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THE  
**Home and Foreign Record**  
OF  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

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DECEMBER, 1866.

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**HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD FOR 1867.**

The *Record* for 1866 has had a wider circulation than ever before. Still, we think, there is room for improvement. Only a few congregations come up to the mark that all should attain. A copy of the *Record* should be in every family in connection with our church.

Our terms for 1867 are as follows:—

Single copies, by mail . . . . \$0.60  
Five copies to one address . . 2.50  
Eleven copies “ . . . . 5.00

For every ten copies paid eleven will be sent. Thus, for \$5.00 we send 11 copies; for \$10.00 we send 22 copies,—and so on.

**NEW LIST FOR 1867.**

*The Subscription List is now cancelled; and all subscriptions must be renewed.*

Individual Subscribers and Agents will please bear this in mind, and forward their orders for 1867 as soon as possible.

**ORDERS.**

Send your orders before the end of this month; and, if possible, the money should accompany them.

**ARREARS.**

*All arrears on old orders must be settled before opening a new account.*

**CIRCULATION.**

The increase of our circulation must largely depend on the exertions of Ministers and Elders. Where the office-bearers take an interest in the work it is easy to add largely to the list of subscribers.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**

We have to ask the New Brunswick brethren to make a “*special effort*” to circulate the *Record* in their congregations.—It is now *their* organ; and every part of the Church must learn to take an interest in what is being done in every other part.

**IMPROVEMENT.**

While the *Record* contains as much reading, and is as carefully got up as any periodical of its price, we hope, after this number, to present an improved appearance. Future improvements will, of course, depend on the extent of our resources.

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**HOME MISSIONS.**

It seems necessary that the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces should be often reminded of her position and duty.—She is the largest Presbyterian body in the Lower Provinces, and her Home Missionary efforts should be commensurate with the wants of her extensive field, and her resources to provide supply. Large congregations seldom work and contribute as liberally as those of smaller size, and we fear that the same remark may hold true of religious bodies. We hope better things of the body to which we belong. We trust we have many of the sons of Issachar in all our congregations who will shew their understanding of the times, and of the responsibilities of our position, as intrusted with means, which, if rightly used, will tell long and powerfully and most beneficially on the future of these lands. What is zealously

and well done now for Home Missions, will, with God's blessing, be a theme of joy and thanksgiving to our children and our children's children. Let us not cease to pray and labour and give, for the evangelization of these Provinces in which God has cast our lot.

One of our agencies is the employment of Home Missionaries, chiefly probationers, although also including occasionally ordained ministers and catechists. We give the following list of the probationers and their distribution during this, the closing month of the year :—

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS FOR  
DECEMBER.

Mr. Donald Sutherland,	} <i>New Brunswick</i>	
“ Edward Archibald,		} <i>Presbyteries.</i>
“ Samuel Bernard,		
“ Howard Archibald,	} <i>P. E. Island</i>	
“ J. G. Cameron,		} <i>Presbytery.</i>
“ William Campbell,	} <i>Pictou Presbytery.</i>	
“ A. R. Garvie,		} <i>Truro Presbytery.</i>
“ ——— Watt,	} <i>Cape Breton.</i>	
“ John F. Forbes,		} <i>Halifax Presbytery</i>
“ Simon Fraser,	} <i>Halifax Presbytery</i>	
“ J. R. Bearisto.		} <i>Halifax Presbytery</i>
“ J. Sinclair, <i>supply of Dr. Smith's Pulpit.</i>	} <i>Halifax Presbytery</i>	
“ John W. Nelson,		} <i>Halifax Presbytery</i>
“ Ebenezer McNab,	} <i>Halifax Presbytery</i>	
“ John Forrest.*		} <i>Halifax Presbytery</i>

Here are fifteen missionaries. Some of those are employed in supplying congregations able and willing to remunerate them for their services; but they are all employed during a good proportion of their time in mission stations, where it is not expected that their labours can meet with any adequate pecuniary return. The demand on the funds is therefore continuous, and when our young men are truly doing the work of evangelists, they should surely be provided with “food and raiment,” and furnished with the means of travel to their destinations. If the ox was not to be muzzled while treading out the corn, no reasonable fault can be found with the extent of the payments made to our missionaries. Men of not half the education are receiving more, in nearly all mechanical employments, with no travelling expenses to defray. The receipts of many skilled mechanics is equal

\* Ordination over St. John's church to take place during this month.

to those of two or three missionaries.

One-half of the income of the Home Mission Board is now expended in aiding the weaker and more newly formed congregations of the body. This appropriation is probably in all respects judicious and right. In every christian church the principle of the strong aiding the weak should have its appropriate expression, and in the church of the Lower Provinces it is capable of more extensive application.

If both departments of the work are to go on energetically, a sum of between 2,500 or 3000 dollars must be forthcoming annually. While asking those whom the Lord has blessed to keep these facts before their minds, it must be confessed that the *want of men* is by far the greatest difficulty in our way. We have a list of some 10 stations in New Brunswick, some of them capable, under zealous workmen, of being speedily turned into congregations, but we are only able to send thither four labourers.

If the Foreign Mission Board is calling the church to prayer the Home Mission Board may well join in the cry, and pray that God may send forth more labourers into the harvest, provide the means of support, and incline his people to offer it willingly. We trust that such of our young men as are absent in Canada, the United States and Scotland, may be touched by a conviction of the urgent need of their own native soil, and return to us in the fulness of the Gospel, to spend and be spent for Christ in the wide and destitute field of the Lower Provinces.

Our operations are now conducted in part by the aid of means furnished by worthy persons who have passed away from the church militant. Ordinary contributions should meet ordinary outlay, and such benefactions as those referred to, should be used to meet emergencies or to undertake special operations, which otherwise would be beyond our reach. To use them for ordinary revenue, defeats, to some extent, the design of the donors, which is evidently to *stimulate* and *extend* our Home Mission work, so that the gospel may be carried farther, may reach a greater number of souls, and thus the greatest revenue of praise

and glory be brought to the Redeemer from sinners called by the gospel of His grace, and by the blessing of the spirit prepared for the purity and glory of the divine presence.

## Our Foreign Mission.

### The Board of Foreign Missions

Met at New Glasgow on the 13th ult.—  
Rev. Mr. Stewart, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Bayne, Rev. Messrs. Roy, Walker, and Patterson, and Mr. Roderick McGregor, being present.

Rev. Mr. Patterson was appointed Sec'y *pro tem*. Letters were read from Rev. Drs. Steel and Geddie, from Rev. Mr. McNair, and Captain Fraser of the *Dayspring*.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Geddie, dated August 16th, was ordered to be published, and appears in the present number of the *Record*. The other letters were chiefly on matters of business. The Rev. Mr. McNair has sailed by the *Dayspring*, for the New Hebrides, as one of the missionaries of the Presbyterian Church of the L. Provinces.

The time of the Board was chiefly occupied in managing matters of business.

The Secretary was directed to give notice in the December number of the *Record*, that it is exceedingly desirable that as many Congregations and Sabbath Schools as possible, should bring their collections for the *Dayspring* together by the end of December, and remit the amount without delay, as a remittance of \$1000, being the amount of our annual liability, is already due.

The Chairman submitted the draft of an appeal for united prayer on behalf of Foreign Missions. He was requested to revise and publish it in the *Record* for December, and the Secretary directed to forward copies to the Secretaries of the Mission Boards of the United Presbyterian, Free, and Reformed Presbyterian Churches of Scotland,—the notice to include the English and Irish P. Churches, the London Missionary Society, the Church Missionary Society, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the Presbyterian

Churches of the United States and Canada, and sollicit their co-operation in the object.

On motion, the following resolution was agreed to:—

“Considering the whole state of our Mission, and especially the want of Missionaries, the Board earnestly invite the Church to join in united prayer to the Great Head of the Church, that he would revive the work of former days; and to secure simultaneous effort, recommend that, on the first Sabbath of January, 1867, all the ministers of the church bring the matter before their people, in their public ministrations, in the manner they may consider best fitted for securing the end in view; and also that they be requested to hold meetings for special prayer on Wednesday 9th of Jan'y on behalf of these objects.”

Ordered that a copy of this minute be printed as a Circular and sent to each minister of the Church.

(Condensed from the minutes.)

### INVITATION TO SPECIAL UNITED PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Issued by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of these Provinces.

It is apparent from the manner in which the Lord Jesus Christ sent forth his disciples to propagate his religion, that he intended the Church to be the instrumentality employed by him for the regeneration of the inhabitants of our world. From the view he took of the inhabitants of the earth, when labouring for their regeneration, his sympathies were awakened in view of the vast harvest of souls that required to be gathered unto him in order to be saved. In looking at the field, and the agents then before him, he expressed himself in the following terms: “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”

Among the various instructions which he afforded them in regard to their great work, and the *special* means they were to employ for its accomplishment, are in the above words: “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” The Church, then, that is the community of true believers throughout the world, are the agency he designed to be engaged in the work; and the *special* means to be employed by them

are clearly pointed out in order that the vast field stretched out before his eyes should be supplied with labourers. It is not denied that the church has been praying for the designed purpose of Christ, though it is apparent from her history in the world that she "slept an ill-omened sleep." It is only within the last 60 or 70 years, since apostolic times, that any marked efforts were made for gathering in the vast harvest of souls throughout heathendom. More has been accomplished during this brief period than has been done, or even attempted to be done for 600 or 700 years before it.

The Church, however, has in a great measure been depending on the omnipotence of money for accomplishing the work of conversion in heathen lands; and in her various sections glorying in the sums of money raised, and the number of agencies she has put forth to the work, rather than laboring in the omnipotence of prayer to him who has the hearts of all the agents needed for the work in his hands; and has promised that in answer to believing prayer he will send them forth to his *own work*. It is by prayer to the divine Head of the Church that the desired agency is to be called and sent forth; and, until the church is aroused to engaging in a special manner in invoking him to call and *thrust forth* that agency, the work of heathen conversion will be but very partial. All the money in christendom sent forth, with all the agencies uncalled and unsent by him, will not convert or save a single soul.

Though with adoring gratitude we have to acknowledge the partial awakening of the church from the slumber of ages; and the result of this awakening as shewn in the diffusion of the Gospel in a small degree to nearly every portion of the earth's dominions; still it is yet but the day of small things, in comparison of what may be expected, when special, earnest, persevering prayer, shall be made to Him throughout christendom for the Holy Spirit to convert, regenerate and save perishing souls. He himself has assured us on infallible testimony, that for this important work, "He will be enquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them."

Not many years ago, a call to prayer in behalf of Foreign Missions went forth from a band of Missionaries in the East Indies, which met with a response in many parts of Europe and America; and the result was an awakening in the Church from the torpor into which she had sunk. Missionaries were found in greater numbers to devote themselves to the work of the Lord, conversions in greater numbers were announced from the various agencies among the heathen,—the souls of believers were quickened anew to engage with more heart in this blessed work. It is to be observed also, that in the different periods of revivals in portions of the church, these periods have been preceded by earnest, continuous prayer for the work of God to be revived in the languishing souls of his people.

What is now proposed from this isolated corner of the church, (in distress for labourers like many other sections of the christian vineyard) is to invite all the christian agencies engaged in Foreign Missions to *special prayer*, during a certain time and at a certain period. For evoking the spirit of prayer from all Boards of Foreign Missions, Committees or Associations engaged in Foreign Mission work, it is proposed, that the **FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY QUARTER OF THE YEAR** beginning with the first Monday of January in each year, shall be the special time for these agencies to meet together for *special prayer* in behalf of Foreign Missions. And in order that prayer may be continuous on those days, when the locality on the earth in which each agency is found shall come opposite the sun in his meridian height, then, let that agency enquire in prayer to the Lord of the harvest, that he will call and send forth labourers into his harvest.

Let prayer be thus made from the utmost East, to the utmost point West, where agencies exist, and out of the twenty-four hours of the earth's revolution on its axis, it is probable that during sixteen hours of these days the cry of souls distressed for the condition of the benighted heathen, will be found ascending to the throne of the Eternal One, who has promised to his Son, "That he will give the heathen for his inheritance,

and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession."

Can it be doubted, that believing prayer thus offered in continuous volume from east to west, from north to south on the earth's surface for the work for which the Redeemer now lives in heaven, will be heard?—Can it be doubted that the members of Christ's mystical body, thus assailing his ear, which is ever open to hear, and appealing to his heart which is in harmony with the heart of his church in regard to his redemptive work?—can it be doubted that mighty results will be achieved, that a glorious harvest of souls will be gathered into the eternal granary. Faith says, these prayers will be heard and they will be answered. The spirit of grace will descend in rich effusion on the hearts of those praying; and he who has a perfect control over the hearts of his creatures, will call from their seats of ease, worldly prosperity or gain, the Matthews, and the Pauls, and the Johns, who are to be the heralds of the cross in every clime under heaven.

Against this proposal the croakings of unbelief will be heard. It will be muttered from many a heart, if not expressed by many a mouth, that the proposal is extravagant, chimerical, useless. To attempt to arouse the church to employ so much time in addition to what is already devoted to missionary effort, would be to put a stop to the operations of worldly traffic, and to the gains of the devotees of the world's marketing during these days and hours.

Our reply is, that so long as earthly prosperity and aggrandisement are chosen in preference to the prosperity of the cause of Christ, and the gaining of ruined souls from the gripe of the great destroyer, to the only Saviour of souls, the blessed periods prophesied of, which are yet to visit the earth will be indefinitely postponed, and the regions of eternal darkness will be filled with millions upon millions of the wretched captives of the prince of darkness. The field of heathenism will be a comparative waste for ages to come, and the church will be little better than a *caput mortuum* in the earth, appealing in utter helplessness for agents to carry on the work of the Lord in

the earth, by advertisements in periodicals, instead of making an urgent, earnest, and importunate appeal unto Him, who will summon the needed agents from the marts of business, the halls of science, the schools of theology, and from the inert and lethargic mass of the professedly christian world.

It is the decided conviction of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, that until some extraordinary means are resorted to beyond what at present are in operation in the churches of christendom, we shall be doomed to go down to the grave with the deep sigh arising from the heart, that the year of the redemption of the Lord has not dawned upon us.

Letter from Rev. Mr. Geddie.

Sydney, New South Wales,

August 16th. 1865.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

I must write a few lines to you though I have little of importance to communicate. We have spent some busy, and I trust, not unprofitable weeks in Australia. Many meetings have been held in Victoria and New South Wales, addressed by the various Missionaries. These meetings will tend to deepen and expand the interest already felt in the missionary cause in these colonies. The churches of Australia are likely to become eminently Missionary Churches. Their nearness to the mission field, and the fact that they are so often visited by missionaries will keep the subject of missions always before them. The people also have generous hearts and much wealth, and are always ready to make a liberal response to every good cause presented to them. We are all much indebted to the kind attention of the friends of missions to us during our sojourn here.

The "John Williams" reached Australia a few weeks before us, and we have met her in Sydney. She is a beautiful specimen of naval architecture, and one of the finest ships that sail the seas. She brought out five Missionaries, one of whom will remain in Australia for a few months, on account of the illness of his wife. The others will

proceed to various Islands of Eastern Polynesia.

There were no less than eleven Missionaries in Sydney for some weeks. We all spent a happy day lately at the residence of J. Wright, Esq., Dromoyne Cottage, a few miles from Sydney, on the Parametta River. We went to the place in a steamer provided for us. Our party consisted of the Rev. Mr. Graham, Agent of the London Missionary Society and the Rev. Dr. Steel, Agent of the New Hebrides Missionary Society, Captains Williams and Fraser, the Rev. Messrs. Sutherland, Chalmers, Davis, Savile and Watson of the London Missionary Society, and the Rev. Messrs. Paton, Copeland, M. Nair, Cosh, Neilson and myself, and as we are all married men the presence of our wives just doubled our number. The day was fine, and I believe none of us will soon forget our pleasant meeting under the hospitable roof of the gentleman who invited us.

The "Dayspring" has taken her departure for the Islands. As she was crowded the Rev. Mr. Graham, Agent of the London Missionary Society kindly offered Mr. Neilson and myself a passage in the "John Williams." We expect so sail in a few days, and I long to be on my way to the Islands once more. I was delighted last week with the receipt of a package of letters from the natives, who urge our speedy return. It seems like going home to return to the Islands once more. I am sure that my native friends will not be more glad to see me, than I shall to see them.

You will be glad to hear that the Gospel of Mark in the language of Fate has been printed in Sydney. This is the work of the Rev. D. Morrison who is a laborious and successful missionary. It must be encouraging to you to know that your missionaries have been privileged to reduce the languages of Anciteum, Errumanga and Fate to a written form, and to present to the islanders of the New Hebrides, the first portions of the Word of God in their own language. The tidings which I have received from the islands are favorable on the whole, except the information about Tanna. The millennium which was expected to follow the

warlike visit of the "Curacoa" to that Island has yet to appear. An appeal to physical force, is in my opinion, far more likely to irritate than to soothe the passions of savage men.

The "Dayspring," has I think, tarnished her fair name by giving the sanction of her presence to the recent proceedings on Tanna, but in other respect she is a favourite vessel. She appears to be well fitted for her work, and the Missionaries are delighted with her. May she long continue to be a messenger of light and peace to the islands where the people are still sitting in darkness and in the region and shadow of death. A general impression prevails in Nova Scotia and elsewhere that her expenditure is too great, and I had some feeling of this kind myself. At the suggestion of Captain Fraser I have made enquiries of men of business who are competent to give an enlightened opinion on the subject. The result of my enquiry is that her expenditure, as compared with other vessels, is extremely moderate. She cannot be kept fully equipped for her work at less expense than is now bestowed on her. The sum of £1200 sterling, her estimated yearly expenditure, does not, in these gold regions represent much more than half that amount in Nova Scotia. It must be pleasing to the friends of the mission to know that Capt. Fraser is a universal favourite in the mission, and out of it. His position is a difficult one, but he acts with dignity in it, and seems to please all parties. The missionaries speak of him as the right man in the right place.

We hope in a few days to be on our way to the islands. Remember us and the work in which we are engaged. We need your sympathies, and your prayers, and I trust that these will not be withheld from us.—May God arouse us all to more earnest, more generous, and more prayerful efforts than we have ever yet made for the spread of the gospel.

I remain, Ever yours, &c.,

JOHN GLIDDIE

Rev. James Bayne, D. D.

Sec. B. F. M., P. C. L. C.

## Letter from Rev. W. McCullagh.

ANEITEUM, NEW HEBRIDES, }  
August 27th, 1866. }

Mr. Editor,—I embrace this opportunity of writing a few lines by H.M.S. "Brisk," which will sail to-morrow for Auckland.

During the last two months this island has been visited with an epidemic, which has carried off at least 200 of the population. The symptoms in most cases were those of *diphtheria* followed by marsh fever. Many of the strongest and healthiest natives have been removed, while those more advanced in years have been spared. Little has been done during the prevalence of this disease but administering medicines and attending the sick. But in many cases all medicine was powerless, and the patient sank suddenly, into a premature grave. As many as thirty-two have died at Mr. Inglis's station in one week.

In every case almost at this station those who have lived near the mission premises and were promptly treated, recovered speedily, whilst those living at a distance either died or had a relapse which terminated fatally.

No doubt the intense heat of last summer followed by very cold weather, must have had an effect more or less severe. The throat was first attacked, and then suffocation ensued, or the body was prostrated, and from want of proper nourishment the patient died. The presence and skill of six or more physicians would have been in requisition hourly here for two months. Indeed the numerous daily applications for medicine, prevented me from visiting many at a distance. My attention was required at this station where several of my healthiest servants reside. Some of these were at the point of death, and were saved as by a miracle. The universal practice on this island is to bleed for any pain such as in the head, arm, neck, or legs. Often an artery is severed and difficulty is experienced in trying to staunch the wound. We applied the most approved remedies both internally and externally, and when taken in time generally the patient recovered. But many once useful men and women on Aneiteum are now no more. All human aid was vain.—

The two extremes of heat and cold this year have seriously affected the Aneiteumese.— I am glad to say that this sore epidemic has nearly passed away.

At first we were startled by intelligence of deaths occurring daily amongst those who were the most useful and most unlikely to be removed. But we felt that an overruling providence was near, and in his own time and way would check this sad affliction. We resorted to the mercy-seat, and that God who is the hearer and answerer of prayer heard us and granted our request. Such a season furnished many topics for exhortation and prayer, and we trust that not a few of the more unthinking have been seriously and powerfully impressed.— May the Lord sanctify to this people his dispensations, that they may feel more and more their dependence on Him for life, and breath, and all things.

## VISIT OF H. M. S. "BRISK."

On Wednesday the 15th inst., the *Brisk* arrived here from Samoa. After remaining a few days to get a supply of water, vegetables, etc., she proceeds to Tanna, Erromanga, and Sandwich Islands. As captain Hope had received instructions to visit Tanna and Erromanga and report to the Commodore, it was necessary to furnish him with an interpreter. Accordingly Lathella went to speak in Tannese, and I also went to supplement in English and Aneiteumese. From his knowledge of Tannese the chief Lathella was able to converse with chiefs at Tanna. From my knowledge of Aneiteumese I could converse with Nowar, the christian chief, and of course my knowledge of the English language enabled me to put questions to Lathella from the captain, and answer the captain in like manner.

Accordingly we left Aneiteum on Monday morning, the 20th inst., and reached Taana in the afternoon. We anchored at Port Resolution, the scene of Mr. Paton's labours and trials, and where the *Curacoa* also anchored last year. As soon as a boat could be got ready, captain Hope, Lathella, and I went ashore to ascertain the state of matters. We learned that quietness prevailed, and no danger was to be appre-



headed. Captain Hope was desirous to see the volcano, but doubted the propriety of venturing after the proceedings of the *Cura-coa* last year. All possible inquiries were made, however, from the chiefs who were friendly, as well as the two Aneiteumese teachers now resident at Port Resolution. Next morning, having satisfied Captain Hope as to all particulars about the route, the distance, the tribes, the chiefs, &c., &c., we formed a party of fourteen including six officers from the *Brisk*, and accompanied by the Captain's favourite Newfoundland dog 'Prince.' We engaged the services of a chief who has considerable influence in the district near the volcano, and whom we found a most intelligent and interesting guide.

Having joined us with a party of his men we numbered about twenty-four in all and assayed the heights in the direction of the volcano. To provide for accidents in the ascent or descent, such as spraining, fractures, wounds or fainting fits, we had the valuable services of the Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon. The former is an Ulster-man like myself, and is esteemed for his skill in the healing art. The latter is from Edinburgh and is named Cruikshank. He is the very essence of good-nature. We had also the Chaplain the Rev. J. B. Smyth brother of the Surgeon W. D. Smyth M.D. and also two or three lieutenants.

At first we did not relish the steep ascent and narrow paths, but we soon got more freedom in the joints and ease in our limbs generally. We passed through dense bush reminding Captain Hope of New Zealand and a day in the woods there. He said it was not uncommon to make a way for oneself with an axe, so thick were the branches and so dense the wood. Frequently a stately tree would tempt him to pause and admire, at other times he would single out a fern and compare it with some he had seen. Or he would refer to the Surgeons who from their study of botany would assist him to describe or classify. Meanwhile the chief who lead the way would point out objects of interest, and tell of parties who went pigeon shooting with him. Thus we proceeded till we reached a village where we

paused to get a cocoa-nut with its refreshing milk. Having allayed our thirst, we continued our journey till we approached the smoking mountain. Here a gentle shower cooled our heated skin, and we set off again to reach the height of our ambition.

At length we found ourselves at the edge of the crater. There had just been an eruption and we saw stones hurled away into the air a considerable height, and followed by a dense cloud of smoke and sulphur. The noise of the eruption resembled grape shot in the water, or not unlike the sound of a rocket as it shoots up towards the sky. Several Tannese remained at some distance from the edge of the crater, and when an eruption occurred, and we started back as if afraid of suffocation or getting a shower of stones about our heads, they laughed loud and long at us and seemed to enjoy it very much.

Having satisfied ourselves with the sight of the black mountain, we came down to take a little nourishment, and enjoyed a few biscuits very much. But we had not sat very long till a heavy shower came on and we were forced to beat a hasty retreat. Following our guide or guides (for we now had several) we returned to the village and made some purchases of fowls, vegetables, and yams, which were forthwith conveyed to the boat. When we reached the boat our clothes were drenched, and we used all expedition in changing them. Thus ended our expedition to the burning mountain on Tanna.

Captain Hope had no hesitation in attributing our safety to the result of the *Cura-coa's* proceedings last year. Instead of molesting us, these Tannese were delighted to see us. Had they meditated revenge they could easily have overpowered us, but not the slightest injury was offered to any one of our party.

As for Captain Hope, a more thorough gentleman I have never had the pleasure of knowing. He is a fine scholar, an ardent lover of nature, and a very successful diplomatist. He is very considerate, and has a high sense of honour and the dignity of his office. His men are like himself very efficient, and I venture to say that no ship in

Her Majesty's service is better manned and commanded than the ship *Brisk*. Captain Hope is a gentleman of great literary ability, and often contributes to *Blackwood's Magazine*. No doubt his papers on Samoa will be most interesting. Captain Hope commanded the *Flying Fish* when the Prince of Wales visited Nova Scotia. The *Flying Fish* lay some days at Pictou Harbour.

From Tanna we went to Erromanga and brought Mr. Gordon along to Fil harbour, where we found the *Dayspring* awaiting Mr. Morrison to visit Havannah harbour with the new brethren. The *Dayspring* made the passage from Sydney to Aneiteum in ten days. The *John Williams* with Mr. Geddie and Mr. Neilson is daily expected. The weather has been very cold and stormy for the last week. The *Brisk* had a head wind from Sandwich Island to Aneiteum.

I am, sir, yours truly,  
W. McCULLAGH.

## The Sabbath School.

Lessons for January.

FIRST SABBATH.

SUBJECT:—Psalm xxxiv.

The circumstances which gave rise to this Psalm are described in 1 Sam. xxi. 10-15. *Abimelech*, signifies my father the king, and is a title given to the Philistine kings. The name of this "Abi-Melech" was Achish and he reigned in Gath.

This is one of the Psalms from which we learn the number and order of the Hebrew alphabet. In the original the first verse begins with *Aleph*, (A); the second verse with *Beh*, (B); the third verse, *Gimel*, (G); and so on to the end of the alphabet.

V. 2.—When others in distress would hear David's account of God's gracious dealings with him they would "be glad." The *humble*—the poor; those who are liable to be trodden down by the foot of pride.

V. 5.—*Lightened*, compare Ps. xxxvi. 9. God is light and those who look up to Him will enjoy a share of His light, as the sun warms and lightens objects on which it shines.

V. 6.—*This poor man*, the Psalmist here describes himself. Poverty, and distress make us all the more welcome at a throne of grace.

V. 7.—See examples of the ministry of angels; 2 Kings vi. 17. Also, Lot saved from Sodom, and numerous other examples. See Heb. i. 14.

V. 10.—The lions are the most powerful beast of prey, yet they may suffer hunger; the people who trust in the Lord may be poor and humble, but they shall lack no good thing; "Lions" are used here to signify rapacious, tyrannical and cruel man.

Vv. 12-14.—Compare 1 Peter iii. 8-12.—Note the great evils arising from an evil, violent, unbridled tongue. It destroys peace, creates war, ensures temporal and eternal misery.

Vv. 16, 17.—Mention instances in the life of David and in the lives of other people to prove and illustrate the statements of these verses.

V. 19.—The deliverance may not come as we expect: "the death of martyrs is their deliverance; and the greatest of all deliverances." This is true of the death of every believer: to him it is the end of all trouble and sorrow.

V. 20.—See this promise literally fulfilled in the case of our blessed Lord: John xix. 31-37.

V. 21.—*Desolate*—utterly destroyed.—Christ is the righteous one, and those who hate Him are doomed to certain destruction.

### LESSONS.

1. From v. 1, let us learn the duty of praising God when we are in danger and distress as well as in the time of deliverance: "at all times."

From v. 2, learn the value of declaring our religious experience, telling what the Lord has done for us.

From vv. 3-6, see the duty of social and united worship,—the duty of seeking the Lord and looking to Him as other "poor ones" have done.

4. Angels minister to the heirs of salvation, v. 7,

5. Religion should be a matter of experience, v. 8.

6. From v. 11 there is a lesson to be learned by *teachers*. David was a warrior and a great man, yet he taught children.—What did he teach them?

7. Beware of sins of the tongue! v. 13.

8. The concluding verses are full of encouragement to prayer, and to implicit trust in God, while the sad fate of the wicked is plainly stated.

### DOCTRINE TO BE PROVED.

Safety of those who fear the Lord, Ps. xxxiv. 7, 15, 17. Ps. xxxi. 23. John xvii. 12.

## SECOND SABBATH.

SUBJECT:—*First visit of Moses to Pharaoh, Exodus v. 10.*

V. 1.—Moses and Aaron stand before the King as representatives of their nation.—They were acquainted with court forms and rules, and knew when and how to approach the King. *Lord God of Israel*: this expression occurs here for the first time. His Name is a tower of defence to a nation.

V. 3.—Public worship had been neglected by the Israelites for many years. They asked the King to give them time to discharge their duty to God. They did not tell him of their intention to leave the country. They tried his temper by a mild request at first. They said only what God had put in their mouths (see chap. 3: 12, 18 and this legalizes what they said while it gives no sanction to the general habit of dissimulation.

V. 4.—“*Let*” here means hinder, prevent. The King treated them as demagogues, disturbers of the peace. The Israelites were his slaves and he was resolved not to give them religious liberty lest it should lead to civil liberty.

V. 5.—*Burdens*—hard work. V. 6.—*Task-masters*; Egyptians who were over them: officers, Hebrews who were over the slaves but under the task-masters.

V. 5.—Bricks were made in Egypt by mixing chopped straw with clay and drying them in the sun. This was the work at which the Hebrews were employed. They still lived in Goshen, but vast numbers of their able-bodied men were pressed in alternate gangs to do this work. Arabs and peasants are still subject to forced labour of this sort in Egypt. How could they “gather straw for themselves?” The Egyptian reapers cut off the ear of the corn and left the stalk standing. It was these stalks that the brick makers had to gather for their bricks.

V. 8.—*Tale*—number, lot, appointed quantity. Milton uses the word in this sense. “While each shepherd tells his tale, Under the hawthorn in the dale.”

V. 14.—“The officers were beaten;” these were the Hebrew officers who were each responsible for a gang of labourers. As the nearest fields were bared of stubble the people would have to travel farther and farther for it, in the hot sun, and thus they could not make the usual “*tale*” of bricks. *Beating* is still common in the East. The stick was the favourite instrument of government in Egypt as it is now in China. The person to be beaten is generally taken in hand by five. He is laid flat on the ground. Four hold him down, while the fifth plies the stick.

Vv. 20-23.—The interference of Moses thus led to increased trouble at first. But the darkest hour is before the dawn.

## LESSONS.

1. We should boldly deliver the message with which God entrusts us, v. 1.

2. Ignorance of the nature, the grace and love of the Lord leads to the most fearful sins. Sinners disobey God, and insult Him just because “they know not what they do,” v. 2.

3. It is a duty of the first importance to worship God. But Satan, who holds sinners in bitter bondage, will make their tasks more trying when they first begin to chafe in his fetters. He will set them to make “bricks without straw.” This “brick-making” he will try to persuade them, is far more important than the service of God.

4. The yoke of Satan is greatly more dreadful than that of Pharaoh, and he is harder of heart than that cruel king. Let us not cry to him to let us go, but let us follow Christ to the land of true liberty.—“He is a freeman whom the truth makes free, and all are slaves beside.”

5. When you feel the yoke of Satan heaviest then there is most hope of deliverance.

6. Let us not be impatient, like Moses (v. 22, 23) when the Lord does not give instant answers to our prayers. He is ever watchful over His people.

## DOCTRINE.

The wicked hate the righteous, John xv. 19. 2 Peter ii. 8. Ps. lxxix. 4.

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## News of the Church.

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met on Tuesday the 23d inst., in the Free Church, Charlottetown.—There were present Rev. Messrs. Crawford, Moderator, Campbell, Allan, I. Murray, Munro, Sutherland, Fraser, McNeill, Laird, Ross, Frame, Falconer, J. D. Murray, MacDougall and D. W. Cameron, Ministers; and Messrs. Robertson, John Clark and W. H. Hyde, Elders. The Rev. Mr. Roddick, of West River, Pictou, and Rev. Mr. Simpson of the Halifax Presbytery, being present, were invited to seats as corresponding members. After the reading and sustaining of the minutes of last sederunt, the Presbytery proceeded to a consideration of the matter, regarding which the Rev. Mr. Crawford and his session were cited to appear at this meeting, when the Moderator being an interested

party, vacated the chair, which was taken by Mr. Campbell. After protracted discussion, and a full investigation of the whole case, the following finding was agreed to: That the Presbytery, having heard Mr. Crawford in reference to his connection with the Souris Te-Party, are pleased to learn that he had no part in the arrangements which led to proceedings deemed so objectionable, and that he distinctly disapproves of all such proceedings; but regret that he did not take suitable measures at once to free himself from all public responsibility in the promiscuous dancing complained of.—Mr. Munro dissented from this decision as not condemning the use of all such means as tea parties for raising money for religious purposes. Attention having been called to a communication in the public press from A. Leslie, Esq., in which he admits himself to be a member of the Bay Fortune session, containing sentiments and language inconsistent with his position in the Christian Church, the Presbytery, after due deliberation, agreed to direct the session to deal with Mr. Leslie according to the rules of the Church, and that in the meantime he be suspended, and is hereby suspended from the membership of the church. Messrs I. Murray and A. Falconer were appointed assessors with the Bay Fortune session in this matter.

Papers having been read from Tryon seeking for a moderation in a call to one to be their pastor, it was resolved from the informal character of these papers to remit them to the parties, with instructions that they bring them up in a formal manner and in conjunction with the Bonshaw section of the congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Sutherland placed in the hands of Presbytery the demission of his congregation "with the view of devoting himself to the work of an evangelist in the Home, or the work of a missionary in the Foreign, field." After an expression of friendly feeling, it was agreed that the demission in the meantime lie on the table, and that the congregation be summoned to appear for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. I. Murray read the report of the committee on ministerial support. The report was received and adopted, and authorized to be published in the *Record* of the church, and also in the *Patriot* newspaper. On motion it was resolved that Mr. Murray receive the thanks of Presbytery for his sermon preached at the meeting of Presbytery at Summerside, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it to the *Record* for publication.

Mr. A. Cameron was appointed to supply Mr. Murray's pulpit during his absence at Bay Fortune.

Mr. Fraser reported from the deputation to visit Summerside. The report was received, and the diligence of the committee approved.

The report of Mr. Bearisto of labours within the Tryon, Bonshaw, and Murray Harbour congregations was read and received. The former congregation was urged to use greater diligence to meet the payments of Probationers labouring among them.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the Home Mission Board for one Probationer to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery for the winter.

Adjourned to meet in the Free Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, the 21st. November.

ALEX. FALCONER, *Pres. Clerk.*

This Presbytery met in the Free Church, Charlottetown, on the 21st inst. There were present the Rev. Messrs. Patterson, Moderator, pro tem., Allan, Sutherland, McNeill, Ross, McLean, and Falconer, ministers, and Mr. W. H. Hyde, elder.

Mr. Sutherland reported that the duty in respect to the widow's fund, imposed on him, had been attended to at West River, with prospects of satisfactory results.

Mr. Ross asked for an assessor, to enable him to constitute his Session at Brookfield, which, by the removal of one of his elders from the bounds of the congregation, was left without a sufficient number to constitute. Mr. Sutherland was appointed for that purpose.

Commissioners appeared before Presbytery from the congregation of Tyron and Bonshaw, requesting a moderation in a call to one to be their pastor. After a full discussion as to the state of the congregation, it was agreed to grant their request, and appoint Mr. Falconer to preach in the church in Tryon, on the last Tuesday of December, and moderate in a call.

Mr. McNeill submitted an overture, requesting the Presbytery to adopt it, and transmit it to Synod, desiring the latter body to take into consideration, the propriety of establishing a mission among the Roman Catholics of the Lower Provinces. On account of the small attendance at Presbytery, it was agreed to postpone the discussion of this overture till next meeting.

The Presbytery next proceeded to the consideration of Mr. Sutherland's demission. Messrs Henderson and Walker appeared as commissioners on behalf of the interests of the congregation. They expressed their earnest desire that Mr. Sutherland might continue among them, though not capable of giving that amount of support which they felt he ought to receive. After a full ex-

pression of opinion on the part of the Presbytery, urging Mr. Sutherland to withdraw his demission, he still pressed its acceptance, when the Presbytery agreed to accept the resignation. On motion it was resolved that the following expression of feeling be entered upon the Minutes of Presbytery: "In view of Mr. Sutherland's removal from our midst, the Presbytery agree to record their sense of the diligence and faithfulness with which he has labored during the time he has been in connection with this Presbytery,—regret the withdrawal of so active and useful a member, and express their best wishes for his personal welfare and ministerial usefulness, wherever in the Providence of God he may be called to labor."

The commissioners, on behalf of the congregation, requested the labors of Mr. Sutherland, as long as he may remain upon the Island. Mr. Sutherland having expressed his willingness to accede to this request, it was granted by the Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet in Queen Sq. Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, 30th January, 1867, at 11 o'clock.

#### Presbytery of Truro.

The Presbytery of Truro met at the Folly, Upper Londonderry, on the evening of Tuesday, 30th October. There were present the Rev. Messrs. McGillivray, Moderator; McCulloch, Ross, Wylie and McKay.—The principal business occupying the Court was the proving of Mr. Stewart, with a view to his ordination at Acadia. He had delivered an address and read an exercise and additions at Stewiacke. He now delivered a sermon and was examined in Hebrew, Greek, Church History and Theology as had been prescribed. These trials were, after suitable remarks, cordially sustained, *seriatim et cumulo*. Adjourned to meet at the Folly Mountain, Acadia, on the following morning.

FOLLY MOUNTAIN, Oct. 31, 1866.

The Presbytery of Truro again met, and was constituted by the Rev. J. D. McGillivray, Moderator. The same members were present as on the previous evening. Preliminary matters having been attended to, proceeded with the ordination services. The Moderator preached a highly appropriate and deeply impressive sermon from Job xxiii, 3, "Oh that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat." He described the aspirations of the renewed soul after communion with God. He pointed out the provision made for the soul in divine grace, and the fitness of the church as a place of fellowship with the divine being. He also spoke of the satisfaction afforded by the ordinances of

the House of God as a means of divine fellowship.

The steps being narrated, and the questions of the formula put and answered. Mr. Stewart was set apart to the work of the Ministry and the pastoral oversight of Acadia Congregation by Prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. This part of the service was led by Mr. Ross. Mr. Stewart having received the right hand was addressed by the Rev. Mr. McCulloch. The speaker dwelt on the nature, the trials, the encouragements, and the fruits of the ministerial work. He with great earnestness urged upon him to be devoted in the service of Christ, and to deal faithfully with perishing sinners. Mr. McCulloch seemed on the present occasion to go beyond even his own usual happy tact in this mode of address.

The people were addressed by the Clerk. He presented for their consideration some of the obligations devolving on them to their pastor. Mr. Stewart was then in the usual way welcomed by the people of his charge, after which his name was added to the roll of Presbytery, and he took his seat accordingly. There is every prospect of this being a happy settlement. The mission stations now forming this congregation, with Wallace River had been created into a congregation several years ago. They had then the near prospect of a settlement. In this they were disappointed. Wallace River was soon thereafter transferred by Synod to the Tatamagouche Presbytery. The Presbytery of Truro, owing to movements in another denomination, was then induced with respect to the other three stations, to await the leadings of Providence. Matters thus remained until about a year ago, when the Presbytery, feeling persuaded they ought again to supply the stations with the view of their ultimately obtaining a pastor, applied to the Mission Board for supply of preachers. Mr. Stewart had a short time before that returned from Edinburgh, whither he had gone to finish his studies, had been licensed and had preached during a few weeks. He being at the disposal of the Board was sent as the first preacher. The people of all the stations at once set their affections upon him as their pastor. Other able young men followed him but the attachments of the people were unshaken. He is thus their first minister, the first and only object of their choice, and the first preacher sent to revive the cause among them. We hope they will now do by him as we feel confident he will do by them.

The Presbytery is appointed to meet at Stewiacke, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 11 o'clock, forenoon. A full attendance of members is requested.

A. L. WYLIE, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met on the 22nd ult., in Hopewell Church, for the visitation of the congregation, and was constituted by the Rev. Alexander Sutherland, Moderator, with whom were present the Revs. David Roy, George Walker, A. P. Miller, D. P. Blair, George Patterson, Jas. Thompson John Mackinnon, A. J. Mowatt, Alex. McL. Sinclair, Ministers, and Messrs. Donald Ross, George MacKay, and Alex. Munroe, ruling elders.

The Rev. John Sutherland preached from 2 Cor. iii. 6,—“Hath made us ministers of the spirit,” with his usual earnestness and vigor. The Rev. George Patterson was appointed Clerk, pro. tem.

The Rev. Angus McGillivray, being present was invited to correspond and took his seat accordingly.

The Rev. Lauchlan MacDonald presented a certificate of being a Minister of the Free Church of Scotland from the Free Presbytery of Edinburgh, and having declared his readiness to sign the Formulas of our church, he was received as a minister of this church, and on invitation took his seat as a corresponding member of Presbytery.

The Presbytery then proceeded with the visitation of the congregation, when the usual questions of the Formula was put to the ministers, elders, session and managers, and satisfactorily answered. It appears that considerable attention is given to Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes and Prayer Meetings, and that the elders visit the families in their districts and pray with them. Besides contributing in an average degree to all the schemes of the church this congregation has paid its pastor during the last two years £192, and £184, being £42, and £34 respectively above the stipend promised. The Presbytery expressed itself as satisfied with the state of this congregation, highly commended it for its growing liberality in supporting the gospel, and strongly urged upon it the duty and necessity of pursuing this progressive career. During the last two years it has demonstrated its ability to exceed the stipulated stipend, a sum now found to be far too inadequate to meet the requirements of a minister's house. For it again to go back to this sum would be retrograding and disgraceful. The Presbytery sanguinely entertain the hope, knowing the liberal character of this congregation, its growth in numbers, the largely improved circumstances of the members, the large sums of money disbursed within its bounds in Railway construction, and its favourable position in being in the neighbourhood of extensive mining operations, and in enjoying all the advantages which a railway run-

ning through its whole length can afford, that the yearly amount paid to its pastor in the future will not be less than what it has fully demonstrated itself able to pay during the two past years. It was the conviction of the Presbytery that this congregation could with much greater ease pay £200 a year in its present circumstances, than it could £150 eight years ago, when its pastor was settled over it.

The congregation of Lochaber and Goshen applied for a moderation, which was granted, and the Rev. C. B. Pitblado appointed to preach in Lochaber Church on the 7th Nov. and moderate in a call to one to be their pastor.

Mr. Watt, probationer, having presented a commission from the Colonial Committee of the F. C. of Scotland appointing him to this Presbytery was received as a probationer into this church, and appointed to labour in Mr. Stewart's congregation, New Glasgow during the ensuing six months.

Commissioners from Earlton congregation being present, and having given the Presbytery the assurance that all the arrears due their former minister would be satisfactorily paid, their call to the Rev. Lauchlan McDonald was sustained and accepted by him.

The Presbytery then agreed to meet in Earlton Church on Tuesday the 9th Nov. at 11 A. M., for the induction of Mr. McDonald as pastor over that congregation, the Rev. A. McL. Sinclair to preach, the Moderator to preside, the Rev. Dr. Bayne to address the minister and the Rev. Mr. MacKinnon the people.

The Rev. Alex. Sutherland was appointed to preach there on the Fourth Sabbath of November, and serve the Edict.

The Presbytery having heard that the Rev. Dr. McCurdy, Chatham, has been for some time laid aside from active duty by bodily illness, and also subjected to some family affliction deeply sympathize with him appoint Mr. Mowatt during the first three Sabbaths of November to render him any assistance he may require.

Mr. John Franklin Forbes having presented a certificate of license from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, U.S., was received as a probationer in this church.

The Presbytery appointed to meet in Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 20th Nov. at 11 o'clock, a.m., for ordinary business.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Earlton church on the 6th inst., for the induction of the Rev. Lauchlan Macdonald, as Minister of that Congregation, and was constituted by the Rev. Alex. Sutherland,

Moderator, with whom were present, the Revds. David Roy, Dr. Bayne, George Patterson, John McKinnon and Alexander McL. Sinclair, Ministers, and Hugh Gunn, Elder.

The Rev. Hector Mackay of River John, being present was invited to sit as corresponding member.

It was also pleasant to see the Revds. Mr. McMillan of Earltown, and Mr. McCunn of River John manifesting their interest in the proceeding of the day by their presence.

The Rev. Alex. Sutherland returned the Edict to the Presbytery duly served and was read again by the Rev. George Patterson to the assembled Congregation. After a reasonable time had been allowed and no objections being offered by any of the people the Presbytery then agreed to proceed with the induction.

Mr. Sinclair preached from Acts xx. 28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers."

Mr. Sutherland narrated the steps which had been taken to procure this call, put the usual questions of the Formula to Mr. Macdonald which were satisfactorily answered, and offered the induction prayer.

Dr. Bayne addressed the Minister from the words "Barnabas was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost, and of faith, and much people was added unto the Lord," setting before him the personal character of Barnabas, the spiritual gifts and graces with which he was so largely endowed, and the remarkable success which attended his labours as an example worthy of his imitation, and also of all the Ministers of Christ.

The Rev. Mr. Mackinnon addressed the people, directing them to receive their newly inducted pastor as the Ambassador of Christ invested with authority to teach, exhort and rebuke them, to render unto him all due obedience and subjection in the Lord, to sustain him in all the ministerial labours among them by their prayers, sympathies and attendance on Divine Ordinances, and liberally to furnish him with that temporal support suitable to his position in society as a christian minister.

The Rev. Mr. Sutherland as the former pastor of this Congregation gave the people an earnest valedictory address, commending them to the grace of God, urging upon them to manifest towards their new minister, the love, respect and sympathy which they so largely manifested towards himself while their minister.

Mr. Macdonald was then in the usual manner welcomed at the door by the retiring congregation, was introduced by Mr. Sutherland to the Session, had his name

placed on the roll of Presbytery, and took his seat accordingly.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet according to previous appointment in Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday 20th inst., at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Concluded with the Benediction.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

THE RECORD.—The present number closes the sixth volume of the *Home and Foreign Record*. Our columns are this month freighted with figures more than we could desire. This, we believe, will be avoided in future. It has been our pleasing duty throughout the year to convey a large amount of valuable information with regard to progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom in connection with our own and other churches. Each year seems more eventful than its predecessor. The readers of the *Record* may fairly hope that for them 1867 will not be less interesting than 1866. We have to ask all our friends to aid in increasing our usefulness and helping the operations of the Church by adding to the number of our readers. There are few families but can spare fifty cents for a *Record* if they only try.

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SIGNIFICANT!—First class Teachers receive better salaries than most of our Ministers. Is it any wonder that the ranks of the theological students are thinning?

### Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met on the 21st of Nov. in the College Hall. Present Rev. James Maclean, Moderator; Revs. Dr. King, P. G. McGregor, W. Maxwell, Prof. McKnight A. Stuart, E. A. McCurdy, and A. Simpson, ministers, and Dr. Forrest, W. Anderson and R. Murray, Elders. In the absence of Rev. W. Murray, Mr. Robert Murray was appointed clerk, *pro tem*. Mr. John Forrest being present signified his acceptance of the call from St. John's Church, and his trials for ordination occupied the whole forenoon sederunt. The trials were all highly satisfactory and were unanimously sustained. His ordination is to take place on the second Wednesday of December at 7 o'clock, p. m. Mr. Simpson to preach; the moderator to preside; Mr. Maxwell to address the minister and Mr. McCurdy the people.

In the afternoon a number of reports were read and approved. Messrs. James D. Murray and Stephen G. Lawson were examined with a view to entering the Hall for the third year. Mr. Joshua Burgess was examined for the first year. All the examinations were satisfactory, and the students were certified accordingly. Mr. Robert Murray applied for further leave for Rev. William Murray to abstain from his ministerial duties on account of his health. Leave was granted; and the following supply was appointed for his congregation: First Sabbath of December, Rev. William Forlong. Second Sabbath of December, Rev. H. D. Steele.

Papers from South Cornwallis were again read asking for a Supplement from the Home Mission Board. The Presbytery directed the Clerk to inform the Session that no supplement can be granted to any congregation but by the Synod, and that at this distance of time from the meeting of Synod, the Presbytery decline to give any favorable reply.—The next meeting of Presbytery will be held (D.V.) in the College Hall, on the second Wednesday of December, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

### Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery held four meetings for Presbyterial visitation on the 5th and 6th of Nov. in the various sections of the congregation of Wallace, the Cove, Wallace Village, the Gulf Shore, and Pugwash. Divine Service was held in all these places, conducted by the Rev. J. Watson at Wallace Village, and the Gulf Shore, and by the Rev. T. Sedgwick at the Cove and Pugwash.

The usual questions were put and answered in a satisfactory manner. It was evident that all parties were faithful and efficient in the discharge of duty, and that the congrega-

tion was steadily advancing in all that pertains to the true well-being of a Christian people. In no part of the congregation was evidence of progress more discernible than in Pugwash where chiefly through the exertions of Mr. Munro, a commodious, and comfortable place of worship has lately been opened, with most encouraging prospects of success.

On the following day, Nov. 7th. the Presbytery met at Goose River for the same purpose. After sermon by the Rev. John Munro, substantially the same report has to be made of this congregation. It is yet with them in some respects a day of small things, but there is every reason to think that their worst difficulties have been surmounted, and that their future is full of promise.

A letter was read from the Presbytery of Truro, complaining of irregularity on the part of Rev. W. S. Darragh, in preaching and dispensing ordinances at River Hebert, which place they assert is within their bounds. The Presbytery unanimously agreed that before taking any steps in the matter the Presbytery of Truro be respectfully requested to point out the grounds on which they make the assertion that River Hebert is included within their bounds.

The Presbytery agreed to give monthly service to Wentworth during the winter. The Rev. J. Watson to begin the same on the Second Sabbath of December.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Tatamagouche on the fourth Tuesday of January.

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**THANKSGIVING.**—A day of public thanksgiving was held last month in Nova Scotia. Have we not all a great many reasons for gratitude for the GIVER OF ALL GOOD? Surely we have; and there are many ways in which we can express our feelings. The poor are always with us.—The heathen are waiting for the light of the Gospel. Our Home Missions need to be better supported and more widely extended. The ministers of the Gospel need to be better paid. Within our own beloved Zion, and outside of it, there are many channels for our beneficence.

### LETTERS FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES.

The January number of the *Record* will contain valuable letters from the South Seas. Now that Rev. Dr. Geddie and Mrs. Geddie are at their post we hope to have more than the usual supply of Missionary Letters.



## ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

## The Foreign Mission of the P. C. of the L. P.

		<i>In account with Abram Patterson, Treasurer.</i>		Cr.
1865.			£381	1 6
May 30.	By balance on hand.....			19 1 11
June 25.	" New London and Summertield, £22 18s. 4d., P.E.I. cy.....			5 8 4
	" Blue Mountain, 57s. 10d.; French River, 50s. 6d.....			1 11 10½
	" Miss V. Dinwoodie, Roger's Hill, Rev. J. Sutherland's congregation .			10 10 0
	" Sabbath School, Prince Street Church, Pictou.....			7 8 3½
	" Central Church, West River.....			3 15 0
June 29.	" Queen Square Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I.....			10 10 0
	" River John, 90s.; Blue Mountain, £6.....			9 10 0
	" Barney's River, 40s.; Debert River, £7 10s.....			6 2 6
	" West Cornwallis, 22s. 6d.; Rev. W. G. Forbes' congregation, £5....			25 11 3
	" Princetown, P.E.I. cy., £30 13s. 6d.....			8 2 4
	" Newport and Kempt.....			1 8 6
	" Collection in Church, Harvey, N.B.....			12 2 6
	" Mrs. Johnston, Harvey, 12s. 6d.; West Bay, C.B., £11 10s.....			4 11 1½
	" Malagawatch, 5s. 6d.; collection Shelburne congregation 85s. 7½d....			13 10 0
	" Bedeque, £16 4s. P.E.I. cy., N. S. cy.....			0 10 2
	" Mr. Jameson, half ridge, 10s. 2d.....			14 1 6
	" St. Ann's and North Shore, £8 2s. 10d.; Economy and Five Is- lands, £5 18s. 8d.....			50 5 0
	" Jas. Crow, Upper Economy, 5s.; Sydney, per Rev. Dr. McLeod, £50.....			5 18 4
	" Middle River, 65s.; Lake Anslie, 53s. 4d.....			9 0 0
	" Musquodoboit, Upper Settlement. 90s.; Middle do, 90s.....			5 3 6½
	" Collection at do., per Rev. Dr. Geddie.....			4 5 0
	" Mill Village Missionary Society, Middle Settlement.....			21 1 11
	" Middle Stewiacke, £9 1s. 6d.; Knox Ch., N. Glasgow, £12 0s. 5d.....			13 0 4
	" Shubenacadie, Gay's River and Lower Stewiacke.....			0 3 1½
	" Central Church, West River, per L. Miller.....			0 2 6
	" A Friend, Harvey, N.B.....			8 11 9
	" North Cornwallis, 46s. 9d.; Nine Mile River, £6 5s.....			7 9 7½
	" Wallace, £6 7s. 1½d.; Clifton congregation, £1 2s. 6d.....			3 10 7½
	" Richmond Bay, Grand River.....			12 5 7½
	" Sydney Mines, £11 15s. 7½d.; Wentworth, 10s.....			12 13 11
	" Glenelg.....			2 0 0
	" Collection by S. S. Society, St. John's Church, Miramichi, per Rev. J. McCurdy.....			3 10 6
	" do. Miss Rainey, Bathurst, 57s. 6d.; Parrsboro', 12s. 6d.....			0 2 6
	" Robert M'Loney, boy, by Mr. Geddie.....			1 10 0
	" Sheet Harbour, 25s.; Miss Jane W. Waddell, 5s.....			21 19 0
	" Upper Stewiacke, £16; Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, £5 19s.....			22 15 5
	" L. Londonderry, £12 4s. 5d.; St. John's Ch., Halifax, £10 11s.....			14 2 6
	" Onslow congregation, £12 2s. 6d.; Gabarous, C.B., 40s.....			6 12 9
	" Baddeck, C.B., 85s.; Lawrencetown, 47s. 9d.....			1 5 0
	" Thank offering from a member of Rev. J. D. McGillivray's con.....			47 15 0
	" Synod of Presbyterian Church, N.B.....			10 15 0
	" Leitch and Bauld's Creek, £2; Earltown and Roger's Hill, £8 15s.....			0 10 0
	" Murray Harbour, per Rev. H. McMillan, 12s. P.E.I. cy.....			2 11 3
	" Collection meeting at Earltown, by Rev. J. Geddie.....			7 18 9
	" Boulardarie, C. B., £6 6s 3d.; Goose River, 32s 6d.....			7 5 0
	" Dartmouth, 80s.; Browns Creek, P. E. I., 65s.....			5 6 8
	" Dnddas, 16s. 8d.; Tatamagouche, 90s.....			40 5 8
	" James' Church, N. G., £31 1s. 8d.; Col do. at Address of Rev. Mr. Geddie, £9 4s.....			5 18 0½
	" St. John's Church, Albion Mines at address by Mr. Geddie.....			13 6 6
July 14.	" Richmond Bay East and Summerside. P. E. I.....			2 16 6
	" Rogers Hill Congregation.....			4 0 0
	" Ladies' Penny a Week Society, Primitive Church N. G.....			3 7 9
	" Hugh McDonald, Piedmont, 3s. 1½d.; Mabou, 64s. 7½d.....			0 2 6
	" James Robt. Black, Mabou, (a little boy) for Dayspring.....			0 18 3
	" Juv. Miss. Society West St. Peters, P. E. I.....			25 7 6
	" Collection at Miss. Meeting Chatham, per Rev. Mr. Geddie.....			10 12 6
	" do do Richibucto.....			0 5 0
	" S. F. McCurdy to buy Testaments for heathen children.....			0 17 6
	" Add'l Shubenacadie, Stewiacke and Gays River.....			0 2 6
	" Miss Johnston, Truro.....			99 2 3½
	" Am't col. by Mr. Geddie in Canada, £169 13s., £10 10s. 8½ not paid,			

	By A friend per S. Bernard, 5s. I. cy.....	0	4	2
	" 2 little Boys Garden per Rev. G. Patterson.....	0	4	0
	" Juv. Miss. Society Noel, 50s.; Hopewell, £6 10s.....	9	0	0
	" Lower Selmah Miss. Society.....	2	12	0
	" Rockville Miss. Society, Maitland.....	4	18	0
	" West River and Brookfield, P. E. I.....	1	19	2
	" East St. Peters P. E. I., £6 13s. 1½d.; Bay Fortune, 54s. 10d.....	9	7	11½
Sept	" Glenelg 50s.; Contribution Free St Andrews, St. John, N. F. £10.....	12	10	0
	" Church Ladies' Penny a Week Society.....	1	0	0
	" Churchville do do.....	4	0	0
	" Fish-Pools do do.....	2	10	0
	" A Friend, Back Meadows, Pictou.....	0	5	0
	" Col. at Mr. Geddie's Miss. Meeting Cape Breton per Rev. A. Ross.....	62	0	0
	" West River Congregation. per Rev. G. Roddick.....	8	14	1½
	" Contributions Nova Scotia and P. E. I., per Rev. Mr. Geddie.....	25	4	3
	" New Annan Miss. Society, for 1864.....	2	14	4½
	" Lower Onslow Benevolent Society.....	5	0	0
	" Maitland Juv. Miss. Society.....	8	10	6½
	" Lower Selmah do do.....	3	8	9½
	" Rockville do do.....	2	7	1½
	" 2d Congregation Maitland and Noel.....	5	0	7½
	" Cavendish, P. E. I., Rev. I. Murray's Cong.....	4	10	3
	" Col. by a friend to New Hebrides Mission.....	0	18	8½
	" Ladies' Penny a Week Society, Central Church. West River.....	1	14	7½
Nov. 20	" Whycoomah 77s. 3d.; Little Narrows 14s. 3d., per R. McGregor....	4	11	6
	" Add'l West Bay, C. B.....	1	0	0
	" Proceeds of tea-meeting Noel.....	15	0	0
	" Donation from J. McAllister, Moncton.....	5	0	0
	" do Mr. Wm. Logan, Upper Stewiacke.....	2	17	7½
	" A friend, to print Book of Psalms in Anceiteumese.....	12	10	0
Decr. 2.	" Collected farewell meeting at New Glasgow with Mr Geddie, for printing psalms in Anceiteumese.....	16	10	0
	" Princetown. P.E.I., Sabbath School, for expense of Dayspring.....	2	5	0
	" Primitive church, N.G., taken first Sabbath in month.....	25	0	0
	" From a friend, 25s.; Mabou, per I. Murray, 60s.....	4	5	0
1866.				
Febry.	" Antigonish, £7; Robert Smith, Truro, £46 16s. 4d.....	53	16	4
	" Legacy late J. Cameron, elder, Knox church, New Glasgow.....	30	0	0
	" Salem church, being half a missionary salary, 9 mos.....	56	5	0
	" Primitive church, New Glasgow, additional.....	2	0	0
	" A friend at Mabou.....	2	0	0
	" Sabbath School Central church, Hamilton, C.W., for Dayspring, per Dr. Ormiston.....	6	5	0
	" Dr. Jennings' congregation, Toronto, annual collection.....	12	10	0
	" A member Central church, West River.....	0	15	0
April.	" Sabbath School class, Tatamagouche.....	0	19	3
	" Maitland Juvenile Missionary Society.....	2	11	10½
	" Rockville Missionary Society, Maitland.....	2	13	5½
May.	" Children of Sabbath School under pastorate of Dr. Taylor, Gibson, Montreal.....	7	10	0
	" Ladies Missionary Society, Tatamagouche.....	14	9	4
	" Brackley Point, section Rev. J. Allan's congregation.....	1	13	4
	" Rev. A. Fraser's congregation, Alberton, P.E.I.....	22	10	0
	" Congregation West Point, Campbelltown and Brae.....	3	6	8
	" Tryon congregation, collected by Miss E. Thompson.....	0	16	8
	" Rev. Mr. McDougall's congregation, New London, South.....	13	14	11
	" Wallace, per Rev. J. Munro.....	6	18	0
	" Lagan S. School, per Rev. D. B. Blair, for Dayspring.....	0	10	11
	" Collection Prince Street church, Pictou.....	21	10	11
	" From per Rev. W. Reid, Toronto.....	4	0	0
	" Avan Bank, do do.....	1	6	6
	" Pupils Miss Ferrior's School, Caledonia.....	1	0	0
	" Robert Smith, Esq., Truro.....	1	0	0
	" Little Harbour congregation.....	2	18	0
	" A. K. McKinlay, Halifax.....	121	7	6½
May 26.	" Legacy paid by Executors late John Yorston.....	500	0	0
31.	" First congregation Maitland and Noel, per Rev. J. McLellan.....	2	1	10½
	" Bank interest on £600 for 6 mos., at 4 per cent.....	12	0	0

		Dr.	
1865.			
June 20.	To Dr. Bayne's order, paid himself.....	£10	0 0
	do. do. W. Johnston.....	9	7 6
	" Mr. Geddie's expenses to and at Miramichi.....	5	0 0
July 14.	" Rev. Mr. Geddie's travelling expenses to Canada, &c.....	57	2 6
	do. for photographs.....	5	0 0
Aug.	" Order paid Alfred McDaniel, balance wages.....	24	0 8½
	" Widows' and Orphans' Fund for Messrs. Geddie, Morrison, Gordon and McCulloch.....	20	0 0
Octr. 24.	" Order paid Rev. J. Geddie.....	150	0 0
	" " Capt. Fraser.....	62	10 0
	" " Mr. Wm. Johnston.....	9	7 6
Decr. 6.	" Remitted Rev. J. Geddie to Halifax.....	16	10 0
1866.			
Jany.	" Order paid Mr. James Patterson.....	0	15 0
Feb'y.	" Paid Dr. Bayne, per receipt.....	700	0 0
	" " \$521.71.....	130	8 6½
	" " " from A. K. McKinlay, Halifax.....	86	12 11½
	" " " per receipt and order.....	15	0 0
	" " George Hattie, per order.....	2	5 0
	" " James Barnes.....	40	12 6
	" " Dr. Bayne, £20 stg.....	25	0 0
	" " Rev. Mr. Sinclair, per order Dr. Bayne, supplying Rev. J. Stewart's congregation.....	2	10 0
	" " Rev. Dr. Bayne's order to H. McDonald, Pictou.....	10	0 0
May 31.	" " Rev. Dr. Bayne, his order.....	15	0 0
	" Commission on £1837 at 2½ per cent.....	45	18 3
	" Balance.....	787	3 4½
		£2230	3 10
May 31.	By balance brought down.....	£787	3 4½

## Educational Board.

In account with ABRAM PATTERSON, Treasurer.

		Cr.	
1865.			
June 29.	By Balance of account.....	£323	7 1
1866.			
May 26.	Legacy late John Yorston.....	500	0 0
31.	Monies received for education to date from Seminary account.....	286	1 4
	Loaned monies returned since 1st June, 1865.....	310	0 0
	Interest received during the year.....	485	19 1
	Interest on deposit receipt for £125, being par of the above balance deposited in Bank.....	7	17 7½
		£1913	5 1½
		£8743	4 2
		Dr.	
1865.			
June 29.	To salary paid Rev. Dr. Smith.....	£60	0 0
Aug. 15.	" Professor Lyall, half year.....	150	0 0
Sept. 1.	" Rev. J. Ross D.D.....	150	0 0
	" Rev. A. McKnight.....	62	10 0
1866.			
Jany. 1.	" Professor Lyall, half year.....	150	0 0
	" Rev. J. Ross.....	150	0 0
March 1.	" Rev. A. McKnight.....	62	10 0
	Paid D. McCulloch, Executor late Thos. McCulloch, for interest.....	12	0 0
	" Robert Smith, account against Seminary building, Truro.....	28	17 3½
	Commission on £1303 16s. 8½d. at 2½ per cent.....	32	11 11
	Balance.....	1054	15 11
		£1913	5 1½
June 1.	By balance on hand.....	£1054	15 11
	Amount invested.....	7688	8 3

## Seminary Fund.

In account with ABRAM PATTERSON, Treasurer.

		CR.		
1865				
June	By Rec'd from Wallace Congregation .....	£1 10 4½		
	" West River, per Rev. G. Roddick.....	1 15 0	Augt	" Ad'l from Shubenacadie, L. Stewiacke, Gays River .....
	" Knox Church, Pictou... 3 5 0			0 16 7
	" Central Ch. West Riv... 6 4 1½			" Brookfield..... 2 9 4½
	" New London and Summerfield.....	1 13 4		" Middle Stewiacke.... 2 9 4½
29	" River John.....	1 0 0		" 2d Cong. Maitland.... 4 12 0
	" Glenelg.....	6 0 1½		" W. Riv. & Brookfield P.E.I 0 5 6½
	" West Cornwallis.....	0 5 0		" East St. Peters..... 1 10 0
	" Little Harbour.....	0 17 0		" Bay Fortune..... 0 10 0
	" Gabarus C. B.....	0 5 0		" Knox Church, Pictou... 5 8 0
	" Princetown, P. E. I., Cy., £7 14 0.....	6 8 4	Octr	" Col. Merigomish Church 4 2 10½
	" Newport and Kempf....	8 2 4		" Cavendish P. E. I. Rev. J. Murray's Cong.... 1 1 3
	" West Bay, C. B.....	1 0 0		" Col. Prince St Ch. Pictou 7 9 9
	" Coll. Harvey N.B.....	1 3 11		" Ladies' Penny a W'k Sy Central Ch. W. River. 1 14 8
	" Economy and F Islands 2 11 3		Decr 7	" Summerside P.E.I. 1865. 3 0 0
	" Sydney, C. B.....	10 0 0	9	" Prince St Ch, Pictou ad'l 3 13 4
	" Knox Church, N. G.... 5 15 0		1866	
	" Shubenacadie, Gays Riv and L. Stewiacke... 4 10 0		Feb'y	" Mabou Cong..... 5 0 0
	" North Cornwallis..... 2 10 0			" Antigonish..... 2 9 6
	" Nine Mile River..... 10 0 0			" Robert Smith, Truro... 16 1 ½
	" Parrsboro..... 0 12 6			" Brookfield..... 1 11 3
	" Upper Stewiacke..... 14 0 0			" Salem Ch. Green Hill... 6 0 0
	" Bedeque, £6 3 P.E.I. cy, 5 2 6		April	" Knox Church, N. G.... 3 0 0
	" Lunenburg & Mahone Bay 5 0 0			" A Member Central Ch. West River..... 0 10 0
	" Sherbrooke..... 2 10 0			" 2d con. Maitland & Noel 5 2 0
	" Lower Londonderry..... 10 0 0			" Maitland Juv. Miss. S'y 0 8 6
	" Onslow..... 3 12 6			" Capt. McDonald Selmah 1 5 0
	" Baddeck, C. B.... 1 18 8			" River John congregation 2 3 0
	" Legacy from Late J. Logan per Rev. Dr. Smith 5 0 0			" Brackley Point Sec. Rev. J. Allan's Cong. .... 0 8 4
	" Lawrencetown..... 1 3 10½			" Rev. Allan Fraser's con. Alberton, P. E. I..... 4 3 4
	" Mrs. Putnam, Widow, M Stewiacke, per Rev. J. D. McGillivray..... 1 0 0			" Con. West Point, Campbelltown, and Brae... 3 3 4
	" Boulardarie..... 4 11 3			" Wallace, Rev. J. Munro 0 18 11
	" Goose River..... 0 5 6			" A.K. Mackinlay, Halifax. 47 10 8
	" Dartmouth..... 2 10 0			
	" Brown's Creek, P. E. I. 2 1 8			
	" Woodville, P. E. I..... 1 0 3			
	" Tatamagouche..... 5 10 0			
	" Primitive Church, N. G. annual collection..... 14 10 8			
				£293 7 10
			1866	
			To Commission on £293 at 2½ per cent. ....	£7 6 6
			" Balance credited to... Educational Board. .286	1 4
				£293 7 10

## Home Mission Fund.

In account with ABRAM PATTERSON, Treasurer.

		CR.
1865.		
June 29.	By New London and Summerfield.....	£2 14 3
	" Central Church, West River.....	6 10 4
	" Queen's Square church, Charlottetown, £2 13s. 3½d.; River John, 70s. 6 3 3½	
	" Blue Mountain, 97s. 3½d.; Barney's River, 40s. 2½d.....	6 17 6
	" Glenelg, £11 18. 10½d.; Debert River, £6 10s.....	18 8 10½
	" West Cornwallis, 45s. 6d.; Rev. W. G. Forbes' congregation, £6.....	8 6 6
	" Little Harbour, 26s. 6d.; Gabarus, C. B., 20s.....	2 5 6
	" Princetown, £11 11s. 4½d.; S. School for Labrador, £2 1s. 0½d.....	14 0 5
	" Newport and Kempf, £8 2s. 4d.; Col. in church, Harvey, 34s. 5d....	9 16 9
	" Mrs. Johnston, Harvey, 12s. 6d.; West Bay, C.B., 25s.....	1 17 6
	" Malagawatch, 15s.; St. Ann's and North Shore, £5.....	5 15 0
	" Collection Shelburne congregation, 55s.....	2 15 0
	" Bedeque, £6, I. cy., £5; Economy and Five Islands, 97s.....	9 17 0
	" Sydney, &c., per Rev. Dr. McLeod.....	20 0 0
	" Musquodoboit, Middle Sett., 48s. 9½d.; Upper Sett., 51s. 8d.....	5 0 5½
	" Mill Village Missionary Society, Middle Sett., 43s. 11½d.....	2 3 11½

	By Middle Stewiacke, £18 3s. 1½d.; Knox church, N. G., £7 16s. 7d.	25	19	8½
	" Shubenacadie, Gay's River and Lower Stewiacke.	12	11	4½
	" A friend, Harvey, N.B., 2s. 6d.; North Cornwallis, 80s.	4	2	6
	" Nine Mile River, £15; Wallace, £3 18s. 2d.	18	18	2
	" Richmond Bay and Grand River, 43s. 10d.; Wentworth, 10s.	2	13	10
	" Sabbath School, St. John's church, Miramichi.	2	0	0
	" Parrsboro', 20s.; Sheet Harbour, 40s. 9½d.	3	0	9½
	" Miss Jane N. Waddell, 10s.; Upper Stewiacke, £14.	14	10	0
	" Lunenburg and Mahone Bay.	7	10	0
	" Bridgewater, £5; Lower Londonderry, £31 5s.	36	5	0
	" Rev. K. McKenzie, Baddeck.	3	10	0
	" Lawrencetown, 47s. 9d.	2	7	9
	" Thank-offering of a member Rev. J. D. McGillvray's congregation.	1	5	5
	" Benevolent Society, Onslow, 50s.; Ladies Society, do, 40s.	4	10	0
	" Leitch and Bauld's Creek, 40s.; Earlton and Roger's Hill, 87s. 6d.	6	7	6
	" Murray Harbour, Rev. H. McMillan's congregation, 45s., 1. cy.	1	17	6
	" Boularderie, C.B., £16 16s. 3d.; Goose River, 7s. 6d.	17	3	9
	" Dartmouth, 80s.; Brown's Creek, P.E.I., 33s. 4d.	5	13	4
	" Woodville, P.E.I., 47s. 1d.; Dundas, P.E.I., 50s.	4	17	1
	" James church, N.G., £12 1s. 6d.	12	1	6
	" Richmond Bay East and Summerside, P.E.I.	2	12	6
	" Ladies Penny-a-week Society, Primitive church, N.G.	5	0	0
	" Additional from Shubenacadie, Lower Stewiacke and Gay's River.	0	14	0
	" Juvenile Missionary Society, Noel, 50s.	2	10	0
	" E. B. East River, 30s.; Hopewell, Rev. J. McKinnon, £5.	6	10	0
Sept.	" West River and Brookfield, P.E.I., 16s. 0½d.	0	16	0½
	" East St. Peter's, P.E.I., 57s. 8d.; Bay Fortune, 35s. 5½d.	4	13	1½
	" Glenelg, 50s.; Whycocomah, C.B., £8.	10	10	0
	" Little Narrows, C.B., 51s. 3d.; Lake Ainslie, 20s.	3	11	3
	" Lower Onslow Benevolent Society.	2	0	0
	" Maitland Juvenile Missionary Society.	7	7	8½
	" A friend, per Rev. J. Currie.	0	5	0
	" Cavendish, P.E.I., Rev. I. Murray's congregation.	1	3	5
	" Ladies Penny-a-week Society, Central church, W. R.	3	13	4
Novr. 22.	" Repaid by P.E.I. Presbytery, per Rev. A. McKnight.	0	18	10½
	" Carriboo section, Rev. A. Ross's congregation, for 64.	6	5	0
	" Knox church, Pictou, £12; Do. additional, 24s.	13	4	0
	" Carriboo section, Rev. A. Ross's congregation.	3	3	3
Novr. 30.	" Additional from Nnox church, Pictou.	0	5	0
	" Donation from Mr. Wm. Young, Roger's Hill.	0	5	0
1866.				
Feby.	" Mabou congregation, 40s.; Antigonish, 85s. 6d.	6	5	6
	" Bridgewater, £12 10s.; R. Smith, Truro, £26 14s. 4d.	39	4	4
	" Legacy late John Cameron, elder, Knox church, N.G.	20	0	0
	" Salem church, Green Hill, £6.	6	0	0
	" Member Central church, West River.	0	15	0
	" Ladies Religious and Benevolent Society, St. John's church, Chatham,	3	10	0
	" West River congregation, £7 4s.; George Young, Dalhousie, 10s.	7	14	0
April	" Collection Prince Street church, Pictou.	11	6	3½
	" Maitland Juvenile Missionary Society.	3	0	6
	" Capt. Alex. McDougall, Selmah.	1	5	0
	" Collection Merigomish congregation.	2	19	1½
	" Mrs. Harep McKeen, West River, per Rev. G. Roddick.	1	0	0
	" A member Roger's Hill congregation.	0	10	0
	" Rev. A. Fraser's congregation, Alberton, P.E.I.	6	13	4
	" West Point, Campbelltown and Brae.	3	6	8
	" Rev. Mr. McDougald's congregation, New Glasgow, South.	1	2	1
	" Annual collection Primitive church, New Glasgow.	15	7	6
	" Evangelical Society, Fish Pools, East River.	2	0	0
	" A. K. McKinlay, Halifax.	129	18	6½
May 26.	" Legacy from Executors late John Yorston.	500	0	0
" 31.	" First congregation Maitland and Noel, per Rev. J. McLellan.	2	0	0
		£1149	2	6
			Dr.	
1865.	To balance per last account.	£135	4	3½
June. 202	To Order to John Lamont, dated 1st Dec., 1864.	2	5	0
226	" " " Revs. D. Sutherland, dated 13th April, 1865.	4	9	6
231	" " " Dr. McLeod, " 29th June,	28	0	0
233	" " " Edward McCurdy, " 8th "	4	3	7½

235	To Order to A. Stewart,	" 29th "	10	0	0
236	" " D. S. Gordon,	" 29th "	25	0	0
237	" " W. S. Darragh,	" 30th "	5	0	0
238	" " M. G. Henry,	" 1st July,	25	0	0
239	" " J. Morton,	" 1st "	6	5	0
240	" " M. S. Fraser,	" 1st "	3	0	0
241	" " J. A. F. Sutherland,	" 1st "	7	10	0
242	" " Ebenezer McNab,	" 3rd "	4	0	0
243	" " R. W. Forbes,	" 3rd "	10	0	0
244	" " A. McIntosh,	" 3rd "	5	0	0
245	" " A. Ross,	" 4th "	5	0	0
246	" " R. Sedgewick,	" 4th "	6	0	0
247	" " D. McKimhon,	" 4th "	10	0	0
248	" " S. Johnston,	" 4th "	10	0	0
249	" " M. Stewart,	" 4th "	20	0	0
250	" " A. McLean,	" 4th "	16	13	4
251	" " W. G. Forbes,	" 4th "	10	0	0
252	" " D. McNiel,	" 4th "	8	6	8
253	" " K. McKenzie,	" 4th "	14	0	0
254	" " A. Munro,	" 5th "	12	10	0
255	" " A. McKnight,	" 6th "	1	18	10½
256	" " A. McL. Sinclair,	" 10th "	1	8	6
257	" " M. Barnard,	" 10th "	3	0	0
258	" " W. Sinclair,	" 10th "	7	10	0
259	" " John Lamont,	" 10th "	3	0	0
260	" " E. McCurdy,	" 10th "	2	5	0
261	" " M. Campbell,	" 10th "	3	15	0
262	" " R. Murray, for Rev. D. Sutherland,	11th	4	1	4½
263	" " A. Farquharson, dated 7th August,		5	0	0
264	" " T. Cumming, per Rev. H. D. Steele,	24th	10	0	0
266	" " Edward Archibald, dated 28th Sept.,		15	16	7
267	" " Isaac McKay,	" 28th "	8	5	0
268	" " R. Grant,	" 28th "	3	0	0
269	" " A. McL. Sinclair,	" 28th "	1	0	0
271	" " E. Archibald,	" 28th "	3	0	0
272	" " A. McL. Sinclair, for Donald Stewart,	21st Nov.	2	8	9
273	" " S. Bernard, dated 21st Nov.,		1	6	3
274	" " R. Grant,	21st "	1	10	0
275	" " A. McL. Sinclair,	21st "	2	10	0
276	" " D. Sutherlandnd,	8th Decr.,	1	15	0
278	" " W. S. Darragh,	4th Jany., 1866.	5	0	0
277	" " J. Watson,	4th "	5	0	0
280	" " D. McNiel,	4th "	8	6	8
282	" " J. A. F. Sutherland,	10th "	7	10	0
283	" " H. D. Steele,	8th Feby.,	10	0	0
284	" " A. Stewart,	8th "	10	0	0
286	" " D Sutherland,		6	15	0
287	" " D. S. Gordon,	15th March	25	0	0
288	" " A. McL. Sinclair,	28th "	10	0	0
289	" " A. McDonald,	23rd April,	16	10	0
290	" " W. Ross, for Rev. J. Fraser,		20	0	0
291.	" " James Barnes, for Rev. H. Crawford,		1	12	6
292	" " H. Crawford,		8	7	6
293	" " J. Waddell,		15	0	0
296	" " E. McCurdy, 24th May,		8	1	3½
	" Commission on £1149 2s. 6d. at 2½ per cent.		28	14	6
	" Balance,		493	7	3½
			£1149	2	6

June 1. By balance on hand..... £493 7 3½

Synod Fund.

In account with ABRAM PATTERSON, Treasurer.

		Cn.
1865.		
June 29.	By Wallace, 20s.; Knox church, Pictou, 40s.....	£3 0 0
	" Queen's Square, Charlottetown, 20s.; Poplar Grove, 80s.....	5 0 0
	" River John, 32s. 9d.; Glenelg, per Mr. Pitblado, 82s. 10½d.....	5 15 7½
	" Barney's River, 23s. 9d.; Blue Mountain, 33s. 9d.; Prince Street Church, Pictou, 50s.....	5 7 6

	By Rev. W. G. Forbes, 24s. 4½d.; Little Harbour, 20s.; Gabarus, 25s. . . . .	3	9	4½
	" Princetown, P.E.I., 46s. 10d.; Newport and Kempt, 40s.; Harvey, N. B., 23s. 9d. . . . .	5	10	7
	" West Bay, 22s. 6d.; Hopewell, 20s.; Shelburne, 40s.; Bedeque, 22s. 5½d. . . . .	5	4	11½
	" Economy and Five Islands, besides paying expenses of minister and elder. . . . .	2	0	0
	" Tatamagouche, do. do. do. . . . .	1	10	0
	" Antigouish, 30s.; Primitive church, N.G., 20s.; Middle River, Lake Ainslie, C.B., 76s. 8d. . . . .	8	16	8
	" Maitland and Noel, 2d cong., 60s.; West River, Rev. G. Roddick, 20s. . . . .	4	0	6
	" Mid. Musquodoboit, 30s.; Up. Sett. do., 30s.; Annapolis, 15s. . . . .	3	15	0
	" Mid. Stewiacke, 40s.; Knox ch., N.G., 81s. 9d.; Salem, G. Hill, 35s. . . . .	7	16	9
	" Shubenacadie, Gay's Riv. and L. Stewiacke, 30s.; E. St. Peter's, 20s. . . . .	2	10	0
	" Bay Fortune, 22s. 6d.; Merigomish, 40s.; North Cornwallis, 50s.; Central W. R., 20s. . . . .	6	12	6
	" Grand R. and Loch Lomond, 35s. 2d.; Nine Mile River, 80s.; Free church, Charlottetown, 25s. 10d. . . . .	7	1	0
	" West London and Summerfield, 40s.; Debert, 10s.; Sydney, 69s. . . . .	5	19	0
	" Richmond Bay West and Grand Riv., 17s. 1½d.; Parrsboro', 23s. 4½d.; Upper Stewiacke, 72s. 5d. . . . .	5	12	11
	" Sheet Harbour, after paying expenses, paid 25s.; Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, 42s. 9d. . . . .	3	7	9
	" Lower Londonderry, do., 40s.; Sherbrooke, 20s. . . . .	3	0	0
	" Bridgewater, 25s.; James' church, N.G., 40s.; Cascumpeque, 65s. . . . .	6	10	0
	" West Cape and Rev. W. Stewart, 40s. 7½d.; Baddeck, 69s. 0½d. . . . .	5	9	8
	" Lawrencet'n, 23s. 10½d.; Brookfield, 30s.; Truro, £5; Wallace, 38s. 9d. . . . .	9	12	7½
	" Summerside, 33s.; Yarmouth, 80s.; Woodville, P.E.I., 37s. 1d. . . . .	7	10	1
	" Leitch's and Bauld's Creek, 30s.; Dundas, 30s. 5d.; St. John's church, Halifax, 30s. . . . .	4	10	5
	" Earlton and Roger's Hill, 42s.; Murray Harbour, 25s.; Clifton, 35s. . . . .	5	2	0
	" J. I. Baxter, after paying minister and elder, 42s. 6d. . . . .	2	2	6
	" Boularderie, 30s.; Dartmouth, 42s. 6d.; Brown's Creek, 25s. . . . .	4	17	6
Sept.	" West River and Brookfield, P. E. I.; 15s. 7½d.; Upper Londonderry, per R. Smith, 20s. . . . .	1	15	7½
1866.				
April.	" New Annan, 20s; Windsor, per A. K. McKinlay, 40s. . . . .	3	0	0
	" A. C., 30s.; Saicm church, Green Hill, 60s. . . . .	4	10	0
	" Balance. . . . .	48	14	7
		£199	4	7½
1865.				
May 31.	To Balance due at date. . . . .			Dr. £41 7 10½
	Paid Synod Clerk. . . . .			20 0 0
	Paid Janitor. . . . .			2 0 0
	Expense deputation to New Brunswick. . . . .			19 17 6
	Paid travelling expenses of members of Synod. . . . .			107 4 0
	Paid printing. . . . .			5 0 0
	Commission on £150 10s. at 2½ per cent. . . . .			3 15 3
		£199	4	7½
June 1.	To balance brought down. . . . .			£48 14 7

ABRAM PATTERSON. *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

GEORGE WALKER,  
RODERICK MCGREGOR, } *Auditing*  
JAS. W. CARMICHAEL. } *Committee.*

**YOUR MINISTER.**—Is he in debt? Has he means to keep himself, his wife, and children reasonably comfortable in this cold winter weather? Is his stipend paid: or, small as it is, have you withheld a portion out of it? Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. It is mean, it is cruel, to starve your minister. Gladden him at this glad season of the year by at least paying him his due.

**PRESENTS.**—Gifts, testimonials and so forth, are very good when they mark the outflow of cordial affection. It is as legitimate to make such testimonials to your minister as to any one else. But we have heard of people withholding a minister's salary and then pretending to make presents and donation visits. We do not see how this can be reconciled with common honesty. O it is contemptible!

## NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

### NOTICES.

By appointment of Synod the Rev. P. G. McGregor has become General Agent of the Synod of the Lower Provinces, and consequently Secretary of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and of Superintendence and General Treasurer of the different funds of the Church.

Parties having communications to make to any of these Boards, or money to transmit to any of the Funds, will mail letters, Post Office Orders or other papers to the Rev. P. G. McGregor, 3 Maitland Street, Halifax.

At the request of the Board of Foreign Missions, James W. Carmichael, Esq., has consented to receive contributions to all the funds, at his office, New Glasgow.

All sums paid to Mr. Carmichael, to Mr. R. Smith, Truro, and to A. K. McKinlay, Esq., Halifax, will in future pass through the Treasurer's books, and therefore appear in the annual accounts as well as in the monthly acknowledgments.

The same arrangement will probably be effected with receivers of contributions in New Brunswick and P. E. Island.

From a large number of the towns and villages of the Lower Provinces remittances may be made *direct*, and with great facility and safety, by Post Office Orders, and this mode of transmission is respectfully requested.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Goods for the Mission stations may be forwarded to Rev. P. G. McGregor, Mission Secretary, for shipment. The boxes should be strong and tight and accompanied with an invoice or list of the articles, and a distinct statement of the missionary to whom they are to be sent.

Ministers and Teachers of Sabbath Schools are requested to give their attention to the request of the Board, that in all cases where this is practicable, returns from the mission boxes should be forthcoming early in January to meet our liability for one-fourth of the expenses of the *Dayspring*.

In the Circular issued by order of the Board it was stated in *general* terms, that the up-holdence of the *Dayspring* in good sailing order would involve an annual expenditure of more than \$4000, and that the Synod is pledged for one-fourth of the amount. It may be proper to state *definitely* that the whole sum required will not be less than \$5000, and that the Synod is pledged for the fourth or £250 *sterling*.

Our young friends will learn from Dr. Geddie's letter that the expenditure, so far, has been judicious, and they will, no doubt, desire that their ship should be well supplied with everything essential to the safety and comfort of those servants of the Lord Jesus, whom she is employed in conveying from is-

land to island of the New Hebrides, and occasionally to other groups such as the Loyalty islands and the Samoas.

The collecting boxes stored in Halifax have all been despatched, to fill up orders from different parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Prince Edward Island and Pictou Presbyteries seem to be pretty well supplied. If any quantity should be lying unused, in any part of the Church, the Secretary would gladly receive information to that effect.

In part, the lack of boxes may be supplied by the issue of collecting cards. These will be forwarded immediately to all ministers who have sent requests to that effect; and in extra quantities to Clerks of Presbyteries, according to the direction of the Board.

P. G. MCGREGOR, Secy. B. F. M.  
Halifax, Nov. 26, 1866.

### MISSIONARIES WANTED.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, having been authorized by Synod to engage the services of one or more Missionaries to the New Hebrides, invite Ministers and Probationers to consider prayerfully the urgent call for Evangelists in that dark and destitute portion of the earth.

Applications or letters of inquiry addressed to the Secretary will meet with immediate attention.

By order of the Board,  
P. G. MCGREGOR, Secy B.F.M.  
Halifax, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1866.

### HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of Home Missions will meet quarterly, at a time to be duly announced, for the distribution of Probationers for the approaching quarter. The first quarterly meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of December. The Clerks of Presbyteries are earnestly requested to have the wants of their respective Presbyteries represented for the quarter commencing 1st January, to the Board on or before that date. Where no application is forwarded it will be assumed that no Probationer is desired.

It is desirable that Presbyterial applications should then be forthcoming for all supplements to aid receiving congregations becoming due at the close of the year.

P. G. MCGREGOR, Secy B.H.M.

Rev. P. G. McGregor, Synod Treasurer, acknowledges receipt of the following sums of money for the schemes of the Church:

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Per Mr. J. S. Hutton, from J. McAlister, Esq., Moncton, N.B. ....	\$20.00
Per Rev. J. I. Baxter, —	
Ladies' Society, Onslow, Centre ...	10.00
Gents' Ben. Society, " ...	14.00
" " Chiganois, ...	8.00



Per Rev. R. Sedgwick,—	
Upper Sett. Musquodoboit.....	27.16
Middle ".....	15.76
Higgins ".....	4.46
Mill Village, Middle Sett.....	8.23

## HOME MISSIONS.

Per Rev. A. L. Wyllie, Folly Mountain Congregation.....	12.00
Per Rev. J. I. Baxter,—	
Ladies' Society, Onslow, Centre...	10.00
Gents' " ".....	8.00
Gents' " Chiganois.....	8.00
Per Rev. R. Sedgwick,—	
Upper Sett., Musquodoboit.....	13.58
Middle ".....	7.88
Higgins ".....	2.23
Mill Village, Middle Settlement...	4.14

## DAYSFRING.

Children of the Sabbath School at Cross-Roads, Roger's Hill.....	5.50
Per Rev. J. Munro,—	
Master Erskine R. Chisholm, Went- worth missionary box.....	3.00
Juv. Missionary Association, Gulf Shore, Wallace.....	2.30
Sabbath School Missionary Box, Wallace.....	1.65
Per Rev. J. I. Baxter,—	
Mrs. Thomas McCallum's box....	1.16
Miss J. Hall's box, East Mountain..	3.00
Misses McCabe's box, Greenfield..	1.54
Miss Isabella Bartlett's box.....	2.37
Miss Elizabeth Blair's box.....	1.63
Per Rev. R. Sedgwick,—	
Children's boxes in Hutchinson's Settlement.....	2.85
Children near the Henry School, Upper Sett.....	0.85
Lilly Jane Talbot's box.....	0.64
The children of the Manse.....	1.03

The Treasurer of the Presbyterian Minis-  
ters' Widow's and Orphan's Fund, P.C.L.P.,  
acknowledges receipt of the following sums:

Rev. Thomas Downie.....	\$15.00
Am't. collected at P.E.I., by Rev. J. Mc- Kinnon, less expenses.....	2.17
Rev. J. D. McGillivray.....	20.00
Thanksgiving Day collection in Prince Street Church, Pictou.....	17.74

\$54.91

Amounts formerly acknowledged....\$918.04

\$5972.95

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Pictou, Nov. 1866.

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The Publisher acknowledges receipt of the  
following sums:—

Mr. E. Tupper, Stewiacke.....	\$1.00
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Mr. Alex Baird, Onslow.....	5.00
Mr. Geo. B. Johnson, New Annan.....	14.00

THE COLLEGE.—The Session 1866-7 of  
the Presbyterian College, Gerrish Street,  
Halifax, was opened on the first of last  
month. The attendance of students was  
(and continues to be) unusually small. We  
cannot but feel that this falling off in the  
number of students is ground for serious  
consideration, if not positive alarm.

The Publisher desires to state that the pre-  
sent number of the *Record* is printed on paper  
somewhat inferior to that ordinarily used.—  
He ordered his supply of paper for the *Record*  
in June, but it has not yet come to hand, and  
no paper of the same quality is to be had in  
Halifax. His supply of the usual quality of  
*Record* paper will be on hand before the issue  
of the next number.

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