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# THE MISSIONARY REGISTER,

OF THE

## Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,  
That th' earth thy way, and nations all may know thy saving grace.—*Ps. lxxvii. 1, 2.*

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### Home Missions.

#### REPORT OF MISSION TO CAPE SABLE ISLAND, &c.

TATAMAGOUCHE, June 18, 1856.

To the Rev. the Presbytery of Halifax,—

The undersigned missionary reports as follows:—

That on the 21st March, when on his way to spend a Sabbath in Pugwash among the Presbyterians in that locality, where he delivered three sermons, he received from the Rev G. Patterson a communication, announcing his appointment to the Presbytery of Halifax: instructing him to repair to Shelburne, the appointed scene of his labours. That on the succeeding Monday he left Pugwash by Stage and reached Halifax on the 25th. That, being detained two days in the metropolis, he attended the weekly fellowship meeting held in the Church of the Rev Peter G. McGregor, and, among other exercises, delivered an address. Left Halifax on the 28th by Stage, arrived at Shelburne on the evening of the following day. Whilst passing through the varied localities of the Western shores he much regrets that he had not an opportunity to preach Christ to the dense population of these districts. What rich and inviting fields for the labours of sound, energetic and judicious missionaries! Oh! that years ago the Synod had assumed an aggressive character, had invaded these shores. The seeds of divine truth would have

now germinated: enthusiasm would have less predominancy: the truth would have been more generally known: the order, the beauty, the excellencies of Presbyterianism would be seen: a harvest of precious souls would have been gathered. There are warm emotions in the Church: may they be kindled toward the iron-bound shores of Nova Scotia. Were a suitable missionary appointed, were time given for evangelistic labours, surely much good would be effected.

The undersigned, having reached the scene of his labours, placed himself in immediate communication with the Rev George Clark. In his absence preached twice in the Church at Shelburne on the last Sabbath of March. Left Shelburne by Stage on 2nd April, arrived at Cape Island on the following day.— Was kindly received and hospitably entertained by the family of William Cunningham, Esq., who are entitled to the immediate notice and gratitude of the Church. They have cordially and gratuitously entertained all the missionaries that have visited the Island. Since the commencement of the missionary operations of the Rev George Clark in this Island this family have displayed a commendable zeal for the advancement of Presbyterianism. Mr Cunningham has given a prominent and a commanding site for a Church. A substantial and commodious building has been commenced. Mrs Cunningham, senr., has very much interested herself in the erection

of this edifice. The progressive state of the House is principally owing to the continuous exertion of herself and family. The proceeds of a Female Sewing Society are applied to the completion of this Church. However, means are greatly wanting to finish the building. The few individuals who are constructing this House of Worship truly deserve the sympathy and aid of the Church at large.

It having been arranged that *three weeks* missionary labour should be expended in the Island, the undersigned studied to employ the time to the best advantage. He generally preached thrice on each Sabbath: visited ministerially all the families that were deemed advisable: diffused his evangelistic labours to every section of the Island.—The people are apparently disposed to hear the gospel. On week-days and Sabbath days, the audience gradually increased, and shewed an attentive regard to the Word of God. Were the people favoured with the regular ministrations of an approved minister prejudices would be dispelled, confidence would be secured, knowledge would increase, Presbyterianism would gradually expand its wing and extend its limits.

The undersigned would earnestly call the attention of the Presbytery to *Cape Island*. It is an interesting Isle of the Sea. Its physical properties, geographical dimensions, fishing capabilities, commercial advantages, comparative wealth, dense population and contiguity to the mainland, are well known. The Island is a grand scene for missionary operations. An active, attractive and judicious missionary would find ample employment. At present the people have no pastoral ministrations: the Churches are vacant: the people are scattered as sheep without a shepherd. May the Lord look on their spiritual destitution. May he soon send them a true and faithful shepherd.

At Barrington the undersigned regrets that he only preached twice: other engagements prevented. This is an harmonious and delightful locality. The people are industrious, enterprising, courteous, moral and seemingly religious. The place abounds with Churches: and the people appear to love the habitations of God's House. Mr Clark gives a part of his time to Barrington. He has usually an overflowing house of attentive auditors. Presbyterians here

are few; but this little flock are staunch to their principles and respectable in their character. It is anticipated that a Presbyterian Church will ere long be built here. A Society of young and active Ladies have commenced operations. *Thus a little one may become a thousand and a small one a strong nation.* May the Lord hasten it in his time.

The two succeeding Sabbaths were spent in conjunction with Mr Clark at Clyde and Shelburne. At each of these localities, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was appointed to be dispensed. At both places, the undersigned performed the usual services on Saturday, Sabbath and Monday. Some accessions were made to the Church. The audiences on all the days were respectable and attentive. It is hoped that the Word and Sacraments were not dispensed in vain—that those were, to some, *times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.* Being accompanied by Mr Clark, preached on different week-days on each side of Jordan Bay. The audiences were respectable and attentive; the word of the Lord they appeared to hear with gladness; was desirous to visit other extreme sections of the congregation, but circumstances did not permit.

Left Shelburne on the 8th May, spent the two following weeks at Lock's Island. This is another section of Mr Clark's congregation. Preached here twice on one Sabbath; thrice on another; visited ministerially *twenty* families; on week-days preached thrice at Green Harbor and vicinity; baptised an orphan boy. It being a time of great excitement among the Baptist people the audiences were such as might be expected. The Presbyterians in this place are in *stultu quo*. The erection of a Church is in a state of abeyance at the present time; but it is to be hoped that they will soon awake from their slumbers, and that they will arise and build a sanctuary to the Lord.

The undersigned is pleased to have an opportunity to bear testimony to the urbanity, the acceptability and the success of the Rev M. Clark in all the sections of his congregation. Should health be given him, and should his life be spared, he promises to be eminently useful. His labours in the county of Shelburne are widely extended. Much of his time is spent in travelling. A fellow labourer would greatly strengthen his hands and advance the cause of the

Church; but whether the people are disposed to sustain a co-adjutor the undersigned does not know.

Hearing of a passage by sea to Halifax: being informed that the Presbytery had ordered his recall, the undersigned left Lock's Island on 21st May. The wind proving unfavourable, had to spend the 4th Sabbath of May in Liverpool. Found few Presbyterians in that town; but deemed it advisable to visit the few families to whom he had access. Preached twice on the Sabbath, at the request of the Rev Messrs. Tomkins and Melvin.

Reached Halifax on the 28th May.—Attended the prayer-meeting in Poplar Grove Church. Heard an interesting address from Mr Matheson, preacher.—By request of the pastor addressed the Throne of Grace. From him received notice of appointment to the Railroad people.

Left Halifax on the 30th May, and spent the two following weeks among the operatives on the Rail Road in the vicinity of the Grand Lake; was cordially received by Mr Frazer the contractor, who gave due notice of his arrival.—

Preached on the *first* Sabbath to an attentive audience of about seventy people; was kindly driven by Mr Cameron to the school-house at Elmsdale; in the afternoon, preached there to an attentive congregation at the request of the Rev John Cameron. In the course of the following week, visited twelve families, preached three times on week evenings, baptized two children to men who formerly received baptism from ministers of the Church, who also engaged to adorn and to sustain the gospel. On the *second* Sabbath, preached three times in the same locality, and baptized a child to a man who engaged to comply with the order of the Church.

Such is the Report which the undersigned has to submit. He can honestly say that he has devoted himself to the service to which he was appointed. He declines expressing any opinion regarding any good that may have resulted from his labors—all will appear at the last day. May the divine blessing accompany all domestic missionary operations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
HUGH ROSS.

## Foreign Missions.

### • TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE P. CHURCH OF N. S.

During the past year your Board have found much more than usual to awaken their interest, and employ their energies, both at home and abroad.

#### ANOTHER MISSIONARY.

They can now tell of another missionary, under their care, having left these shores, to carry the unsearchable riches of Christ to the remote Isles of the Southern Pacific. On this individual the eyes of the Church have been anxiously set for some years past. His probation under their immediate oversight has satisfied your Board that, in point of bodily constitution, mental endowments, educational acquirements, ardent piety and thorough devotedness to the mission work, he will prove no unworthy associate to the much esteemed, very efficient and highly successful missionaries already on the field. Great care was taken

to afford every congregation under the inspection of Synod an opportunity of seeing and hearing Mr Gordon, during the interval which elapsed between its last meeting and his departure, and substantial proofs of the propriety of this arrangement were everywhere visible in the numerous and deeply interested audiences which he addressed, and the abundant free will offerings by which our people recognized him as their accepted missionary. It may well be anticipated that Mr Gordon also must have felt the happy influence of this general introduction to the Churches, and that he must have thanked God and taken courage when he met so many christian friends, who were forward to take him by the hand and bid him God speed.—In a lengthened and interesting report of these congregational visits which has not yet been published, he says, "I feel I cannot be too thankful to God for the special mercies of which I have been the recipient, during last summer, while vi-

siting the congregations. My health was preserved, though on one or two occasions impaired, and the countenance of the visible heavens was so vouchsafed to me that I was only in one or two instances discommoded by the inclemency of the weather. And what thanks can I render to God for all the aids of his grace which I received in the hours of need, and for the unmerited kindness and affectionate care of many christian brethren. These blessings have been more than a reward to me for all my past labors in the service of the best of masters. My visit through the congregations has resulted in attaching them very much to my affections, so that they are constantly on my spirit at a Throne of Grace. I believe that some good has also been the result of it in promoting the missionary spirit, but God only knows how far any good has been the result of it in the edification of saints and conversion of the unconverted."—Having effected the transference of Mr Gordon from the Halifax to the Pictou Presbytery, your Board were in due season notified that he was ordained by the latter Presbytery to the office of the holy ministry. It is highly proper to call special attention to the sense of obligation which your Board cannot but entertain towards these Presbyteries for their diligent and efficient oversight of Mr Gordon, in superintending his studies, and accomplishing his licensure and ordination.

#### MR GORDON'S DESIGNATION AND DEPARTURE.

On September 12th the ordination services were held at West River, and your new missionary then also acquired the full status which places him on ministerial parity with the brethren with whom he will be called to associate. A copy of instructions was put into his hands defining that status—directing him to confer with Messrs. Geddie and Inglis for the purposes of preliminary training and selecting the future scene of operations, subject to the approbation of your Board. Mr Gordon was farther directed to occupy his time in Britain in the prosecution of medical study, and acquisition of such general information as might conduce to the interests of the Mission. Special instruction was also given him to keep, and as far as practicable transmit, from time to time, a Journal of his proceedings as a missionary. Your Board have much pleasure in

bearing testimony to the prompt and efficient manner in which Mr Gordon has conformed to these instructions, so far as he has had opportunity, thus affording good earnest of his devotedness to the service on which he has entered.—In his frequent correspondences with their Secretary they have observed with much satisfaction his ardent pursuit of medical knowledge, under the most eminent instructors, both by attendance on Lectures and Hospital practice,—his zealous efforts to act as Home missionary in that vast city (London), where heathenism of the worst type is so prevalent—his familiar acquaintance with the returned missionaries of the London Missionary Society—his visit to Scotland and free intercourse with the ministers and members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, by whom he was received as a brother—in a word, his evident purpose to make every day of his sojourn in Britain subserve the great work to which he has been set apart.—The period of his departure from London is not yet definitely known, but with such a resolute spirit to improve in every useful qualification, there exists no apprehension that the delays which have occurred, or may yet occur, will prove any hindrance to the ultimate success of his mission. Let hope deferred rather be esteemed a highly favorable ordering of that Providence which has hitherto so manifestly made "all things work together for good" to our holy enterprise. In his last letter Mr Gordon says, "Although the *John Williams* is not to leave till the last of June, yet I will have my time busily occupied after my return from Paris, for (D.V.) I shall go to that city in the beginning of June, and hope to visit some of the Ophthalmic Hospitals during my short visit there. I think I can truly say I believe that God will guide me to the most suitable field of labor, if he should be pleased to make any use of me in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ among the heathen—where others have not gathered a harvest for Christ—where Christ is unknown—there will I most rejoice to labor for him, even if I should gather but little fruit into his garner."

#### EFFORTS FOR AN ADDITIONAL MISSIONARY LABORER.

It is with much regret that your Board have felt themselves unable to obtain the services of another missionary agreeably to Synodical instruction. During his

visit to Scotland their Secretary, whose report has been received and will be submitted to Synod, brought "the matter under the notice of the ministers and students of the United and Reformed Presbyterian Churches, through their respective Boards and periodicals. It appears that the Committees on Foreign Missions in connection with both Churches offered every facility in their power to secure the additional labor sought.

In accordance with the urgent request of the United Presbyterian Committee Mr B. prepared an appeal, containing the substance of his addresses before them, and at the annual missionary meeting of the United Presbyterian Students Association, and had it published forthwith in their *Missionary Record*. In the November No. of this highly influential periodical this appeal was inserted, under a very commendatory preface by the Editor. In the conference with the Reformed Presbyterian Committee nothing occurred beyond the interchange of fraternal regards, and the confirmation of that mutual interest which had originated in the co-operation of the missionaries. The lack of suitable agents experienced by the Reformed Presbyterian Church is quite as great as that of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and as it was contemplated by our highly esteemed coadjutors to send another missionary, if at all practicable, it was judged quite improper to urge any petition for additional laborers. In addition to this reference to their Secretary's report your Board have only to say, that up to the present date they have received no application directly or indirectly to his appeal. With reference to another direction of Synod, prompt measures have been taken to make enquiry, and, if practicable, to obtain the services of a pious mechanic of as varied talents as possible to accompany Mr Gordon, and to be employed in the Foreign Mission field. At their meeting on July 18th it was ordered that an advertisement soliciting the tender of service on the part of pious mechanics to act in the capacity of teachers in the Foreign field, should be inserted in the *Register*, *Eastern Chronicle* and *Presbyterian Witness*, for one month. Prior to any suitable offer, in answer to this advertisement, their Secretary reported the result of his conference with the Secretary of the London Missionary Society, and Samoan missionaries acquainted with the New

Hebrides, and this report proved so unfavorable to the employment of mechanics in the manner desired, that no farther attempt was made to procure such aid.

From the same source an equally decisive opinion was obtained against the employment of female agency, and even in the exceptional case, contemplated at last Synod, it was considered quite necessary that Mr Geddie's approbation should be first secured. It is sufficient here to add that Mr Geddie's opinion has been received, and is confirmatory of the view now stated.

It will be thus apparent that while your Board have not neglected the important trust committed to them, there has been no successful result from their efforts to procure additional missionary agents in the various quarters to which their attention was directed by the minutes of last Synod.

#### PROSPECT OF CO-OPERATION WITH THE U. P. CANADIAN CHURCH.

To different congregations in that Church the funds of the Mission have been largely indebted in times past; but from the late meeting of their Synod, a much more extensive co-operation may be safely anticipated. From a communication to be laid before this Synod it will appear that our brethren, the Rev Messrs. McCurdy and Patterson, have been privileged to attend the session of the Canadian Synod held in Hamilton on the 18th inst., and to address that reverend body on the claims of the New Hebrides Mission on their support. A letter from our missionary, Mr Geddie, to the Rev John Jennings, Toronto, was also laid upon their table of a similar purport. Whereupon it was unanimously agreed in due form, "That this Synod, having listened with much satisfaction to the addresses of their brethren from Nova Scotia, and to Mr Geddie's letter, resolve to institute as soon as practicable a Mission to the South Seas, to be conjoined, should it be agreeable to the Synod of Nova Scotia, with their Mission, and that as soon as sufficient funds are realized, and a suitable missionary obtained, they shall be happy to co-operate with the sister Church in their zealous, and, through God's blessing, already successful labors in that interesting field. Dr Ferrie and Mr Jennings were then appointed a committee to take such steps as may be requisite to

excite an interest in this object among our congregations in this country."

#### APPLICATION FROM STUDENTS.

In addition to this exceedingly gratifying prospect of enlarged missionary labor, it may be stated that from our students, now in training for the ministry, offers of service have been received, which your Board however do not feel themselves at liberty to accept without Synodical sanction. How cheering it is thus to discern the sure tokens of an abundant supply of suitable labor for that field, which is white unto the harvest. Verily the Lord of the harvest has heard the voice of Christ's supplication, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Let us bless his holy name, and wrestle all the more vigorously with the God of Jacob when we behold him *moving* to answer the prayers of his people.

#### LOSS OF MISSION GOODS.

Hitherto, in the detail of Home procedure, your Board have had but to speak of incidents eminently prosperous, now they must solicit attention to such as have caused them great anxiety, if they prove not greatly adverse to the Mission interest. Mission Goods to a large amount were shipped from Pictou last fall in good season to reach London before the sailing of the *John Williams*.—The vessel was wrecked on the coast of Cape Breton, part of the Goods were recovered, but, before they could be conveyed to any port of shipment for Britain and properly examined, it was considered quite too late to secure their transmission by the *John Williams*, then expected to leave London in May. Under these circumstances your Board at once resolved to profer their claims for the full amount of insurance which had been secured on the entire consignment. This was done accordingly and the sum of £250 was obtained from the Underwriters. Your Board have thus secured the *value (pecuniary)* of the property entrusted to them. They regret, however, deeply the disappointment experienced by the many zealous friends who contributed the various articles thus lost to the Mission—articles of which not a few cannot find any proper equivalent in money. At the same time this trial has not been without its redeeming circumstances, for not only were there some boxes of clothing that did not come forward in season to be shipped, as their contributors designed, but several valua-

ble boxes were made up to supply the place of the wrecked property, and all were shipped in good season for London, which port they have reached in safety and now await the sailing of the *John Williams*.

Your Board would consider it a pleasing duty here, as elsewhere, to record their obligation to the Agents of the British North American Mail Steam Packet Company in Halifax, for their safe and gratuitous shipment of these Goods to Liverpool in their well appointed and admirably conducted Line of Packets.

Were this, then, the only reverse which had been sustained during the past year, it might be properly esteemed in connection with its attendant circumstances as light and unimportant, but there exists grave apprehension that the large and valuable shipment of Goods by the Barque *Sydney*, for Melbourne has either been entirely lost, or have so miscarried, as to have disappointed most bitterly the expectations of friends at home and missionaries abroad. These Goods were regularly shipped, Bills of Lading received, and Freight paid. Consignee Letters were also sent to Messrs. Hamilton & Ross, the former having already acted efficiently as our Agent in East Melbourne and the latter in Sydney, the recognized Agent of the London Missionary Society. Every precaution was used in the safe packing, and addressing of the boxes to said consignees, so that when the arrival of the vessel had been reported, no apprehension as to the safe delivery of the Goods was entertained by your Board. Under date April 30th, 1855, Mr Hamilton, however, writes to acknowledge the receipt of Consignee Letter, and states that he had made diligent enquiry but could hear no tidings of vessel or goods, and advises recourse on the Underwriters.—The information previously received by the Agents of the *Sydney*, and her arrival at Melbourne in December, 1854, prevented any serious anxiety about the safety of our consignment, more especially as the name of Dr Ross, Sydney, was attached to it, as well as that of Rev Robert Hamilton, and it was quite possible that the Goods might have been sent directly to Sydney, even to Aneiteum. These expectations however have proved quite fallacious, as Mr Geddie writes to say, that a vessel had called at Aneiteum with a package from Sydney, Aus-

tralia, in March, 1855, and Dr Ross had then no Goods under his care, as Mr G feels assured he would have sent any such consignment in this vessel. In these painful circumstances your Board have taken immediate and active measures to inform the owners of the vessel of the loss of this property, and have officially notified their Agents in New Glasgow, N. S., of the extent of the loss for which they hold the owners liable.

The insurance effected was not less than £400. and this was not understood to cover the actual value. In this, as in the former case, there were many articles of a value not to be estimated by their "money worth." But the source of greatest anxiety lies in the sad disappointment which has been experienced by the Mission family, and still more, that most valuable class of our agency, the native teachers, whose salary is wholly defrayed out of the supplies, clothing, &c., sent from Nova Scotia.—Mr Geddie had already been indebted to Mr Inglis for some supplies, which met the present need of the teachers on Tana and Fotuna. In his last letter, November 6, 1855, Mr G. says, "I am sorry to inform you that the supplies sent by the *Sydney* to Melbourne have not reached me. I received a package from Dr Ross, via Isle of Pines, a few days ago, and, as he makes no mention of them, I conclude that they have not come to him. It is quite possible that they are quite safe, though their detention is quite inexplicable. There is regular Steam communication between Sydney and Melbourne four times a week, so that Goods can be transmitted at any time." Again he says, "The time when our native teachers receive their annual supplies is near at hand, and I have nothing to give them. Their supply last year was limited, and for this reason they need clothing very much." Your Board feel this account of destitution the more keenly, because the *John Williams*, in consequence of repeated delays in her time for sailing, has been so long detained in London that her arrival at Aneiteum will be, under the most favorable circumstances, much later than was anticipated by the missionaries. It is only necessary here to add, that Mr Gordon has been specially instructed to make all proper enquiry about the missing property immediately on his arrival at Australia, and if not irrecoverably lost he will no doubt disco-

ver where it is and how it has miscarried.

It is confidently anticipated that the action of your Board in these trying circumstances will not only meet the unqualified approbation of Synod, but fully satisfy the numerous friends who have committed their very liberal contributions to our care, so that instead of any diminution in their generous and well directed efforts, they may only be the more incited to *perseverance and increase in liberality*. It is well to remark that this happy result has already been experienced in the Town of Pietou, where the loss of one shipment to the amount of £26 was replaced by another valued at £40. Let our good friends everywhere remember that even if there had been a total loss of the Goods they contributed, *that God who commanded the king of Israel because it was in his heart to build him an house, though he permitted him not so to do, would have accepted their gifts laid on the Mission altar even as if these gifts had fully answered their original purpose.* Let us not faint when his hand *touches us*, but only the more bestir ourselves to self-denial and activity in his service. In one word, here let Mr Geddie's language be pondered. When speaking of the anticipated loss of these Goods, he says, "I cannot close my remarks on this subject without expressing my admiration of the liberality of the friends of the Mission, and my thankfulness for their generous tribute to the cause of God. What has been done shews that our people have the spirit and ability to do much, in any good cause. I trust that their interest in the Mission may not be without its influence on your unworthy Agents abroad, and that we may feel it our duty to labor with more energy in a cause which, thank God, has taken hold of so many hearts at home."

#### TIDINGS FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

These extracts from Mr Geddie's correspondence yet unpublished, remind your Board that it is now proper to refer more particularly to the tidings received from the Mission field since last meeting of Synod. Were it necessary to refer in detail to the entire amount of correspondence during this period, there is no doubt that such reference would be both pleasing and profitable, but with the existing means of diffusing tidings as they reach Nova Scotia, this it is now felt has become less imperative. Private letters



and official communications have been received with great frequency during the latter period of the lapsed year.—Mr G.'s Journal is in course of publication, and there remains only one letter, already referred to (November 6, 1855), which has not been publicly reported.—Only such portions of these papers as contain matter on which the Board have taken action, or the Synod may now require to take action, will be adverted to. That which calls most loudly for immediate action has been prominently brought before the Church.

#### MISSIONARY SCHOONER.

Great difficulty, almost amounting to entire prohibition, has been experienced by our missionaries in their navigation between the Islands of the New Hebrides group. Loss of life by exposure in the frail canoes and small boats now in use, the necessity of securing the regular conveyance of supplies to those native teachers already located as pioneers on Tana and Fotuna, and the highly favorable openings which are obtained by the visits of chiefs, and other influential natives, who hear of and desire to test by personal observation the wondrous change which christianity has produced in Aneiteum—these and other reasons more fully set forth in the appeal of Messrs. Geddie and Inglis, have induced them to apply to their respective Churches for a Mission Schooner. May it not be added, that the health of Mr Geddie and family has so often been recruited by short passages in the *John Williams*, that such an appendage as is now sought for the Mission may be considered, if not indispensable, at least highly serviceable towards the permanency, as well as extension of missionary effort, in that region. It is extremely gratifying to note that our *zealous and able co-adjutors* in Scotland have at once complied with this appeal, and have not only raised their moiety, but realized a sum equal to the entire estimated cost of the vessel, £300 sterling. They have ordered the schooner to be built in the Clyde, that world-wide renowned port for shipbuilding, and our only fear is that in this, as in providing a printing press, the zeal and activity of our much esteemed brethren may so anticipate our movements as to defeat Mr Geddie's proposal, that £150 sterling be raised by the Sabbath Schools of our Church. Before your Board could act in the matter these worthy friends had their scheme matured and in

operation, but fortunately, by a letter from their Secretary, they accepted the arrangement of the missionaries to allow the schooner to become mutual property, and your Board gave order shortly after the appeal came to hand to the London Missionary Society to allow the sum required for our moiety, £150 stg., to be drawn by any duly recognized party, or parties, in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland; and at the same time Dr Bates, as Secretary of their Mission Committee, was advised of this decision. That your funds will in due season be reimbursed by the contributions of the Sabbath Schools of the Church, to whose liberality the scheme has been commended, your Board did not doubt when adopting it, nor have they yet any reason to call in question the propriety of their decision. The account of your Treasurer will shew that already the appeal has been nobly met by our *juvenile army* of Mission supporters.

#### PROGRESS OF MISSION.

In his latest letter Mr Geddie says in relation to the position and prospects of the Mission, "It is enough to say we meet with little to discourage and much to encourage us in our work. The Word of God spreads, and I hope that its enlightening and saving influence is felt by many souls. Teachers are now stationed in almost every station of the Island, and heathenism sinks to rise 1.0 more." He has now under his care twenty native teachers, and Mr Inglis about as many. Four teachers are located in Tana, where they meet with encouraging success, and where it is very probable Mr Gordon will be permanently located. It is interesting therefore to know that a passage had been obtained, by the kindness of Captain Rees, in the Brig *Hirondelle* for the two teachers to be stationed at Port Resolution, the principal station on Tana,—that just as they were preparing to depart a chief from that very district had visited Aneiteum with the intention of seeing for himself what christianity had accomplished in that Island, and to solicit teachers for his own district. When informed that two teachers were prepared to go he hastened home to prepare for their reception.—These teachers were expected to take with them materials for Mission buildings, which would be erected on their landing, and prove a temporary shelter for any missionary who might land on

the Island. This chief says that many in his Island desire to know the Word of God, but they are afraid of the disease-makers." In the confident hope that missionaries will be out in the *John Williams*, Mr Geddie informs us he will have one or two houses in readiness for them which can be made habitable in a few weeks after landing, and then adds, "You may be sure we will do every thing in our power to promote the comfort and usefulness of those whom you send. He has forwarded a small Tanese publication from the Mission press, being a compilation of two books prepared by Messrs. Turner and Nesbit of the London Missionary Society, and formerly in Tana. He has also in his possession a brief grammar of the language prepared by the same brethren, which he transcribed when in Samoa. Moreover, he has written to them for a vocabulary of the language as prepared by them, which he doubts not will be sent. "These aids," he observes, "will be invaluable to the new brethren, who will know as much of the language in a few weeks with them as they would in many months without them."

#### NATIVE TEACHERS' SUPPORT.

In answer to your Board's enquiry about the support of native teachers Mr Geddie says, "We have at present four Samoan teachers in Aneiteum, two in my own and two in Mr Inglis' district. These have always had their supplies from the London Missionary Society.—The value of clothing given annually to each Samoan teacher is from £3 to £4. In addition to this they receive presents from the supplies you send. One of these teachers, perhaps more, will return to their own Island by the *John Williams*, and their places will not be supplied from the same source. As to the Aneiteum teachers they have food supplied by their own people and clothing from the Mission supplies. I have never drawn on your funds for any thing for their support, as the supplies hitherto have enabled me to fulfil to some extent my engagements to them. As civilization advances their wants will increase, but I have no doubt the contributions from home will enable us to provide for them." He then mentions a list of articles most in request, and a list of these has been sent to Mr Gordon.

#### MR GEDDIE'S HEALTH.

Another extract from this highly interesting and important letter will suf-

fice, in the hope that its entire contents will be published at an early date.—Much anxiety has been felt about Mr Geddie's health, not only from his own letters, but from the testimony of that respected missionary, Mr Hardie, who saw him on the last homeward voyage of the *John Williams* as she called at Aneiteum. So much did your Board feel this that they had recently instructed their Secretary to assure Mr Geddie that he had their full sanction to return to Nova Scotia if his health required. This injunction had been barely fulfilled when the above letter came to hand, which removes all anxiety as to imminent danger. "I am sorry to learn from your letter (November, 1854) that my occasional attacks of fever, and fever and ague have caused you solicitude on my behalf. I thought it proper, however, to mention them, that missionaries coming might not be deceived as to the climate. Had I known the climate better, and used more precautions, I might have suffered less, and I doubt not but our experience will be beneficial to others.—But you are mistaken if you suppose I am broken down with fever and ague, or that my constitution has been seriously affected by them. I feel as vigorous to-day as when I landed on this Island. But I now begin to see the important bearing which health has on the cause of Missions on these Islands, and I shall henceforth regard it as a sacred duty to avoid unnecessary exposure and use all proper means for its preservation.

#### EXPENDITURE.

Your Board do not feel ashamed to say that the expenditure last year has been much greater than in former years. Not only has an additional missionary been salaried from the date of his acceptance by the Board as their Agent (May 23, 1855), but his outfit and Mission supplies have fallen heavily on the funds. He has drawn, as authorized, £250 9s. sterling, besides his passage fare to Liverpool. This, added to Mr Geddie's salary and the education of his children, and supplies of medicine, amounting to £175 sterling, and £150 sterling for Mission schooner, will show an aggregate expenditure of £575 9s. sterling, or £719 0s. 3d. currency. Your Treasurer's statement will show how this sum has been met.

By a statement of account with the London Missionary Society recently re-

ceived up to date April 28, 1856, it appears that they have a balance on hand in our favor of £566 7s. 2d. sterling.— This includes however the £200 sterling which has been remitted from insurance recovered on Goods wrecked, and subject to be wholly expended by Mr Gordon, if the *John Williams* can take so much freight; also £150 sterling for the *John Knox*, Mission schooner. This leaves a balance of £216 sterling, on the supposition that Mr Geddie has drawn for all the sums which he was authorized to claim, which is not at all probable.— Farther, if present negotiations with the expectant candidate from Canada should prove successful, the balance now on hand will soon disappear. Your Board however do not, and never have, entertained any fear about pecuniary matters. Past experience has invariably shewn that the growing wants of the Mission have always been promptly and fully met by the growing liberality of its supporters. Nor do your Board question the propriety of the Synod's decision in 1854, which contemplated the employment and maintenance of four ordained missionaries on the New Hebrides. The heaviest draft is always experienced at the designation and departure of each missionary. Once this has been met, the steady expenditure for each becomes comparatively light.

#### SUBJECTS OF REFERENCE TO SYNOD.

1st. The claims of the London Missionary Society. Past experience shews that the extensive and increasing pecuniary business of the Mission has ever been most courteously and altogether gratuitously met by this truly christian Society. Their agency has, both in London, Sydney and Samoa, been placed at our disposal and that of our missionaries. It is not saying too much to assert that we never could have commenced, and certainly would not have maintained as vigorously as we have done, the Aneiteum Mission, but for the seasonable and continued aid of these "*helpers in the Lord,*" and when we reflect that this most zealous and efficient agency remains to this day, after so many years service, unrequited by any pecuniary acknowledgment—that they have incurred heavy liabilities in supporting that Mission vessel which has served our Mission family so frequently in time of need, and will even now we expect prove the means of safe and almost gratuitous conveyance for Mr Gordon to the scene of

his labors—and still more when it is known that, in conference with your Secretary the Secretary of that Society first expressed the decision of the Directors to accept no recompense for any service done to our missionaries, and yet were of the opinion that a donation, under present circumstances, would prove very acceptable—and when these views were expressed in writing to your Board—it must be allowed on all hands that it was high time that the Church should be stirred up to a sense of duty in thus meeting a claim, the strongest which can well meet any christian Church or individual. The letter of Dr Tidman and other information has been laid before the Churches, but the results have not answered as yet the expectation of your Board. Had they felt sure that their funds would have admitted a direct vote of any sum sufficient to mark, however imperfectly, their sense of obligation to this Society, they would have heartily taken the responsibility assumed in providing for the expense of the Mission schooner *John Knox*, but this they could not at the time do, and would now, therefore, prefer the claims as above stated to this Synod, that they may deal with it in the spirit of large-hearted liberality, and either by direct vote or additional appeal to the Churches secure a suitable sum for this most worthy purpose.

#### 2. ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES.

It would be well for the Supreme Court farther to consider the propriety of employing *four ordained missionaries* in the foreign field. There is good ground to hope that, from the Treasurer's statement to be laid before this meeting, no cause will be found to re-sile from this position. It may be mentioned that *one congregation* in Pictou Presbytery had raised in goods and money, during the past year, in connection with this Mission no less a sum than £133 10s. 9d. currency, a sum more than equal to the salary of our missionary, and there are other congregations that might attain a proportionate degree of liberality. Let us not then recede, if we do not advance in our determination to extend our Foreign Mission staff, and there is no reason to apprehend that in time to come any more than in time past will the other schemes of the Church fail, or even fare the worse because of the liberal support given to the Foreign Mission.

### 3. MISSIONARY AND OTHER PERIODICALS.

Your Board have now to call attention to the remit of last Synod anent periodicals, which has been diligently attended to by them. At a meeting of the Board held in November 15, 1855, there was taken into consideration the propriety of issuing another publication in connection with the *Register*. It was unanimously agreed that this new publication be attempted, that its name be the *Christian Instructor and Missionary Register of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia*, to contain 48 pages of same size and form as the *United Presbyterian Magazine*—the last 16 pages having the usual missionary matter, to be had separately at the former price by such as prefer it, but the entire cost of the publication to be 5s. per annum. It was farther agreed

that the Rev George Patterson be appointed Editor, with a salary of £20 per annum, in lieu of all expences, in conducting efficiently the Editorial department. After due deliberation it was also arranged that the estimate of Mr Barnes be accepted, and that for the ensuing year the publishing office be in Halifax.

It will be for the Synod to state their opinion of these arrangements and the manner in which they have been severally carried out.

In closing this, the twelfth and certainly most eventful report, your Board feel disposed to exclaim, "What hath God wrought? How soon has the little one become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation. It is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes."

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## News of the Church.

MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD—ANOTHER MISSIONARY ACCEPTED.—The Foreign Mission Board met at Pictou on the 23rd inst. An application was received from Mr John Wm. Matheson, preacher of the Gospel, to be received as a Foreign Missionary under the charge of the Board. After mature deliberation it was unanimously agreed that he be accepted, and at the conclusion of his present appointments under the Home Board, that he be taken into the service of the Board, and he was directed to spend the approaching winter in medical studies and mechanical pursuits. We have therefore to congratulate our Church that in the course of a few weeks she will have three Missionaries in her employment.

Applications were also received from Messrs. James A. Murray and Samuel F. Johnston, students of Theology to be received under the charge of the Board as candidates for the Foreign Mission field. It was agreed to receive them as candidates for Foreign Mission work, and encourage them to prosecute their studies with that object, in the expectation that when their course is completed, the Synod will be prepared to empower the Board to accept the services of both. It was agreed to allow them £30 each per annum, to aid them in prosecuting their preparatory studies. The

Board will be happy to receive special donations for this object. Messrs. Murray and Johnston are both in the third year of their Theological course, are both young men of promise, and should they be spared to enter upon their work, will it is hoped, by the blessing of God, prove efficient and successful Missionaries of the Cross. They have been recommended to direct their attention during the ensuing winter especially to Theological studies.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—The Presbytery of Pictou met in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, for the Presbyterian visitation of the congregation. The questions of the formula were put to the minister and other office-bearers, and the replies indicated a highly satisfactory state of things. The Presbytery particularly remarked the liberality of the congregation, the sum of £410 having been raised in a body having only 70 families, and 154 communicants, being at the rate of nearly £6 for every family, and at the rate of £2 14s. for every communicant.

Mr Daniel Fraser, student of Theology, delivered a lecture on Phil. i. 9-11 which was approved, and the Clerk was instructed to certify him to the Hall. It was also agreed that Messrs. Isaac Patterson and John D. McGillivray who

have given in their exercises to a Committee of Presbytery should be certified.

The Rev George Walker being unwell, the Rev James Bayne was appointed to take his place in Charlottetown, in the expectation that Mr Walker will be sufficiently recovered to follow him, he in like manner to be succeeded by the Rev James Waddell.

After appointing supply for the Stations under the charge of the Presbytery, and other routine business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in James' Church, New Glasgow, on the 4th Tuesday of October, for Presbyterial visitation, the Rev James Bayne to preach on the occasion.

## FINANCE.

### TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1855-6.

*The Special Effort for Seminary in Acc. with* ABR. PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*

1854.		RECEIPTS.			
	By John McKinlay, Esq., from Rev G. Patterson		£25	0	0
	“ John Yorston, £100, James Yorston, £100		200	0	0
	“ J. M. Geldert, Halifax, 20s, Ed. Joyce, do, 20s		2	0	0
	“ James Scott, 100s, Joseph Seeton, 60s, W. F. Grant, 20s.		9	0	0
	“ John Esson, Esq. 20s, Mrs J. B. Oxley, 20s, Wm Newcomb, 50s		4	10	0
1855.	“ Mrs Boyd, 25s, Mrs Nelson, Shebimcadie, 5s		1	10	0
Feb. 10.	“ William Matheson, Green Hill		100	0	0
1855.	“ John Falconer, G Hill, 100s, John Arthur, do, 20s		6	0	0
	“ Mrs O'Neil, Pictou, 25s, March 5th, Mr T. McCulloch, p't, 100s		6	5	0
Mar. 16.	“ D. Cameron, M. Thom, 20s, John McDonald, W R, 1st instalment, 20s, Wm Graham, WR, 25s, Thos. Fraser, do, 20s,		4	5	0
	“ Thos Fraser, G Hill, 25s, Thos Kerr, M River, 20s		2	5	0
July 3.	“ Rev James McLean, 60s, Widow's Mite, Londonderry, 25s		4	5	0
	“ A Lady, per Rev William McCulloch		5	0	0
10.	“ Sundry persons, Bedeque, P. E. I., £8 13s 3d, I. c'y.		7	4	4½
	“ do Lot 14 do 3 18s 1d, do		3	5	0½
	“ do Cascumpeque, do 5 6s 5d, do		4	8	8½
Sept. 1.	“ Rev Dr Keir, 100s, J Bearesto, Esq. 60s, B Thompson, 6s, Archibald Sinclair, 3s, Allan McNeil, 3s, B. Bearesto, 5s 3d, £8 17s 3d Island currency		7	7	6½
Dec. 5.	“ Interest received from Rev J. Bayne		18	0	
21.	“ Mr Hugh McLeod, W River, 25s		1	5	0
1856.					
Marc. 1.	“ Mr W. Matheson, junr., W.R., 40s; J. Hughan, M. Thom, 40s		4	0	0
	“ John McKenzie, Green Hill, 10s; James Graham, do, 10s		1	0	0
	“ George Carr, M. River, 100s; Alexr. Kent, Truro, 25s		6	5	0
20.	“ Mr Kenneth McKenzie, Green Hill		1	5	0
Jun 15.	“ Interest from James McDonald to 15th June		4	10	0
28.	“ N. M. River, viz., John McPhee, senr., 20s, Alex. Grant, 20s		2	0	0
	“ do Alex. Robertson, 12s 6d, H. Logan, 12s 6d		1	5	0
	“ do Wm. Fisher, 20s, Jas. Thompson, junr., 20s		2	0	0
	“ do Widow Canty, 40s, John Caldwell, 25s		3	5	0
	“ do John Fisher, 25s, Joseph Caldwell, 50s		3	15	0
	“ do Peter Grant, 20s, John Grant (P.'s son), 40s		3	0	0
	“ do John Grant		1	0	0
	“ do Miss Canty, 25s, Archibald McPhee, 60s		4	5	0
	“ Interest from James McLean, Esq		2	5	0
July 1.	“ D. McLeod, W. River, per Rev George Patterson		1	0	0

1854.		PAYMENTS.	
Dec. 14.	To paid Rev George Patterson, expense, &c.	£6	0 0
1855.			
Nov. 17.	“ Rev James Ross, for apparatus	40	0 0
	“ Mr Thomas McCulloch, for Books	39	0 0
1856.			
Jan. 25.	“ Rev James Ross, for apparatus	25	0 0
June 16.	“ do do Books	50	0 0
	“ Jas. McDonald, Merch't, G. Hill, loaned 14th Sept. last	100	0 0
	“ James McLean, Esq. do do do	50	0 0
July 1.	“ Balance of expenses paid Rev George Patterson	4	0 0
	“ Commission on £435 at 2½ per cent	10	17 7
2.	“ Balance due at date	110	6 1
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July 2.	By balance due at date	110	6 1
We have examined this account and find it correct.			
			} <i>Auditing Committee.</i>
GEORGE WALKER,			
RODERICK MCGREGOR, ALEX. FEASER,			

*The Educational Board of P. C. of N. S. in Acc. with ABR. PATTERSON, Treasurer.*

1855.		RECEIPTS.	
July 7.	By balance of account at date	£221	12 5½
Sept. 28.	“ Mr P. S. Smith, mortgage paid	50	0 0
Dec. 27.	“ From Province for interest in Pictou Academy	500	0 0
May 28.	“ Trustees on Truro Church, part	50	0 0
July 2.	“ Interest due on monies loaned to 15th June last	93	13 10
	“ Balance of Chambers' Estate received 2d Feb'y last	22	10 0
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		937	16 3½
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		Balance,	265 4 11½

1855.		PAYMENTS.	
Dec. 27.	To paid Provincial Debentures £400 sterling	£500	0 0
	“ Premium paid on do	25	0 0
1856.			
Feb. 2.	“ J. McKinlay, Esq., expense on Chambers' Estate	3	12 7
July 2.	“ Balance of Seminary account	133	10 9
	“ For negotiating Debentures in Halifax, 1 per cent.	5	0 0
	“ Commission on £216 at 2½ per cent.	5	8 0
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We have examined this account and find it correct.

GEORGE WALKER,  
RODERICK MCGREGOR, } *Auditing  
Committee.*  
ALEX. FRASER.

*The Synod of the P. Church of N. S. in Account with ABR. PATTERSON, Treasurer*

1855.		RECEIPTS.	
July 7.	By Balance of Accounts at date	£29	13 3
	“ Received from Bedeque, P E Island, 30s P E I c'y	1	5 0
17.	“ E Branch East River congregation, per Rev A McGill very	2	4 6
Sept 1.	“ N London, P E I congregation, per Rev J McLeod, 34s 1½ d I c'r	1	8 6
Oct 24.	“ James' Church, New Glasgow	3	0 0
1856.			
Jun 20.	“ Collection Prince Street Church, Pictou	4	4 3½

26.	" Windsor, £2 2s 6d; Newport, £2 10s 9d	4 13 3
	" Primitive Church, New Glasgow	3 0 0
	" Princetown, P E Island, £3 P E I c'y	2 10 0
	" Cavendish and New London, £2 2s 4½d I c'y	1 15 3½
	" Upper Settlement, Musquodoboit, 30s; Middle do, 30s	3 0 0
	" Bedeque, P E I, 30s 6d I c'y	1 5 5
	" Parsborough, 21s; River John, 40s	3 1 0
	" Sherbrooke, 36s; Glenelg, 20s; Caledonia, 24s	4 0 0
	" Poplar Grove Church, Halifax	6 0 0
28.	" Nine Mile River, 60s; Upper Londonderry, 40s	5 0 0
	" Gay's River, Shubenacadie, and Lower Stewiacke	3 0 0
	" East Branch Last River, Pictou	1 2 3
	" Cascumpeque, P E I, 13s 6d I c'y	11 3
	" Lower Londonderry, 70s; Onslow and Beaver Brook, 50s	6 0 0
	" St Peter's and Bay Fortune, P E I, 42s I c'y	1 15 0
	" Truro, per Mr Smith, £6; Merigomish, 7s 2d	6 7 2
July 1.	" Salem Church, Green Hill	2 10 0
	" Tatamagouche, 22s 4d; James' Church, N G, £3 1s 6½d	4 3 10½
	" Upper Stewiacke congregation, £7; Middle do, £3 13s 5d	10 13 5
	" Interest on Theological money to 15th June	36 0 0
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		148 3 5½

## PAYMENTS.

1855.		
Sept 1.	To cash sent Rev P G McGregor to pay Printers' Bills	£9 6 3
Nov 1.	" " Thomas Annand	7 6
1856.		
Jun 26.	To paid Synod Clerk	5 0 0
July 1.	" Rev J Keir, D.D, Professor	30 0 0
	" Rev James Smith, do	30 0 0
2.	" Rev P G McGregor for Postage and Stationery	5 5
	" James McGregor, Esq, for Light, 20s; do for Janitor 20s	2 0 0
	" Rev Jas Ross' expense as member of Com of Co-operation	9 15 6
	" Rev Robert Sedgwick's do	1 5 0
	" Rev James Bayne's do	4 0 0
	" Commission on £118 10s at 2½ per cent	2 19 3
	Balance at date	53 4 11½

We have examined this account and find it correct.

GEORGE WALKER,  
RODERICK MCGREGOR, } Auditing  
ALEX. FRASER. } Committee.

The Miss. Register in Acc. with the Treas'r of the Board of F. M. of the P. C. N.S.

## RECEIPTS.

1855.		
Jan 17.	By cash from Mr R Smith, Truro	£5 13 3
20.	" from Agent, £15; Feb'y 16th, do from do, £10	25 0 0
Mar 9.	" from do	12 0 0
16.	By Rev J McCurdy, Miramichi	2 5 0
Apr 5.	" Mr Robert Smith, Truro	2 17 9
May 23.	" Agent, £9; June 25th, do from do, £7 12s 6d	16 12 6
Jun 30.	cash from Primitive Church, New Glasgow	3 15 0
Sept 1.	" D McLeod, Esq, New London, £1 10s 0d I c'y	
	" Rev H Crawford, do 3 6s 7½d do	
	" Rev James Allan, do 16s 6d do	4 13 7½
Oct 25.	" cash from Yarmouth	1 11 3
Nov 25.	" congregation Salem Church, Green Hill	5 0 0
Dec 1.	" Agent, £3 10s; 15th, from do, £8; 31st, from do, £6 8s 1½d	17 18 1½
1856.		
	" Mr McKenzie, Shubenacadie, 7s 6d; Cameron McDonald, 15s	1 2 6
	" Agent for River John for 1855	2 12 6
	" do for Rev J L Murdoch, do, £3; do Rev I Baxter, for do, L.1 14s 9d	4 14 9
	" Balance charged Foreign Mission	19 16 6
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		125 12 9

1855.	PAYMENTS.			January No.	9 11 8
Jan 3.	To paid E M McDonald for Paper and printing	do	do	February	L9 11 8
Feb 8.	do	do	do	March	9 11 8
Mar 9.	do	do	do	April	9 11 8
Apr 2.	do	do	do	May	9 11 8
May 12.	do	do	do	June	9 11 8
Jun 6.	do	do	do	July	9 11 8
July 30.	do	do	do	August	9 11 8
Aug 7.	do	do	do	September	9 11 8
Sept 8.	do	do	do	October	9 11 8
Oct 16.	do	do	do	November	9 11 8
Nov 9.	do	do	do	December	9 11 8
Dec 14.	do	do	do		9 11 8
31.	To paid Agent's salary per order				6 0 0
	" E M McDonald for printing Index per order				2 0 0
	" Commission on £165 16s 3d at 2½ per cent				2 12 9

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ABRAM PATTERSON, Treasurer.

We have examined this account and find it correct.

GEORGE WALKER,  
 RODERICK MCGREGOR, } Auditing  
 ALEXANDER FRASER, } Committee.

**Notices, Acknowledgments, &c**

Monies received by Treasurer from 20th August to 20th September, 1856:—

1856. *Foreign Mission.*

Aug. 26. From a friend at Cape George £0 10 0  
 Sept. 10. Jno. Annand, Esq, Gay's River 10 0

17. Hon John Robertson, addition to collection St. Andrew's Church, St John, N.B. 1 0 0

18. Rev G. Tweedie, Lindsay, C. W. contributed by his cong'n as follows:  
 Verulam, £5 15s 9d;  
 Lindsay, £2 0s 10½d;  
 Mariposa, £1 11s 5½d 9 8 1

19. Rev H. Crawford, St. Peter's, P E I currency, £17 17s 9d 14 18 ½

A Friend in P E I 12 6

W Turnbull, Railway contractor 1 5 0

*Home Mission.*

Aug. 26. A Friend at Cape George 10 0

Sept. 10. Jno. Annand, Esq, Gay's River 10 0

*Missionary Schooner "John Knox."*

Aug. 27. Mr Cameron, from East Branch East River 17 6

Fisher's Grant section, Prince Street congregation, additional 2 10 0

Miss Sarah Fraser, Granville-st 1 0 0

*Synod Fund.*

New Annan, per Rev R. Blackwood 14 6

*Seminary.*

Sept. 19. Balance from Rev H. Crawford, PEI, 9d 7½

*Special Effort.*

3. Mr Thomas McCulloch, second instalment 5 0 0  
 Wm Madden, Halifax 1 0 0  
 Alex McDonald, Dockyard, do 5 0 0

Robert Smith, Truro, acknowledges the receipt of the following.—

*For Foreign Mission.*

Onslow Benevolent Society, per J. P. Dickie, Esq. L5 0 0

Ladies' Benevolent Society, Onslow, per Mrs David McCurdy 2 10 0

North Side of the River, Middle Stewiacke, a box sundries, value 1 14 6

Mrs Thomas W. Cotham, Debert River, 4 yds Diaper, and a parcel of thread, value 7 0

Miss Mary Cotham, Debert River, 4 yds Diaper, value 5 0

Miss Martha Cotham, 1 pair stockings 2 6

Mrs John Dunlap, Stewiacke, 2 pair stockings for Mr and Mrs Geddie

*Home Mission.*

Mrs Thomas D. Johnson, Lower Village 10 0

Mrs John D. Christie, Up. River 1 0 0

Onslow Benevolent Society, per J. P. Dickie, Esq. 2 10 0

Ladies' Benev. Society, Onslow, per Mrs David McCurdy 1 0 0

*Seminary.*

Ladies' Benev. Society, Onslow, per Mrs David McCurdy 1 0 0

From do. for Education of Miss Geddie 10 0

The Rev J. Waddell acknowledges the receipt of One Pound from the Hon. John



Robertson, per Rev W. Donald, in addition to the collection from St Andrew's congregation in St John, "for the Aneiteum mission of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia."

The Agent acknowledges receipt of Twenty-Five Shillings from Mr Girvan, of St Andrew's congregation, St John, for 20 copies of *Register*.

The Treasurer of the Mission Education Fund acknowledges the receipt of 12s 6d from John M. P. Fraser, Esq, McLellan's Brook, and 20s from the Ladies of the First Presbyterian congregation, St Peter's, P. E. Island, who have also provided a *Friendship Quilt* for Mrs Geddie valued at 25s.

J. & J. Yorston acknowledges receipt of the following for the Foreign Mission:—

Cash 2s 6d from a friend, and 2s 6d from Mrs John McMillan, Toney River; a web of flannel, 31 yards, value £3 2s, and thread 3s, from the Ladies of Salem Church, Green Hill; cash 2s 6d from Mrs Redpath, Carriboo River; a dress for Mrs Geddie of 5½ yards, value 2s 6d per yard, from Miss Catharine McLean, Marsh.

Pictou, September 20, 1856.

The subscriber acknowledges the receipt of the following sums, as the first fruits of the recommendation of the Synod in behalf of the Colportage system:—

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