P.M.

Proceeded to the consideration of the Foreign Mission business, interrupted by the adjournment.

After further reasoning, the motion proposed by Mr Ormiston at the morning sederunt was withdrawn, and the following, moved by Mr Kennedy and seconded by Mr Gibson, was carried by a considerable majority:—

Resolved,—That upon mature reconsideration of the whole subject of a Foreign Mission, the Synod agree to rescind the resolution of last year, so far as concerns the particular field to be occupied.

The Rev William Taylor, D. D., Rev Messrs. Archibald Cross, John Jennings, James Watson, John Scott, William M. Christie, William Fraser, Matthew Barr and Patrick Greig, craved leave that their DISSENT from this resolution be marked in the Minutes. Leave granted.

It was then moved by the Rev Mr Lawrence, seconded by the Rev Mr Dick, and unanimously agreed—

That the Synod rejoice in the indications that have been given of the spirit in which the Church is prepared to enter on the Foreign Mission field, and resolve—

1. To appoint a committee to consider in what mode and in what part of the field she shall engage in the work; said committee to report at next meeting of Synod.

2. That the same committee be charged to make arrangements, during the current year, toward securing the entire independence of the Church in this coun-

try of all foreign aid;—thus disposing of the subjects submitted in the Overture from the Presbytery of Durham.

The committee was then appointed by the Moderator, consisting of the following persons, viz., Rev Andrew Ferrier, D. D., Rev W. Taylor, D. D., Rev Messrs. Jennings, Thornton, Duff, Wm. Inglis, Gibson and Ormiston, together with Messrs. Christie, Lunn, Dunbar and Henry, elders,—Dr Ferrier to be convener.

The Clerk was, at his request, instructed to communicate to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia extracts from the Minutes containing the proceedings in relation to a Foreign Mission.

Truly extracted from the Minutes of Synod by

WILLIAM FRASER,
Synod Clerk.

United Presbyterian Synod.

MISSION TO THE JEWS.

The following overture from the Presbytery of Kilmarnock, in favour of a special mission to the Jews, was submitted—“Whereas there are very many of the seed of Abraham according to the flesh in various parts of Africa, which is our chosen field of missionary operation; and whereas native agency is much to be desired, and is specially needed among the Jews; and further, whereas the United Presbyterian Church is already contributing largely towards the support of missions to that interesting people—a work which we might accomplish at once more economically and more efficiently through our Mission Board—it is hereby overtured by the Presbytery of Kilmarnock, that the Synod should forthwith resolve to add a Jewish branch to our present Missionary organization.”

There was also submitted a series of resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the “Scottish Society for the Conversion of Israel,” to the effect, that the United Synod add a Jewish Branch to its already existing Missions.

Dr JOHN BROWN, Edinburgh, said—He had long felt that their Church had never taken up a distinct place in a work so obviously belonging to the whole

Church of God, as the use of means for restoring the poor self-expatriated children of Israel. As a Church, they had absolutely done nothing; and they should feel themselves obliged to the Presbytery of Kilmarnock for putting them in mind of an important piece of long-neglected duty. Acting by themselves as a Church, there was a probability of their working more effectually than through the instrumentality of any society. It appeared that the Society in existence—the Catholic Society—was supported to a very great extent, by the funds of this Church, and that there was no reason to doubt that these funds might be easily raised to any extent that was at all likely to be called for. He cordially rejoiced in the proposal. He hoped the Synod would go into it heartily; and he had no doubt that the blessing of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, would rest with them in the prosecution of this great and important work.

Mr SYMINGTON moved, "That in consideration of the representations from the 'Scottish Society for the Conversion of Israel,' the Synod appoint a committee to communicate with the committee of said Society, with power to make such arrangements as will aid in carrying out the object of the overture, and will be in accordance with the rules of the Church, and report at this meeting of Synod."

After some further discussion, this motion was adopted.

Subsequently the committee reported that they had an interview with the deputies who had unanimously expressed themselves in favour of the transference of the Society's agencies to the Synod.

The Synod's committee agreed to recommend the Synod to accept of said transference, if formally offered by the Society, and to commit this whole matter *in hoc statu* to the Mission Board to consummate the necessary arrangements, the Board preserving, as far as possible, the catholic spirit of the Society, so as to retain the contributions of Christian brethren of other denominations. Mr Symington stated that there was no proposal to interfere in the management and operations of the Society, but simply that it be received on a basis similar to that on which the Synod received the Scottish Missionary Society.

On the motion of Mr Robertson of Stowe, the report was received and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH FOREIGN CHURCHES.

Dr THOMSON read the Report of the the Committee on Correspondence with Foreign Churches. It stated, that the correspondence with foreign churches steadily widens. New churches invite fraternal intercourse, and the growing interest and liberality of our congregations at home, keep pace with the growing knowledge and the enlarging circle of correspondence. A letter to the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of the West in the United States has been prepared, and will be transmitted in time for the annual assembly of the Synod. In conformity with the instructions of last Synod, the committee prepared and transmitted a reply to the Table of the Waldensian Synod, reciprocating the kind and respectful sentiments contrined in their letter, and conveying a wish that one or more deputies from their Church should refresh us by their presence on this occasion. Since then, letters have been received from the Waldensian Moderator, Dr Revel, expressing the gratification of their committee at this request, and regretting that the assembling of their own Synod, on the 19th of May, rendered compliance with our invitation next to impossible; at the same time expressing a willingness, should your committee insist on it, to cross the Alps at once, and be in time for our meeting. The committee did not feel warranted in withdrawing from the little band of faithful ministers and elders, at the time when they were met in counsel, and surrounded by the difficulties which their new liberty had brought on them, two of their most valuable men.

Those Waldensian deputies expect to reach Scotland in the beginning of June, and Messrs Lantaret and Pilatte are affectionately commended to the care of individual ministers and churches. These men, with their brethren, are doing a great work in the north of Italy. It is not yet ten years since they received liberty of preaching and worship beyond the narrow boundaries of their own valleys; and during that short period they have carried the Gospel and planted churches or mission stations from the shores of the Mediterranean on the west, to the frontiers of Lombardy on the east, and are entering in at the great door and effectual that has been opened for them

in the midst of many adversaries. The noble collection of L.400 by our students, during the past year, proves the deep interest that is felt in their cause by those who are to be our future ministers, and reflects credit on their own energy and zeal. The committee reported the opening of correspondence with the Free Church of the Canton de Vaud. This was originated by a letter addressed to the Convener, received from the Rev. Charles Scholl of Lausanne; and dated 5th of March last, of which the following is an extract:—"Our Free Church of the Canton de Vaud has received, in its beginnings and troubled times, several testimonies of sympathy and brotherly regard from the United Presbyterian Church, or at least from the churches that have united to form it. Members and ministers of your churches took part also in those meetings that were held in Edinburgh and Glasgow on our behalf. Under such circumstances, and having resolved to invite the Free Church of Scotland to favour us with a deputy at our next Synod, we hope we are not presuming too much in addressing the same communication to the United Presbyterian Church through your instrumentality. It will be a real pleasure for us, if your Church can comply with our request. Such meetings do good. They are encouraging, and we have much to learn and to receive from more experienced Christians and churches than ourselves. Therefore, in the hope that you may favour us with a visit, we inform your Church through you, that our Synod is to meet (*D. V.*) at Vevey, near Lausanne, on Tuesday, 12th May." Had the interval between the meeting of Synod and that of the Free Church of the Canton de Vaud been longer the committee would have left the arrangement to be made by this Court. But in the circumstances such delay would have been equivalent to a refusal of their request, and Providence appeared to dictate a course which all would approve. An esteemed minister of our denomination, who enjoys the respect of the whole Synod, the Rev Dr Crichton of Liverpool, was known to be temporarily resident not far from Lausanne, and was requested to act as our deputy, more especially as the committee were assured that he would not only faithfully represent us, but that the appointment as a testimony that he was remembered by his brethren, would not be ungrateful to

his own feelings. And as it was understood that Messrs John Robson and John Mitchell Harvey, students of our Church, were at present pursuing their studies at Geneva, these young brethren were requested to associate themselves with Dr Crichton on this occasion. During the past twelve months, somewhat more than L.2200 had passed through the hands of the Synod's treasurer for the cause of evangelisation on the Continent.

The Synod was then addressed by the Rev F. Monod of Paris, Rev E. Fihol, M. La Harpe of Geneva, and M. De Liefde of Amsterdam, after which the report of the Committee was adopted.

AID FROM THE MISSION FUNDS.

Dr SOMERVILLE asked authority to give, from the mission funds, to the Evangelical Society of Geneva, the sum of L.200, to enable that Society to carry on a mission at St Onge, in South-west France. Mr Verrue, who laboured there was a very zealous and devoted man. He went to that place, where there was a very large Protestant population of about 40,000, and accessible to him was a population of about 6000. When he went there the place was utterly dead. Now, he had five Sabbath schools, attended by 500 children, five day schools, and three infant schools, attended by 500 children, and a normal school, attended by 22 young men and women; and he had now regularly attending the worship of God about 1000 persons on Sabbath. He felt that the work had overgrown him. He could not overtake it, and had applied to the Evangelical Society of Geneva, and they had kindly given him funds. It was the growing conviction of this Church, that they should avoid scattering its bounty, giving a little here and a little there; it was better to concentrate their efforts upon a locality that seemed to promise to work efficiently. He was persuaded that the granting of this sum to this locality would be productive of very great good.

Mr KER of Glasgow moved the adoption of the recommendation, and in doing so bore his testimony to the growing work carried on by Mr Verrue. Mr Verrue was himself a converted Roman Catholic, and had been the means of effecting a thorough revival in that portion of the field where he laboured.

Mr THOMAS seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society took place on Wednesday the 6th of May. Lord Shaftesbury in the chair. The Report, passing in review the different scenes of the Society's operations, stated, that in France the circulation of the past year had exceeded that of 1855 by 6874, having amounted in all to 90,444 copies. The issues in the Cologne district, in Germany, had also increased largely; including those of kindred societies, they had amounted to 186,074 copies. At Berlin the issues had exceeded those of previous year by 15,347 copies, and had amounted to 59,086 copies. A circulation of 16,650 Testaments and 5190 Bibles had taken place among the Prussian troops. In Denmark great progress had been made. In Sweden, the work of the Society was assuming a rapid development. The circulation of the year was 82,397 copies, being an increase of 18,761 over that of the previous year. A substantial proof had been given of the good-will of the Emperor of Russia, by his remitting duties to the amount of £418 at St Petersburg, besides conferring a similar boon at Odessa. In Switzerland and Northern Italy, 33,361 copies had been distributed in the year; 11,089 in advance of the previous year. In Sardinia vigorous efforts were being pursued, and 11,225 copies had been dispersed far and wide. In Turkey, results of an important character had been achieved. An increased desire for the Scriptures had continued to manifest itself among the Mohammedan Turks. In the last Report it was stated, that within the year just ended, 1275 copies had been disseminated. In the first six months of the past year, 810 copies of the Turkish Scriptures were disposed of, while in the latter six months the number was 1485, making a total of 2295. A copy of the Turkish Bible having been offered to Ali Pasha, the late Turkish Prime Minister, and accepted by him, it was felt that it might be a great advantage if the Sultan himself could be induced to receive the Word of God through the medium of the Society. The noble President of the Society kindly placed himself in communication with Lord Stratford de Redcliffe, who approved of the project, and the result was, that the Sultan favoured the agent of the Society at Constantople,

Mr Barker, with a personal interview in the Grand Council Chamber, and with much gratification received the sacred volume. It was stated, on what was considered to be good authority, that the Sultan had ordered the Bible to be read in his hearing, that he might become acquainted with its contents. In Moldavia and Wallachia the distribution of the year had been 7958 copies. In Bulgaria three Colporteurs had been engaged; the translation of the Old Testament into Bulgarian was proceeding satisfactorily. In India the free use of the Scriptures was stated to be now sanctioned in the Government schools. At Calcutta there had been a slight decrease in the circulation, the issue having been 37,363 copies. At Bombay the issue had amounted to copies; and at Madras to 66,687 copies, or 17,000 more than that of the previous year. The following general summary of the operations of the year was given:—The receipts of the year ending March, 31, 1857, having exceeded those of any preceding year (excluding the Special Funds). The amount applicable to the general purposes of the Society is £68,391 15s. 2d., and the amount received for Bibles and Testaments, £69,374, 19s. 8d., making the total receipts from the ordinary sources of income £137,756 14s. 11d., being £9031, 4s. 10d. more than in any former year. To the above must be added the sum of 893 2s. 4d. for the Chinese New Testament Fund, making a grand total of £138,749 18s. 3d.

“The issues of the Society for the year are as follows:—

From the depot at home	1,001,965
From depots abroad	525,883
	1,517,858

being an increase of 43,564 copies over those of any preceding year”

Correspondence.

For the Register.

CHATHAM, May 15, 1857.

MR. EDITOR,—

Rev. and Dear Sir,—The enclosed letter from C. Lloyd, Esq., a gentleman who cheerfully aids in many good works, though addressed to me privately, I have obtained permission to send to you for publication, in the hope that it may in-

duce others "to do likewise." Will not the ministers and elders at the approaching Synod come prepared* to organize some scheme in behalf of aged and infirm ministers of our Church? Almost all denominations of christians are now waking up to this subject. In the United Presbyterian Church, as you will see in the *Missionary Record*, the capital fund for this object has reached the gratifying sum of £13,404.

Yours, very truly,
JOHN MCCURDY.

CHATHAM, May 14th, 1857.

REV. J MCCURDY,—

Dear Sir,—The subject of our late conversation has been one which has frequently been matter of thought to me, viz., the desirableness of a provision for aged and superannuated ministers, and, in case of their decease, to aid the bereaved widow and often-straitened family. I have wondered often at the inconsiderateness and cold calculation of the professors of religion when they seem to argue upon how little a minister can support himself and family, not recollecting that he ought from the fruit of his labours to be able to make a suitable provision for his family after his death, and during life to keep them in a respectable manner. How often have I seen a family at once plunged into great temporal distress and forced to resort to menial employment, in order not merely to keep up former appearances, that being frequently out of the question, but to procure the necessaries of life. But to the point, if the religious body with which you stand connected as a minister be inclined to form a Society having the above for its object, I shall be happy to pay annually into your hands, or the hands of any authorized Treasurer, the sum of Two Pounds.

I am, Rev Sir,
Yours with much respect,
CHARLES LLOYD.

* The letter was too late for June No.

Notices, Acknowledgments, &c

Monies received by Treasurer from 20th May to 20th June. 1857:

1857. *Foreign Mission.*

May 23—Mr James Dawson, for Messrs Geddie, Gordon, & Matheson, £1 each £3 0 0

June 18—Roger Hill Young People's Rel & Benev. S'y 1 0 0
A Friend 2 6
20—Mr Robert Smith, Truro, half year 37 17 5½

Home Mission.

June 18—W F. by Rev G. Walker 1 0 0
A friend of H. Missions and member of the Church. per do. 5 9 9
Roger Hill Young People's Rel & Benev S'y 1 3 6
20—Mr Robert Smith, Truro, half year 23 11 5½

Seminary.

18—Collection in Primitive Church, N Glasgow 26 0 0
20—Mr R. Smith, Truro 60 8 8
do do 2 10 0

Synod Fund.

15—Coll. taken in Prince Street Church, Pictou 6 7 9½
20—Truro Session, per Mr R. Smith 6 0 0

Schooner "John Knox."

18—Ladies' penny-a-week Soc., W. Branch E. R. 1 0 0

Robert Smith, Truro, acknowledges the receipt of the following, for

Foreign Mission.

Daniel Hingly, Salmon River £0 5 0

Home Mission.

Daniel Hingly, Salmon River 5 0

Seminary.

Brookfield cong. per Mr Densmore 15 0
Annual Collection Truro cong. 15 0 0

From the following Ladies of the Upper Londonderry congregation—the proceeds of a Soiree: Mr. Widow Brown, Mrs Widow Fletcher, Mrs Francis McLean, Mrs Charles Layton, Mrs A. D. Morrison, Mrs Chas. Fulton, Mrs Charles Stewart, Mrs John Fulton, Mrs William Flemming, Miss Urquhart, Miss Little, per Rev E. Ross, 10 0 0

The Treasurer of the New Glasgow Bible Society acknowledges the receipt of £2 12s. from the Prayer Meeting Society, Fish Pools, a free donation to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The youth attending the various Sabbath schools of the Church are hereby informed that the Fund raised by their con-

tributions for the Mission Schooner *John Knox*, has amounted to little more than £148 currency. To cover all expenses for the share allotted to them, £200 currency will be required. Additional contributions are therefore solicited. When the full sum has been obtained, the entire list of contributions will be published.

The Treasurer of the Mission Education Fund acknowledges the receipt of £1 from Rev David Roy, James' Place, East River.

J & J. Yorston acknowledge receipt of the following for the Foreign Mission, viz:—

A box of Goods from Prince Edward's Island, valued at £14 0s. 1d. Island currency, viz: £8 15s. from Cavendish. £3 0s. 5d. from New Glasgow, £1 4s. 8d. from the Children of Cavendish for Mrs Geddie and family, and £1 from a friend for Mr Geddie. Cash 5s. 2½d from William Rae, Haliburton Bridge.

Pictou, June 20, 1857.

Rev H. Crawford acknowledges receipt of the sum of £1 from the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Onslow, for the Church of Cascompec, P. E. I.

The Agent acknowledges receipt of the following sums for the *Christian Instructor* and *Missionary Register* for the current year:—

Rev J. Cameron	£0	1	3
Findlay Cameron. (<i>Instructor</i>)		2	6
George W. Archibald	5	0	0
Mrs Caldwell		5	0
Mrs Whittier		1	10½
Captain McKenna		5	0
St. Andrew's Church, St John	1	5	0
George Runciman		5	0
J. Hammond		5	0
H. McDowall		1	3
Miss Annie Woodworth		5	0
Robert Noble		10	0
Mrs Henderson		5	0
J. W. Dawson		5	0

Boards, Standing Committees, &c.

Board of Home Missions.—Rev Professor Ross, Rev Messrs Patterson, Watson and Walker, together with the Presbytery Elders of Green Hill, West River, and Primitive Church. Rev George Patterson, Secretary.

Board of Foreign Missions.—Rev Messrs Baxter, Kier, Roy, Walker, Bayne, Watson, and Waddell, and Messrs Ebenezer

McLeod and Daniel Cameron, of West River; A. Fraser, of New Glasgow, and John Yorston, of Pictou. Secretary, Rev J. Bayne.

Educational Board.—Chairman, Rev J. Bayne. Treasurer, Abram Patterson, Esq. Secretary, Rev James Ross.

Seminary Board.—The Professors, ex officio. Rev Messrs McCulloch, Baxter, E. Ross, Wyllie, Cameron and McKay, and Messrs Robert Smith, David McCurdy and Isaac Fleming. Mr McCulloch, Convener.

Committee of Bills and Overtures.—Rev Messrs Bayne, Roy, and McGilvray, and Mr Jas. McGregor. Mr Bayne, Convener.

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