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MISSIONARY REGISTER
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

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TO OUR READERS.

We feel it necessary in our present No. to give a short explanation regarding the mode of conducting the Register for the future. We have now been for some months a regular visiter in many habitations—we trust not an unwelcome one; or, whatever feelings may have been excited at our first appearance, that further acquaintance has rendered our visits more acceptable, and that now they are anticipated with interest. We are not insensible to our defects, yet where disappointment has been felt as to our appearance, we believe it will be found in most of such cases, that the expectations were unreasonably high, as to what could be accomplished by a journal of so limited dimensions. With all our defects, however, we believe that we have been the means, in the hand of the Great head of His Church, of advancing the object for which we were established—the extension of His kingdom, and the promotion of His glory. By the mode of circulation adopted, we have come with our monthly message to nearly every family in our Church, and have thus circulated information regarding the missionary and other operations of our Church, as well as the mission work in general, to an extent which was never done in our body by any previous agency. We cannot doubt that the seed thus sown broad-cast over our church will yet bear abundant fruit. “Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.”

That some more efficient organ in the public press is necessary to represent the

views and to advocate the interests of our church, has been felt with increasing force by most of those who feel the liveliest interest in her progress and prosperity. Nothing would rejoice us more than the establishment of such a periodical. Yet even had we such an organ, we believe that there would still be room for a small publication like the Register—by its cheapness within the reach of every family—and thus circulating intelligence in quarters where journals of greater pretensions would not extend. But if the Register would still be necessary, even if we had a newspaper, how much more when we have not!

That the Register must continue, we regard then as settled; but as to *the mode of circulation*, we have now to announce to our readers intended changes. Our readers are all aware, that for one year a thousand copies are to be circulated gratuitously. This arrangement in our opinion had many advantages, particularly at the outset. But it was never designed to be permanent; and it is now felt that it should not continue longer than the present year. By the minutes of the Board of Foreign Missions, published in our present No., it will be seen that after the first of January next, the price is to be one shilling and three pence per annum. The price has been thus lowered, that it might be within the reach of every person, and with the view of increasing the circulation.—From the smallness of the sum, it must be obvious that it will require to be paid in advance, and remitted free of expense. It will also be seen that it will be next to

impossible for the conductors to collect the amount by single copies. We have therefore to request that the ministers of our Church will either act as agents themselves, or have active individuals appointed for their congregations, or the several sections of them, who will take charge of the distribution of the copies for their respective districts, and who will collect and forward the price to the publisher.—We trust that our brethren in the ministry, as well as the other office-bearers and members of our church, will feel an interest in procuring subscribers, and

promoting the circulation of our humble sheet. We believe that by a little exertion, double the number of copies at present circulated might be subscribed and paid for. Ministers or others acting as agents, are requested to inform us before the first of December, of the number of copies that will be required in their several localities. Communications may be addressed to the Editor, the Rev. George Patterson, Durham Village Post Office, or to the Publisher, Mr E. M. Macdonald, E. Chronicle Office, Pictou.

Miscellaneous.

ANNIVERSARIES

OF AMERICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

From the Missionary Herald.

Most of our benevolent societies held their anniversaries, as usual, in the month of May. The meetings in New York were mostly during the week commencing May 5th, and those in Boston during the week commencing May 26th. Brief statistical summaries of the receipts, expenditures and operations of the different societies are given below. Full reports of the meetings extensively published in the religious and other papers, have been read with interest by many who are watching, from year to year, the progress of the various efforts making to bring our sin-ridden world under the saving influence of the truth. It is cheering to notice an increase in the receipts of most of the societies, but far more cheering would it be if that increase were more nearly adequate to the demands which the providence of God seems making for advancing effort.

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

During the year the society has lost, by death, its venerable President, Dr. Miller; one of the Vice Presidents, one of the members, and four missionaries.

The receipts and expenditures exhibit a gratifying state of things in the financial affairs of the Board; the whole income of the year amounting to \$126,075, while the expenses have been \$125,823, leaving the Treasury unembarrassed with debt.

Twenty-two persons have been sent forth as missionaries and assistant missionaries during the year, nine of whom were ordained ministers of the gospel. Missions to the Indians of our country are planted

among ten different tribes. The general condition of these missions is encouraging, with an urgent call for more laymen as teachers and assistants. In the African missions of the Board, the most important event of the year has been the sending forth of two ministers with their wives, to form a new mission on the western coast near the equator. The three missions in India have about 60 American and native laborers (beside assistants who are not converts); of whom 24 are ministers of the gospel. In the schools, 1,230 scholars are under Christian instruction. There are churches at eight of the stations, embracing 200 communicants. The mission in Sum, consists of five persons. The church has thus far but one native member. In China, 22 persons are connected with the Canton and Ningpo missions, twelve of whom are ordained ministers and one is a physician. The Board is also conducting missionary operations in Papal Europe, and among the Jews in the United States.

AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Missionary Union, was held in Buffalo, commencing May 14, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and continuing three days. From the Annual Report it appears that the receipts of the year ending March 31, 1850, were \$104,537 20, and the expenditures \$101,447 23; leaving a balance in favor of the treasury of \$3,389 97, and reducing the debt to \$21,561 69. Since the last Report, seven preachers and four female assistants have been appointed, and one preacher and two female assistants have been removed by death. The missions of

this Board are in Asia, Africa and Europe. The number of these missions is 17; of stations and out stations, 329; of missionaries, 56;—of whom 52 are preachers; of female assistant missionaries, 57; with 214 native preachers and other assistants. The whole number of laborers is 320. The number of churches is 151, with 12,290 members; and of schools, 102 with 9,648 pupils. The additions to the churches on profession of faith during the year are more than 1,236.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Society has had in its service the last year, 1,023 ministers of the gospel, in 27 different States and Territories:—in the New England States, 301; the Middle States, 288; the Southern States, 15; the Western States and Territories, 488. Of these, 677 have been pastors of stated supplies of single congregations, and 321 have occupied larger fields.

The number of congregations supplied, in whole or in part, is 1,575; and the aggregate of ministerial service performed, is equal to 812 years.

Resources.—Balance, April 1, 1849, \$3,849 00. The receipts of twelve months following, \$157,160 78.

Liabilities.—There was due to the missionaries, at the date of the last Report, \$10,041 00. There has since become due, \$117,347 26; making the total of liabilities, \$157,381 86.

The receipts of the year exceed those last reported, by \$11,224 87; thirteen more missionaries have been in commission; sixty five more congregations have been blessed with a preached gospel; and 1,169 more have been added to the churches on profession of their faith.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The number of new Auxiliaries formed is 64; most of them in the Western States and Territories.

The receipts of the year, from all sources, have been \$250, 011 84; about one-third as donations.

The number of Bibles and Testaments issued in the same time, 533,395. These books have been distributed in every State and Territory of the Union; in the West Indies, in Spanish and Portuguese America, in Canada and New Brunswick, in hospitals and prisons; among Jews and Gentiles, Protestant and Romanists, white men, red men and colored men; indeed among all who were in need and could be reached.

A New Testament, with Spanish and

English in parallel columns, has been prepared; also the book of Genesis in Grebo for West Africa, and the book of Acts for an Indian tribe in South America.

Besides the grants of books from the Depository, moneys have been sent for making the same in France, Turkey, Syria, Persia, at Bombay, Madras, Ceylon, and Louisiana in India; also in China, in South Africa, and the Sandwich Islands. The whole amount of these payments is \$17,900; and there is still voted, but not yet paid, nearly the same amount.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

The Society has circulated during the year, 939,602 volumes, 7,897,792 publications, 280,697,500 pages; exceeding the circulation of any previous year by 46,288,200 pages. Total, since the formation of the Society, 5,681,123 volumes, 111,989,106 publications, 2,607,102,789 pages.

The receipts of the year, were in donations, \$105,894 80; for sales, \$202,371 91; balance in the Treasury last year, \$157 06; total, \$308,423 78. Expenditure for paper, printing, binding, engraving, translating, copy-right, preparing Christian Almanacs, and articles for American Messenger, \$172,275 25; for presses and machinery \$7,070; for colportage, \$66,274 19 remitted to foreign and pagan lands, \$15,900; refunded to building account, \$7,676 81; other expenditures, as per items in the Treasurer's report, \$40,017 30; total \$308,313 55; balance in the Treasury, \$110 23. There was due, April 1, for printing paper, on notes payable within six months, \$41,133 26.

Colportage.—Including 131 students from 29 different colleges or seminaries for their vacations, and 57 for the foreign immigrant population, 508 colporteurs have been employed for the whole part of the year. Fifty colporteurs, not included among these, have also performed more or less labor during the year. The whole number in commission, April 1, was 324.

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHRISTIAN UNION.

This Society has been formed within the year, by a union of the American Society, the Foreign Evangelical Society, and the Christian Alliance. In the United States the Society has various missions among the French, Spanish, German, Irish, Portuguese and Italians. In foreign lands it sustains an excellent missionary at Stockholm in Sweden, has sent

\$500 to Russia to employ colporteurs, and remitted some \$60 or \$80 to a seminary in Hungary. An American Irish Committee has been organized in Dublin, through which the Society has begun to act in Ireland with much encouragement. \$1,500 has been sent. France has shared much of the Society's attention. During the year 1849, twenty-seven laborers, many of them ordained ministers, were sustained in that field, all of them Frenchmen or Swiss. The Society is operating in Italy, has two excellent agents at work there, and has repeatedly sent aid to the Waldenses.

The receipts of this Society the past year exceed \$45,000, without including the Portuguese fund; with that fund they exceeded \$52,000. The expenditures were about the same. The number of its missionaries at home and abroad, was not much short of seventy.

AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The receipts of the Society for the year ending May 1st. were \$23,497. being an increase of \$4,915 over those of the preceding year; and the expenditures \$23,206. A careful review of the past twelve months sustains the following positions.

1. Seamen are rapidly rising in the scale of social and moral improvement.

2. The means employed for the benefit of seamen have been made signally efficacious by the Holy Spirit.

2. Effort for the spiritual good of seamen is one of the best modes yet discovered for creating and supplying a demand for the word of God on foreign shores.

4. While the success of the past year's labors affords ample encouragement, the sufferings and deaths in the sea plead with fresh importunity for renewed and energetic offers in this philanthropic work.

AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Receipts, \$167,652 06. Balance from last year, \$4,362 25, and stock of books on hand, \$75,544 76. Expenditures, including stock of books on hand, \$248,559 68.

Sunday School Missionary Colporteurs.—One hundred and three of these laborers have been employed for various periods of time in twenty five different states and Territories. They have established 1,138 new schools, and have visited and revived 2,315 other schools, altogether embracing 20,137 teachers and 157,628 scholars.—They have distributed by sale and donation nearly \$28,400 worth of religious books for children and youth.

Donations of books, tracts, &c. have been made to the value of \$16,508 86.—The Society has been compelled to deny many urgent applications from various parts of the country for missionary labour and donations of books to poor schools, for want of means to supply them.

The total value of publications distributed during the year is \$132,672 67.

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The receipts for the year ending April 1, were \$26,443, exclusive of a balance in the treasury at the commencement of the year of \$3,926. Of the receipts \$25,261 were contributed directly to the treasury, being an increase of \$4,324, or nearly 20 per cent over the receipts of the same character during the preceding year.

The number of agents and missionaries who have labored during the past year under the commission of the Society is 118, in 17 different States, at 338 different stations, and their aggregate terms of labor are equal to that of one man for 81 years.

The missionaries report the baptism, during the past year, of 949 persons, the organization of 33 churches, and the ordination of 30 ministers. Thirteen houses of worship have been completed or commenced by churches under the care of the society; and those churches have contributed during the year about \$16,000 towards the support of the ministry among themselves, besides \$2,732 to other objects of Christian benevolence.

Since its formation, 1,432 missionaries and agents have received its commission, and they have baptised 18,279 persons, organised 766 churches, ordained 342 ministers, and performed collectively 1,131 years of labor.

AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The annual report represents the general interest of the Society as advancing.—The available funds for the year have been \$30,181 53. The whole number of young men aided during the year is 436.—In the classical course, 207; in the theological course, 229. Number aided at the West, 92. Fifty-nine have finished their studies, during the year, and entered the ministry. An encouraging advance has been made in this department. The new applicants have been 114, eleven more than last year.

MASS. SABBATH SCHOOL SOCIETY.

The business of the Depository has amounted to \$21,056. This is \$2,000 ad-

vance on the previous year, and it would have been much more but for the reduction of the prices of many of the books.—The donations have been \$4,676. This sum has been appropriated to the supply of libraries to destitute schools in the West through Home Missionaries. The school report, the last year, 1,810 school conversions—in some particular schools large numbers, one as high as 75.

Domestic Missions.

(Some misapprehension having appeared in the minds of some of the members of our church, regarding the constitution of our Domestic Missionary Society, and the object to which its funds have been appropriated, the Synod at its last meeting directed that the rules of the Society, as adopted in 1840, should be published in the Register, and also the scheme drawn up by a committee of Synod in 1847, for assisting young men preparing for the ministry. Some slight alterations have taken place in the constitution of the Society, the Committee now reporting directly to the Synod itself.)

RULES

OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Instituted by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, in the year 1840.

I. The Synod shall form itself into a society, to be denominated, "the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

II. This Society shall meet annually, at the place appointed for the meeting of Synod, and at such time and place as the Synod shall appoint.

III. The primary object of the Society shall be the maintenance of one or more Domestic Missionaries, as the funds of the society may admit.

IV. The more remote objects of this society shall be the assisting of infant and weak congregations, in obtaining the dispensation of gospel ordinances, either permanently or occasionally, as circumstances may warrant, the encouragement and assistance of talented and pious young men in the prosecution of their studies, with a view to the holy ministry; and other objects subservient to the progress of religion.

V. To provide the means necessary for the accomplishment of these ends, the objects of the society shall be brought under the notice of the various congregations in connection with the Synod by their respective pastors, aided if possible by one or more of their brethren in the ministry, when contributions shall be solicited.

VI. Every minister advocating the claims of this society, shall be entitled to recommend some object to a participation in its funds.

VII. The Society shall endeavor as far as possible to transact all its business at the annual meeting. But as claims may arise for which no provision has been made at its annual meeting, a committee shall be appointed, consisting of a Treasurer, Secretary, and at least four of the members of the society, by whom provision shall be made in cases of emergency.

VIII. A Report of the proceedings of the society during the elapsed year, shall be read at the annual meeting, and, if approved of, printed under the superintendance of the committee.

IX. The name of every person subscribing five shillings or upwards shall be inserted in the appendix, and every such contributor shall be entitled to a copy of the report.

Pictou, July 1840

At the meeting of Synod held in Pictou, in June, 1847, Mr Murdoch called the attention of the Synod to that article in the constitution of the "Domestic Missionary Society," which provides for the encouragement and bringing forward of young men of piety and talent, with a view to their engaging in the work of the ministry. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr Murdoch be added to the Domestic Missionary Board, and be its convener; and further, that Messrs. Murdoch and McGregor be a committee to attend particularly to this Branch of the Society's

operations, with instructions to draw up, and submit a plan for the efficient working out of the object in view, and also to prepare a short address upon the subject to the congregations in connection with the Synod.

In obedience to these instructions, the undersigned would humbly submit the following plan which they recommend for the adoption of the different Sessions and Congregations under the inspection of the Synod.

PLAN OF OPERATION.

I. As regards the raising of funds while they would leave every session or congregation free to adopt such measures, and at such times as they may judge in their circumstances best, they would suggest that Monday after the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, is for various reasons which need not be here enumerated, a very suitable time for bringing this matter before the Church, and would recommend to ministers annually, upon such an occasion, to press its claims upon the members of their congregations.

II. According to the Rule on the constitution of the Society, congregations contributing to its funds may have the privilege of recommending any person to a participation in the same.—In accordance with this rule, the committee would recommend to ministers and sessions the propriety and duty of selecting young men of piety and promising talents, and, where there are Grammar Schools or other means of education in their locality, to encourage them to prosecute their studies, with the understanding, that if approved they will be assisted from the funds of the

Society to enable them to complete their education: but before any person be finally received, he must be examined and approved by the Presbytery within whose bounds he may be located.

III. In the selection of young men, the committee would recommend attention to all the qualifications which bear upon their acceptability as public instructors,—their piety—natural constitution, and health,—facilities of enunciation, and freedom from such eccentricities and peculiarities as would be likely to impair their usefulness.

IV. With regard to the mode of distributing the fund raised for the contemplated object, as the Board is required to report annually to the Synod, as any member or the whole Board may at any time be displaced by a vote of the Synod, and as all other matters in connection with the Society are under the management of the Board for the time being, the Committee can see no impropriety in leaving the funds entirely at their own disposal.

V. When any person has received assistance out of the funds of the Society to enable him to prosecute his education, with a view to the ministry in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, but fails to do so, except in the case of being prevented by ill health or a similar cause, the Board shall consider him honorably bound to refund the amount received.

VI. It is recommended to the Board to hold at least two distinct meetings in the course of each year, at which this department of the business shall be attended to, and of which public notice shall be given.

JOHN L. MURDOCH, }
P. G. MCGREGOR, } Committee.

Foreign Mission.

MINUTES

OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Pictou Church, 26th June, 1850.

The Board met, and was opened with prayer by the Convener. Heard the Report for the last year, to be laid before the Synod by the corresponding Secretary. Dr Waddell's letter, containing his account up to this time, and his resignation of the office of Treasurer, were laid before the Board, and accepted. Mr John W. Dawson stated, that, having accepted an

office which would require him to be much from home, he must of necessity resign his connection with the Board, as one of the editors of the Missionary Register. This also was accepted; and it was agreed to record the grateful acknowledgement of the Board, for the very efficient services of both these retiring officers.

[Adjourned.]

Same place—June 29.

The Board met at the call of the Convener, and was opened with prayer;—besides whom there were present, the

Rev. Messrs John Kier, David Roy, James Waddell, James Watson, James Bayne, James Allen and George Patterson. The Recording Secretary being absent, Mr. Patterson was requested to act in his place.

In a letter laid before the Board by the Corresponding Secretary, Mr Geddie having referred to the difficulties which he had experienced in getting his supplies, and in making these supplies meet his current expense; and requested that a considerable portion of his salary might be drawabale at Sydney, New South Wales. Whereupon, after full consideration, it was agreed to increase the salaries of our missionaries to an equality with those of the London Miss. Society in the same quarter, which was understood to be £100 stg. per annum, including boat expenses; and also that Dr Tidman be requested to allow £40 of their salaries instead of £25 as hitherto to be drawn in Sydney. It was also agreed that £100 of our boat fund be placed in the hands of Dr Ross of Sydney, N. S. W., to supply all expenses on this score.—the balance to be a reserve, on which they may draw in case of any emergency.

It was also agreed, that the maps forwarded by Mr Geddie, of the New Hebrides, and of Aneiteum, and the view of the mission premises, by Mr Pritchard, be published in the Register; and that 500 copies of the last be struck off in quarto form for sale.

The Rev. Messrs Baxter, Bayne and Watson were appointed a committee to prepare the annual letter of instructions to the missionaries. The Synod having sustained the publication and gratis circulation of the Register, but recommending the reduction of the selling price, and as far as possible the gratis circulation: it was agreed to carry out this recommendation as far as possible by reducing the selling price to one shilling and threepence per annum, payable in advance, for 1851; and limiting the gratis circulation in the inverse ratio to the number sold.

LETTER FROM REV. MR GEDDIE.

ANEITEUM, Dec' b. 27 1849.

DEAR BRETHREN.

I enclose a portion of a letter which I have received from Dr. Ross, and which will give you some idea of the circumstances in which we are placed.

As you will, doubtless, be making arrangements to send another missionary by the time you receive this, I ought perhaps to mention to you my decided conviction that he should have an increase of salary. The salaries on which Mr. Archibald and I have been sent out, are inadequate to the support of a family in this part of the world. In fixing our salaries so low, the Board was guided by the information furnished by the late Rev. Mr. Williams to the Secession Church; who says that the sum of £50 or £60 will support a married missionary in the islands. This estimate however was made by Mr. Williams before he had visited these islands, and therefore he was scarcely competent to judge. Add to this the missionary brethren with whom that good man was associated in the Society Islands, were in the receipt of £60 per annum when his estimate was made, but then they were sent with a permission to engage in business. The evils of the trading system however became apparent to the Society at home, and a prohibition has been laid on it; but the salaries of the missionaries on the Society islands have been raised from £60 to £200 per annum. The expense of living on Samoa, is much less than it is on some of the more eastern islands, and, hence the amount is as follows. For a single missionary £90; for a married missionary £100; the sum of £5 annually for every child; additional, and given to all who are sent home for education. The missionary to provide his own house, boat &c. But in the event of a missionary being removed from one station to another by appointment of his brethren, the society usually remunerates him for his expenditure, and thus property is gradually falling into the hands of the society.

Were I called on to suggest a scale of salary for the support of missionaries on these islands, it would be something like the following:—For a single missionary £80; for a married missionary £100; the sum of £5 in addition for every child: annually. The above sums in sterling.—The landed property and houses to belong to the Board; the missionary to provide boats, and all other things at his own expense. I ought to mention that the expense of living on this island is more likely to decrease than increase. The soil is fertile, and could the natives be induced to cultivate habits of industry, more food might be raised.

No missionary I think will be disposed

to retain his children in these islands after they attain the age 5 or 6 years. Their case will, some day or other become a matter of serious consideration to you; it has been so to other societies. Perhaps it would not be advisable at this early period to come under any pledges to educate them. In the mean time you might give an annual donation to aid in the support of such as are sent home, if the case require it.

The subject of this letter is one above all others, unpleasant to missionaries. I have avoided it as long as I could. A regard for the interest of the cause has alone compelled me to write. In these islands, your agent must contend with the disadvantages of a tropical and debilitating climate, and with a pressure of responsibility and duty which it is hard to describe. It is impossible that their physical energies, can hold out long under these circumstances, when they have none of the comforts and scarcely the necessaries of existence.

I trust that you will pardon my plainness of speech in this letter. Do not consider what I have written as the language of murmuring, or discontent. I am contented and happy in my glorious work, and if our means of support were circumscribed rather than increased, I would not leave it while I could be useful. And if we have suffered private trials, I endeavour to think of honoured men of God who have suffered far more, and to thank God that our privations are not greater. Nevertheless I do think that if societies have the means they ought to give their agents something like an adequate support, otherwise they are likely to break down and leave the work before they have accomplished much for it.

I remain Dear Brethren,

Sincerely and ever Yours

JOHN GEDDIE.

[We have felt it due to the Church at large, to publish the principal parts of the above letter, to show the grounds on which the board have been led to increase the salaries of our missionaries. We are sure that from the statement made by Mr Geddie, every large hearted reader will approve of this step. The Agents of the London Missionary Society on the Samoas receive £100 stg., but pay their own boat expenses. These, it is calculated, will

amount to about £10 per annum. The amount of salary therefore to be paid to each of our missionaries, will hereafter be £90 stg. per annum.]

Extracts of letters from the Revd. John Geddie, and Mrs. Geddie, to their daughter at the mission school in England; forwarded to Miss Geddie, Putou.

ANEITEUM, New Hebrides,
21st Mar. 1850.

MY DEAR CHARLOTTE-ANNE—I send this letter by a vessel bound to China, and I expect it will go to Britain by the overland mail.—You will like to hear something about Aneiteum now. There has been a great change in the natives since you were here. Instead of 10 or 15 natives, we have now 30 or 40 attending our services on the Sabbath day, and I think they are likely to increase. On the north side of the island, several villages have given up their superstitions and requested me to go and teach them about Jesus, or send them also a missionary. One chief says, he is an old man now, and pleads for instruction before he dies. The natives at this station will not let me go; for they say I must instruct them. I intend, however, to go and spend a month with the poor natives, who are so anxious for a missionary. I hope that our Church will be able to send a missionary when the "John Williams" returns. Mr Archibald lives at this station, in the house formerly occupied by Mr Powell. He works at the printing, and teaches a small school of natives. The last three months have been very sickly. Mr Archibald was laid up with fever and ague early in January, and was very ill with it. He is recovered, but is still weakly. All the teachers and their wives have also had fever and ague; but they are well again. This island is very sickly for three or four months in the year. You will be glad to hear that the health of your papa and mamma and sisters has been preserved, while so many around them have been afflicted. Ought we not to be thankful that our Heavenly Father has dealt so kindly with us.

I remain your affectionate FATHER.

From Mrs Geddie—same date.

MY BELOVED CHARLOTTE—Your papa has given you all the most important information: still I cannot allow this letter to go without sending you a few lines. I miss

you very much; you are seldom absent from my thoughts; and I trust, my dear Charlotte, that you think often of us, and of the good advices we gave you, especially about "the one thing needful." Oh, that it may be our happiness to hear that you have given your heart to Christ.

Your dear sister Lucy speaks often of you: she misses you very much. Dear Elizabeth is quite company for her now: she sits on the mats with Lucy.

Mrs Archibald has a little boy nearly three months old; his name is William: he does not resemble little Mary, but is much like his papa.

The Roman Catholic Priests have left the island. They did not make any converts: indeed they did not make any attempt to teach the natives. Mr Under-

wood lives in the large iron house that they occupied.

We get along much in the same way as when I last wrote you. Tapua is still with us. Muronon stays with us also. She is a very smart steady girl, and I have great hopes of her. The natives often speak of you.

God bless you my child, and make you a lamb of his flock, is the prayer of your affectionate

MAMMA

[The letters from which the above extracts are taken, were forwarded by a trading vessel to China, whence they came to England by the overland mail. It will be seen that the intelligence is nearly three months later than what was previously received.]

Synodical Reports.

REPORT

OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL RETURNS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that the names of 35 congregations appear on the returns; that of these, 29 have given in reports, and 6 none; that of the 6 who have not reported, 3 are vacant, 2 assign no reason for not reporting, and 1 that the circular was not forwarded.

Your committee have taken up the questions, as they occur on the circular sent down to congregations, and report on each of them as follows:

I. *Title to Church Property.*—In arranging the answers to this question, it was found necessary to take up the sections of the congregations; for in the same congregation, it appears, that different sections are held by different titles. The number of sections on the returns is 50. Returns have been made on 38 of these sections; on 12 no returns have been made. On the 38 returns, it appears that there are 10 different kinds of titles. They are as follows:

Held by deed to Trustees	-	16
" " letter of occupation	-	1
" " incorporation	-	9
" " possession	-	3
" " a member in fee simple	-	1
" " as Crown Lands	-	1
" " doubtful	-	1
" " by lease in perpetuity	-	1
" " lease of 999 years	-	1
" " grant	-	4

II. *What is the stipend promised the Pastor?*—2 Congregations promise £200; 5 promise £150; 1, £140; 1, £130; 8, £120 and over; 2, £110 and over; 5, £100, and 1, £80. The average stipend therefore promised, is £127 5s.

III. *Amount of stipend paid last year.*—The total amount paid throughout the 3 Presbyteries is £2,067 4 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. The average amount accordingly for 22 congregations is very nearly £94, consequently the average deficiency of stipend on each congregation is £33 5.

IV. *Balance due the Pastor.*—6 Congregations report that they owe nothing; 2 are in arrears over £150; 3 from £100 to £150; 6, from £50 to £100; 2, from £30 to £50; 1, from £20 to £30; 2, from £10 to £20; and 1, £10 and under.

V. *Surplus Funds after paying the Pastor.*—Only one congregation has reported as having surplus funds (New Glasgow), and this surplus is £29 4 11d. It may also be stated here that this congregation have paid £10 additional to what they had promised as their pastor's salary.

VI. *Termination of the Congregational Year.*—The periods are so various that it is impossible to classify them.

VII. *Method of raising Stipends.*—6 Different methods have been adopted, and are as follow:

1. by voluntary subscription, 24 cong.
2. by seat rents - - - 5 do.

3. by assessment - - - 2 do.
 4. by pew rents and assesst. 2 do.
 5. by weekly collections - 3 do.
 6. by pew rents and collections 1 do.

VIII. *Terms and mode of Payment*—

The terms are very irregularly returned, and there are no fewer than 14 different modes of payment—some paying cash, and others half cash and half produce, and one mostly produce. The whole 14 modes your committee do not deem it necessary to specify.

IX. *Have you a Board of Managers, and what is their number?*—28 Congregations report that they have managers. The number varies from 1 to 7 in different congregations.

X. *Have they stated times of meeting? and how often?*—The managers of five congregations meet annually; of 4, half yearly; of 9, quarterly; of 1, monthly; and of 2, when necessary. One intends to meet quarterly; 8 have given no return, and 3 have no stated meetings.

XI. *Do your managers report annually to the congregation?*—20 Report yes; 4 intend to do it; 1, sometimes; 1, not regularly; 1, No; and 10 have given no return.

XII. *Peculiar Circumstances.*—All that your committee deem necessary to notice in the returns to this question, is, that some congregations have been diminished by emigration, and the efficiency of others injured by the depression of the times.—These instances, however, are few.

SUGGESTIONS.

Your Committee would suggest.

1. That it would aid much in making correct financial returns, if some uniformity could be adopted in the congregational year, and the time appointed for regular meetings.

2. That regular books be kept. That these should be laid on the table of each Presbytery at its first meeting every year; and that two managers should be invited if possible to give explanations; and that a thorough investigation of the books should be gone into by the Presbytery.

3. That the question, terms and modes of payment in the circular should be divided into two separate questions; and that the returns should be made, not on the congregation as a whole, where there are different sections, but on each section and separately.

4. That the Presbytery of Pictou should enquire into the state of one of their congregations, in which it is reported that the

stipend promised the pastor is £100, and their subscription list bears out only £80.

5. That effective measures should be adopted to prevent congregations getting into arrears, and that Presbyteries should look to this, and not leave it entirely to ministers or managers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WATSON,
Convener of Committee.

Pictou, July 2nd, 1850.

REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDANCE OF THE SEMINARY OF THE P. C. OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

For various reasons, the Board is unable to submit to the Synod at its present session, a statement similar to that embodied in their report of last year.

The first session of the seminary commenced in the fall of 1848, and closed after a lengthy and minute examination, a few days before the meeting of Synod in June 1849. The results of that examination, together with the general state of the institution, were most satisfactory, and as such reported to Synod.

At that meeting, it was determined that an alteration of the time of holding the term should be made, substituting the summer for the winter months, leaving it to the Board to arrange as to the particular days of opening the classes, keeping simply in view the general decision of the Court. The Board accordingly arranged that the session should commence on the 3rd day of April, this being considered the earliest day possible consistently with the design of the Synod, and yet sufficiently early to afford time for the Divinity Hall to meet and close, before the navigation became interrupted. Public notice to the above effect was duly given.

On the day intended, the Board met at the West River, in the presence of a large and deeply interested audience, and the classes were opened in a manner similar to that adopted on the previous year. Besides the members of the board, there were present, the Revd. Messrs Cameron, Patterson and E. Ross, who delivered suitable addresses to the students, of whom there were 16 forward. Since that period, five others have entered, making the total number in attendance twenty-one—an increase of nine over the previous year.

In addition to the branches taught last year, a Moral Philosophy class has been opened, and, as far as circumstances per-

mit, instruction in Mathematics and algebra is communicated.

Respecting the actual progress of the session, little can of course be reported, owing to the short period which has elapsed since the term commenced. But from what has passed under their notice, the Board are of opinion that their next statement will be yet more favorable than that of 1848—49, and they believe that present indications fully warrant them to entertain this persuasion.

That the prospects of the seminary are brightening the Board are fully persuaded. This is apparent from the large increase of students, and from the evidence of interest manifested in the success of the seminary by many and warm friends.

The Board would also state, that books to the amount of 400 vols., some of them of great value, have been transmitted from

Scotland by Mr M'Culloch, to be followed, they believe, by considerable additions, together with encouraging pecuniary aid.

In presenting this necessarily brief report, the Board would desire to express their gratitude for what, through the Divine blessing, has been already accomplished; and they are constrained to believe, that the efforts now being made by the Synod to train up a native ministry, not only have the countenance of the Great Head of the Church, but will ere long react most favorably upon the extension and perpetuity of the gospel in this portion of the vineyard.

All which is respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

GEORGE CHRISTIE,
Sec'y. pro. tem.

June 1850.

Youth's Department.

BELLEVUE, Oct. 2, 1850.

TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE PRES. CHURCH.

DEAR CHILDREN:—The promptness and liberality with which you have responded to the call made upon you for aid in our missionary boat scheme, afford us assurance, that on you we may confidently depend for assistance in such missionary efforts as meet your approbation, and properly appeal to your sympathies.—Indeed, it has been contemplated to organise a regular juvenile missionary phalanx, and direct its operations on some specific department of the enemy's strong-hold; but as yet no concentrated action of this kind has been officially taken, and no definite object has been presented for your continued and permanent support. Extras, in the mean time, seem to fall in your way, and you appear to be expected to engage in those enterprises, which require but one effort to complete them. Thus it has been with the boats, and we hope your work there, for some considerable time at least, is done. But there are extra services continually presenting themselves to notice; and as they come up we naturally think of the quarter, whence supplies to meet them can be obtained. The church at large is pledged—and we are fulfilling our pledge—to maintain our devoted missionaries on the field of their enterprise; but new claims which we may expect to be continually arising, must be supplied

from new sources, or our ordinary revenue will not meet our expenditure; and we look to you as auxiliaries in the work, not as those who should supersede or take the place of parents and teachers and older friends. Those of you who see the Eastern Chronicle have lately been informed, that Mr Geddie's oldest child has been sent to England for education; and I could have wished that "Christiana" had sent her interesting letter about her to the Register, that you all might have seen it, and judged for yourselves, whether you should not give something towards the maintenance of that little visitant to the heathen, either to prepare her as far as education can do, to go, should she so incline, to the assistance of her parents, and to the help of the Lord against the mighty; or to provide for herself, when those who should provide for her have been sent far away in the service of the church.

The following extracts of a letter from the Superintendent of the Walthamstow Institution will give you some idea of the present situation of the child, and parents and teachers will advise you as to what you should do respecting her. Any further information will be cheerfully supplied to any one who may require it.

"Charlotte Geddie has been at the mission school since 1st of July, and is already much loved on account of her gentle manners and good conduct. It is evident that her previous training has been judicious

We provide her with every thing she wants in this *Home* for the children of *Missionaries only*. This school is managed by a committee of Ladies. At present we have forty-two children from all parts of the world, and I am sure you would think them a happy family could you see them. I am their mamma, and we have four governesses. Letters must be addressed to Miss Geddie, Mission school, Walthamstow, Essex."

The support of the child will involve an expense of about twenty-five pounds per annum, which is a small part of what you will reasonably be expected to raise for missionary purposes. I will probably soon address you again on other claims, such as a *Bell* for the missionary premises, a *Communion Service*, Training of native teachers, &c., &c.

In the mean time, contributions may be forwarded, either to Miss Geddie, as suggested, or, if preferred, to the Treasurer of the Board, Alexr. Fraser, Esq., New Glasgow, the particular purpose for which it is intended being specified.

I am, dear young friends, very sincerely yours,

JAMES WADDELL

HEATHEN CHILDREN.

Rev. Mr Dulles is now preaching Christ in Madras, a great city in the southern part of India. He has written an interesting account of the examination of the schools there. Though his letter is addressed to the children of a Sabbath school in Philadelphia, all the children of the Day Spring will be pleased with it.

The children were collected in the mission church. It is a small pleasant building, without pews, but with rattan seats about half filling it. These were arranged in the back part of the Church, for visitors. Before them sat Dr Scudder, at a small table covered with books for prizes, principally Bibles and Testaments in English or Tamil. Between them and the pulpit were three hundred boys and girls, seated on the floor, with their Hindoo teachers, keeping them in order. The boys first were examined in reading the Bible, saying catechism, line upon line (in Tamil), Bible history, grammar and arithmetic. I am sure that not many boys in either Dr Barnes' or Dr Parker's Sunday school could answer questions on the history of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, better than did these poor heathen boys. One exercise was that of

putting questions to each other. This they did with a great deal of spirit, asking the hardest questions they could make.— After these, one hundred and twenty girls were examined. They were neatly dressed in jackets and petticoats of bright calico, and many of them with rings in their ears and noses. With their hair smooth, and shining with cocoa-nut oil, they were a pleasant sight. Prizes having been given to the best scholars, the examination of the English school commenced. From this school, one hundred and fifty-one boys and young men were present. These are nearly all heathen; but for the sake of learning the English language, which will help them to get situations under government, their parents send them to this Christian school. Some of them even are Brahmins. But it is very sad to see the heathen marks made on their foreheads, whilst they explain the meaning of the Bible and tell what men must do to be saved.

But, my dear young friends, how is it with you? You study these things, and yet you do not give yourselves to the service and love of God! Your parents will not beat you, if you love the Saviour; they will not lock you up. If, however, these boys become Christians, all their friends will persecute them. I saw one young man there who once was in this school. He saw that idolatry was false, and though he was not fourteen years old, he resolved to be a Christian. His parents found it out and confined him; they then took him to a temple and forced him to do worship to the image. At last he escaped and went to the Scotch Missionaries, who have received and sheltered such young men; and with them he staid, (though his friends tried to get him away,) was baptized and is now a Christian young man. We hope that hereafter the instructions given to these boys and girls may lead them, or some of them at least, to repent, to stop worshipping idols, and to love the Lord Jesus, who died for them.— You must pray for them, as well as give money; for God only can change their hearts.

I have been ill with remittent fever, and am now slowly recovering my strength, so that for six weeks I have not been able to study Tamil or do any missionary work. This language is very difficult. It requires several years to be able to speak freely in it, so that it is a trial to be compelled to lay aside all study. Yet I am

sure that it was best for this sickness to come upon me, for *God sent it*, and it has not made me unhappy. I trust that some of you are intending to come out and help us, for the heathen are very many, and we are few and weak. Do not be afraid that you will not be happy if you are missionaries; for missionaries are very happy, if they labor faithfully and trust in God.— And I hope that your parents, as well as yourselves, will be ready to give to support missions. The American Board has one hundred and fifty ordained missionaries, (or ministers,) and many female missionaries and teachers, to support in different parts of the world; and if we have no money, we cannot live and preach and print tracts and pay schoolmasters.— Therefore we ask you to contribute to

But the Secretaries tell us, “ We have not money enough: we cannot send you much for schools for the heathen, and for Bibles and other matters, for we are in debt.” So that we must tell the people in India, that we cannot give them preachers and schools. This makes me sorry; and I hope it will make you sorry, and that you will ask your parents, why Christians in America cannot carry out this good work more largely. If they are too poor to give, then it is right; but if they can and do not, I fear that God will not be pleased and will not bless them. If God is not pleased, then the church will not prosper and souls will be lost.— Youth's Dayspring.

Finance, &c.

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT FOR
1849—50.

Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia in Account current with the Treasurer.

1849. RECEIPTS.

Sept. 1 By balance per account rendered,	£154 7 8½.
22, Juvenile Missionary Soc. New Glasgow,	6 0 0
Nov. 3, Mrs M'Coll Guysboro',	0 5 2½
10, Mr. and Mrs. Hingley Lower Salmon River,	0 6 5½
1850.	
Jan. 9, Ladies Miss. Society, Tatamagouche,	5 0 0
16, Subscriptions for Register, Thos. Ballantine, Pine Tree Gut Pictou,	0 6 0
	0 5 2½
March 5, New Annan Congregation,	1 0 0
6, Prayer Meetings, Musquodoboit,	2 0 0
Stewiacke Congregation,	7 1 10
21, Hugh McDonald, Esq.,	1 0 0
April 8, Miss C. Chipman's Missionary Box, Halifax,	0 5 0
10, Rev. J. Jennings's Toronto, Congregational Collection,	10 0 0
May 2, Subscriptions for Register,	1 14 0

£189 11 5

Amount brought forward,	£189 11 5
May 2, Prince Street Church, Pictou,	8 10 7
June 20, Upper Londonderry,	7 10 0
25, Miramichi Congregation, including children of G. Kerr, Esq. Missionary Box, 15s 7d. and Mr G. Johnston, Chatham, 5s.	6 0 0
26, Saint Mary's Congregation, Glenelg, 50s. Sherbrook 40s. Caledonia, 30s.	6 0 0
27, Lower Londonderry, Stewiacke, additional, making in all, £10	2 18 2
Nine Mile River	3 0 0
New London in P E Island C'y. £6 3 4. Cavendish, £14 2 8. Lot 16. £6 2 9½	22 0 8
Upper Settlement East River Pictou,	7 0 0
28, Revd. Mr Sedgwick 23s6d a Female friend 2s. G. Miss Henry for Register, 2s 6d.	1 8 6
A Friend, per Rev. J. Byers,	0 10 0
Casempeque & Cove Head, Revd. John Keir, Princetown, £25 P.E.I cur; Bedeque, £1015 10. Lot 13 Missionary fund £5 6 6½.	7 10 6½
July 4, Windsor and Newport, per Rev. J. Murdoch,	34 5 4
	10 19 8½

Carried forward,

£314 9 11

Amount brought forward,	£314 9 11	Amount brought forward,	£9 1 1½
Half of collection at Synods Missionary Meeting,	0 18 7	Carriage of Reports to Toronto 8d. Postage 4½d	0 1 0½
Aug. 8, Interest per Dr Waddell,	2 0 0	Decr. 5, Postage,	0 1 11
Juvenile Missionary So- ciety £5. Evangelical Society £5. Religious and Benevolent Society £2. All belonging to James' Church E. River,	12 0 0	7, Postage relating to Goods wrecked at Canso, Do per Treasurer,	0 1 9 0 1 0½
15, Ouslow, Brookfield, &c.	0 10 0	Freight of Bedeque Goods to Halifax,	0 1 11
Mr. John Murray, Mabou, New Glasgow Ladie's pen- ny a week Society,	1 0 0	31, First Quarterly payment for Register in advance,	17 10 0
Part of Bequest of Joseph Begg, Middle River,	3 0 0	Wrapping Paper &c. for ditto 1 year,	0 17 0
Daniel Hingley Salmon River 5s. 2½d. Mr. G. Redpath, 2s. 6. Mrs. Red- path, 1s. 3.	1 16 6	Carriage of Register to Tatamagouche, 1 year	0 4 0
Cash to Balance either omitted or overpaid,	0 8 11½	To Halifax and Truro 1 year,	1 14 6
Boat Fund, as below,	0 4 4	1850,	
	182 2 8	January 3, Postage	
	£528 0 11½	4½d: 13th Postage 4½d., 31st Postage 7d.	0 1 4
1849. PAYMENTS.		31, Freight Missionary Goods, Halifax to Lou- don,	5 3 2
Sept. 1, To Print- ing Boat circulars, (2. Aug. last,)	1 7 6	Postage,	0 0 9
Postages for Recording Secretary,	0 3 1½	Feb'y. 17. do. to Rev. A. Tid- man per Cor. Secretary;	0 1 1½
Sept. 6, Postage to London,	0 1 1½	19, Do. to Rev. J. Jennings,	0 2 9
Oct. 1, Shipping 4 cases Supplies,	0 4 9	21, Postage,	0 0 4½
4, Postage 4½d. 8th, Postage 9d.	0 1 1½	April 4, of Register to Canada, 26, Paid Subscriptions to Periodicals for Editors of Registers, }	2 7 4½ 0 17 4½
8, For Corresponding Sec'y.	0 1 5½	May 2, Second Quarterly payment of Register,	17 10 0
9, Carriage, Reports to P. E. Island, Truro, Halifax, Cape Breton, &c., }	0 5 0	June 1, Postage of 3 Letters,	0 1 8½
11, Postage for Corresponding Secretary,	0 5 2½	14, Postage of Letters from Messrs. Geddie and Archi- bald,	0 16 10½
Share of Printing Reports and papers for ditto,	5 4 9	July 12, Paid Mr. Glennie for Postage of Register,	1 9 5
Postages Messrs. Geddie, Archibald, Turner, &c.	0 7 3	18, Postage of Letter from Rev. J. I. Baxter,	0 0 4½
19, Postage,	0 0 4½	22, do. do.	0 0 4½
29 Carriage of Cloth to Halifax,	0 1 3	27, Bill of Exchange for- warded to Dr. Tidman, to pay Mr. Geddie's Sa- lary £100, Mr. Archi- bald's £90. Boat Ser- vice £80, is £270 Stg. a 12½ Premium,	337 10 0
31, Postages to Rev. J. Geddie,	0 4 10	Postage of letter enclos- ing remittance to Dr. Tidman,	0 1 1½
Nov. 3, Do. 4½d. 8th Do. 9d. 10th Do. 4½d.,	0 1 6	Paid Book for Treasurer 2s.	0 2 0
21, Postage and Stationary 2s. 6d. ditto 2s. 6d.	0 5 0	Augt. 2, Postage Letter to Mr. Baxter,	0 0 4½
22, Rev. P. G. McGregor sent Aug. 16th 1848 in let- ter and lost,	0 5 7½		
Carriage of Missionary Goods from Bedeque,	0 1 3		
	£9 1 1½	Carried forward,	£396 1 7

Amount brought forward,	£306 1 7	Amount forward,	£106 15 1
8, Postage on remittance from Dr. Waddell,	0 3 10	24, Shubenacadie, Gay's River, &c.,	5 11 0½
9, Paid Edwd. M. McDonald Printing Register,	17 10 0	Miss Christie, Salmon River,	0 15 0
Sept. 1, Balance in Treasurer's hands at date, of which the sum of £82 2s 8d is of the Boat Fund.	114 6 4	Dec. 22, Musquodoboit, Jan. 9, Nine Mile River,	7 9 1
		15, S. School, Bedeque, Salem Church,	7 0 0
		Feb'y. 21, S. School Stew- lache,	2 1 8
		March 6, S. School, Lower Londonderry,	10 0 0
1850.	£528 0 11½	Additional, Onslow, Brook- field and Old Barns,	6 0 0
Sept. 11, By Balance brought down,	£114 6 4	April 10, Toronto additional S. School, River John,	4 1 0½
The Subscriber acknowledges the Bal- ance above stated to be in his hands, but cannot vouch for the accuracy of the account previous to 4th July last.		Saint Mary's,	4 0 0
ALEXANDER FRASER. Treasurer B. F.M. P.C. N.S. New Glasgow 1st Sept., 1850.		May 9, S. School, Casumpeque, Prince Town,	0 3 9
BOAT FUND.		Collected by Mr. Liddell, Upper Londonderry	2 19 1
Amount from last years acc't	£26 0 0	June 28, Shelburne, per Rev. Mr Byers,	10 5 0
1849,		West Point per Rev. Mr. Allan,	2 8 4
Sept. 1, S. School Casumpeque (in July)	0 4 8½	Kildare, P. E. Island Currency, 19s. 1d. Lot 13, £1 3 0. Lot 11, £1 3 3½.	0 18 9
24, S. School, Port Hood and Mabou,	1 13 1	Rev. James Ross, young people upper end, 13s 5d. Master Abrah- am Clark, 2s 4½d.	0 14 8
Lyons Brook, Pictou,	0 12 0	Young people, Green Hill 10s. 2d. do. Mount Thom 5s. 0d.	2 17 6
Carriboo Riv. (R. John Con.)	0 13 9½	Rev. Mr. Watson, Econ- omy, 23s 1d. Five Islands, 30s. 4d., Parsboro' 8s. 4.	0 6 3
S. School Prince Street Church, Pictou,	14 0 0	Aug. 31, Lot 16, P. E. I. in Island C'y. 10s 6d,	2 14 5½
Oct. 8. Children Miramichi 19, Rogers Hill, W. Ri- ver, Pictou,	15 0 0		1 10 11½
A Friend,	0 3 1½		
S. School New Glasgow Congregation,	6 10 10½		
Truro, Upper Village £3 15 3. Lower Village and Old Barns, £1 2 2. Up the River, 1 10 7½	6 8 0½		
Nov. 3 Sabbath School, Tatamagouche,	1 12 5		
5, Windsor, £5 11 3.			
Newport,	2 10 0.		
Prince Town,	8 1 3		
New London & C avendish,	7 0 0		
Amount brought forward,	5 0 0		
Nov. 10, Additional Pictou S. School,	0 1 3		
S. School James' Church East River, including 27s 0½, collected by Miss Reid, Little Harbor,	5 14 4		
21, S. School Upper Settle- ment, E. R. Pictou.,	4 13 6		
	£106 15 1		

(We have in publishing the above ac-
counts separated the collections for the
Boat Fund from the contributions to the
general purposes of the Mission. We
have done this in order that the efforts
made by the young of our church may
be fairly exhibited, and also that the state
of our General Fund may be clearly seen.
The following is a summary of the ac-
count.

GENERAL FUND.	
Balance on hand, 1st. Sept. 1849,	£154 7 8½
Receipts of year to 1st. Sept. 1850:	191 10 7
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Expenditure of year,	345 18 3¼
	313 14 7½
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Balance on hand 1st. Sept. 1850;	£32 3 8
BOAT FUND.	
Amount on 1st Sept. 1849,	£26 0 0
Receipts till 1st Sept. 1850,	156 2 8
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	182 2 8
Sent to Mr. Geddie:	100 0 0
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Balance on hand 1st Sept. 1850,	£82 2 8

Our readers will perceive by the above statement, that the expenditure during the past year for the general purposes of the Missions has exceeded the income, exclusive of the Boat Fund, *by over one hundred and twenty pounds.* We call attention to this fact and we believe it is one for which our readers are not generally prepared.—The idea has been so prevalent on the minds of many that our Foreign Mission Fund has been overflowing, that we fear exertion has been relaxed as unnecessary. The consequence is that the contributions for the general purposes of the Mission have largely fallen off, *being more than one hundred pounds less than in the previous year.* It is true that when the boat fund is included the whole receipts will appear large, perhaps larger than in any previous year. But we were led to believe that the collection for the Boat scheme was an extra effort, and not designed to interfere with the contributions to the support of the Mission generally.

The state of the account we think should cause serious concern to every friend of our Foreign Mission. Instead of decreasing our exertions we should be increasing them. Every letter received from Mr. Geddie expresses the hope, that another labourer will be sent to his assistance. Indeed he is entertaining the con-

fidant expectation of one arriving by the John Williams. Our own conviction is that at no distant date a third Missionary should be sent forth. But should our funds continue in the same state, all hope of this will be precluded. The last year has indeed been one of trial to most of the members of our church, but not we believe as much so as the year previous; and now that the hopes of the country are brightening, it will be a sad discredit to us as a professing Christian Church, if, with increasing worldly prosperity, there should be decreasing effort for the cause of God.

NOTICES.

The box of clothing &c. from Princetown, forwarded to Miss Geddie, and shipped to the care of Rev. Dr. Tidman for the use of the Foreign Mission contained 25 yards flannel, 27 Dresses, 3¼ yards Cotton, 2 Handkerchiefs, 2 pairs Trozers, 1 Blanket.

The box from Cavendish Ladies accompanying the above contained 25 yards Flannel, 9 cotton Frocks, 4 Pinapore, 2 Handkerchiefs 2 cotton Shirts, 16 woollen Frocks; 1 Petticoat, 1 pair Stockings, 1 do. Sacks.

Miss Geddie acknowledges the receipt of a military coat, a donation from Mr. Adam Russell, as a present to a native chief, which he has forwarded.

Received for the use of our Foreign Missions 30 yards Flannel from the Ladies of New Annan.

The Presbytery of Pictou will meet at Tatamagouche on Tuesday 3rd. December next at 11 o'clock, A. M.

MONIES RECEIVED.

DOMESTIC MISSION &c.

Rev. James Ross, West Riveer,	£4 10 11
Upper Londonderry Congregation,	3 10 5
Prince street Church, Pictou,	4 7 0

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St. Peter's, P. F. I.	0 15 6
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