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If I forget thee, O Jerusalem! let my right hand forget its cunning."---Psalm 137, v. 5.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FIRST DIET.

*St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, N. S., }
30th June, 1868. }*

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met after divine service conducted by the Rev. W. Stewart, McLennan's mountain, who, in the absence of Mr. McCunn the retiring Moderator, preached from this text: Philip. II, 12-13, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure," and was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. W. Stewart.

SYNOD ROLL.

The Synod Roll was then made up and read, and found to contain the names of twenty-one Ministers and ordained missionaries, and nineteen elders; of these sixteen ministers and missionaries, and sixteen elders, were present.

Since last meeting of Synod, the Rev. Jas. McCoil had been sent out by the Colonial Committee to minister to the congregations of the late Rev. Donald McDonald, P. E. I.; the Rev. Alex. McKay has been translated from the charges of Salt Springs and Garloch to Lochiel, Glengarry; the Rev. Daniel Gordon from Truro to Ottawa; and the Rev. William McMillan from Earlton to Salt Springs.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Synod then proceeded to the election

of a Moderator, when it was unanimously agreed that, in the near prospect of a union with the Synod of New Brunswick, the Rev. W. Stewart continue in the chair until the Union be consummated.

The minutes of last sederent of last session of Synod were then read and sustained.

ARRANGEMENTS AS TO UNION OF SYNODS.

A committee was then appointed, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. A. McLean, (convener,) W. McMillan, C. M. Grant, and W. Gordon and John McKay, Esquires, to confer with the brethren of the Synod of New Brunswick, and to arrange as to the time and manner of effecting a union between the two Synods, and to report to-morrow at 3 o'clock.

In order to meet the convenience of the Synod of New Brunswick, it was agreed that this Synod do not meet until 3 o'clock to-morrow.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at said hour; of which public intimation was given, and this sederent was closed with prayer.

SECOND DIET.

*St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, }
1st July 1868. }*

The Synod met, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Charles M. Grant, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. W. Stewart.

THANKS TO MODERATOR.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. McGregor and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Pollok, a vote of thanks was unanimously given to the Rev.

Mr. Stewart for his sermon preached at the opening of the Synod.

UNION OF SYNODS.

The Rev. A. McLean gave in the report of the Committee appointed to confer with the New Brunswick Synod as to the Union, which having been read was unanimously adopted. The question as to the name of the United Synods, it was agreed to leave for after consideration. (See Appendix A)

The members of the Synod of New Brunswick being present, and the clerks having read the resolutions of their respective Synods, the Moderators and members of both, then gave and received the right hand of fellowship, and the Union was completed. Thereafter the Rev. D. Donald, at the request of the Synod, engaged in prayer.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR AND CLERK.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when it was moved by Rev. Mr. Goodwill, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Pollok, and unanimously agreed to that the Rev. Dr. Brooke be Moderator of the United Synod, and he being present took the chair accordingly. It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Pollok, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Donald, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. Mr. McWilliam be appointed Clerk.

ROLL OF UNITED SYNOD.

It was unanimously resolved that the designation of the United Synods shall be "The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces of British North America, in connection with the Church of Scotland."

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Records of the various Presbyteries were then called for, when there were produced those of Halifax, Pictou, Prince Edward Island, St. John and Miramichi.

On motion by Mr. Pollok and seconded by Dr. Donald, the Rev. Mr. Dunlop, Nisau, who was present, was welcomed by the moderator and asked to sit and deliberate.

The hours of meeting were then fixed from half-past 9 to 1, and from 3 to 6.

LATE DR. HENDERSON.

Dr. Donald referred to the death of Dr. Henderson of Newcastle, which had taken place since last meeting of Synod, and proposed that a minute be drawn up in reference to him and entered in the Records of the Synod. Whereupon Dr. Donald (convener), the moderator, Rev. Messrs. Pollok and J. Murray were appointed a committee to draft a minute and to report.

COMMITTEES.

The following committees were then appointed.

1. To arrange the order of Business.—The Clerk (convener), Rev. Dr. Donald, Rev. Messrs. Caie, McGregor, McLean and W. Montgomery, Esqr.

It was agreed that this committee also act as a committee on Bills and Overtures.

2. On the Synod Fund.—Rev. Mr. Anderson (convener), the Rev. Mr. J. Murray, Dr. Waddell and James Thomson, and Isaac Thompson, Esq's

3. To Revise Presbytery Records.—Rev. Dr. Donald (convener), Rev. Messrs. J. Murray and J. McWilliam.

LETTERS FROM SEC'Y. OF Y. M. C. A.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Pictou, offering to the members of Synod the use of their Reading Room and Library. The clerk was instructed to return the thanks of the Synod for this act of courtesy on the part of the Association.

INVENTORY OF SYNODICAL DOCUMENTS.

It was proposed that a committee be appointed to take an inventory of all Synodical documents, and to hand them over to the clerk; but in as much as it was found inconvenient to obtain possession of all documents belonging to both Synods this session, it was agreed that these shall be all handed over to the clerk at next meeting of Synod.

The Synod then entered upon the consideration of the *Monthly Record*, when the hour of adjournment having arrived, the farther consideration was deferred till to-morrow.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at half past 9, of which public intimation was given, and the sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD DIET.

*St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, }
2nd July, 1868. }*

The Synod met after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Dr. Donald, and was constituted with prayer by the moderator.

The roll having been called, the minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read and sustained.

COMMISSIONS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

There was then read an extract minute from the Synod of Canada, which it was agreed should lie on the table until the report of the correspondents from this Synod to that of Canada be given in.

A commission was also produced and read in favour of Rev. James Wilson, Lanark, as corresponding member to the Synod. It was agreed that his name be added to the roll; and Mr. Wilson being present was welcomed through the moderator.

MONTHLY RECORD.

The subject of the *Monthly Record* was then taken up, when the financial statement of the Secretary was given in and read; but there being no report from the committee it was agreed that Mr. G. J. Caie (convener), Messrs. W. McMillan, J. McMillan and W. Gordon, Esq., be appointed to draw up a report on the present state and future pros-

pects of the record, and to present it at an early diet of the Synod.

DRAFT MINUTE OF COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

A letter was then read from Mr. Laurie, Secy. to the Colonial Committee of date the 24th September, 1867, in reference to the resolutions of last Synod as to the draft minute.

The whole subject was very fully considered by the court, when on motion by the Rev. George M. Grant and seconded by the Rev. Peter Keay, it was unanimously agreed that, "That in accordance with the request of the Colonial Committee, a Board of Home Missions be appointed with instructions to correspond with all the missionaries and ministers of non-self sustaining congregations within our bounds, and with the clerks of all Presbyteries, to ascertain what is being done by the people in each case towards the support of its missionary, or minister, and what is being done by each Presbytery towards raising funds for Home Missions within its bounds; to stimulate congregations to their duty; and to ascertain how much supplement is required in each case; but to make no grants to missionaries without consent of the Presbytery of the bounds; to carry on all correspondence with the Colonial Committee; and generally to take the supervision of the whole Home Mission work of the Synod, and to present a full report of its proceedings to this Synod; also that the clerk be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Colonial Committee, and to ask that all their correspondence, in future, with regard to supplement, or grants in aid, be made with the convener of this Home Mission Board."

It was then agreed to that the appointment of the members of the Home Mission Board be deferred to a future diet.

The Rev. Robert Pollok from Kingston, Glasgow, Scotland, being present, was on the motion of Mr. Herdman, welcomed through the moderator, and asked to sit and deliberate with the court.

CORRESPONDENCE OF PRESBYTERIES WITH COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

The correspondence of Presbyteries with the Colonial Committee was then called for in pursuance of the resolutions of last year.

Mr. McMillan clerk to Pictou Presbytery stated that the only correspondence he had was an application from the Presbytery to the committee to facilitate the licensing of the students from Nova Scotia who had now finished their studies.

There was no correspondence produced from the other Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

A request was made by Rev. James Murray that the Synod would appoint a Moderator and clerk for the Presbyteries of Restigouche and Miramichi, now united into one,

under the name of the Presbytery of Miramichi, and also fix a time for them to meet. The Synod granted the request and appointed the Rev. James Murray Moderator, and the Rev. W. Wilson, clerk, and authorized the Presbytery to meet to night after the adjournment of the Synod.

YOUNG MEN'S SCHEME.

The Synod then called for the report on the Young Men's Scheme, which was given in and read by Mr. W. McMillan. (See Appendix B)

After remarks from different members as to the mode in which this scheme could be rendered most effective for the future. It was moved by the Rev. George M. Grant and seconded by Rev. Charles M. Grant, "That the Young Men's Scheme of the late Synod of Nova Scotia and the Bursary Scheme of the late Synod of New Brunswick be merged into one, to be called the Young Men's Scheme of this Synod; that the thanks of the Synod be given to both the late committees, and that both be discharged that that the Rev. W. McMillan, (convener), A. Pollok, Charles M. Grant, Dr. Donald, G. J. Caie and the Hon. John Robertson, St. John be a committee to manage the United Young Men's Scheme, with instructions to assist young men, who propose studying for the ministry, in their studies in Arts or Divinity at whatever colleges the committee think proper to advise; and farther that the Rev. Dr. Donald (convener), G. J. Caie, and the Hon. J. Robertson be a sub-committee to manage the New Brunswick Bursary Scheme.

Various members then spoke on the subject of the supply of young men for the ministry, when it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that the Young Men's Scheme Committee be instructed to enter into correspondence with young men who are understood to have the ministry in view, to urge them to study for the Church in these Provinces, and to offer them assistance in so doing.

It was moved by the Rev. G. M. Grant, and seconded by Mr. Charles Oulton, "That a bursary be offered of one hundred dollars (\$100) a year, tenable for three years study in Divinity, to the student who passes the best examination in arts at an examination to be arranged by the committee, to be held in Halifax in the beginning of October, 1868.

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. Mr. Pollok, and seconded by Mr. Charles Oulton, that the young men's scheme remain as it is.

The vote having been taken, the motion was declared carried.

Mr. McMillan (convener) of young men's Scheme asked the instructions of the Synod as to the case of Mr. Cameron referred to in the report, to whom he had frequently writ-

ten, but from whom no reply had been received. The Synod was of opinion that the convener should again write to Mr. Cameron.

FOREIGN MISSION.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee having been then called for was given in and read by the Rev. Alex. McLean Convener, along with the Financial statement of the Treasurer. (*See Appendix C.*)

The Report having been read was unanimously adopted. The Convener stated that an application had been made to the committee by a young man desirous of engaging in the Foreign Mission Field, and asked the instructions of the Synod in the matter. Various members having expressed their opinions, it was agreed to leave the matter to the discretion of the Committee.

The Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow at half-past nine o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH DIET.

*St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, }
3-d July, 1868. }*

The Synod met after devotional services conducted by the Rev. Mr. McColl and was constituted with prayer by the moderator.

The Roll having been called the Minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read and sustained.

LETTER FROM MR. OGG, CHATHAM.

A letter was read from Mr. Ogg, Chatham, containing an apology for his absence, which was sustained, and requesting, *inter alia*, that Mr. McWilliam, if willing, be sent by the Synod to assist him in dispensing the sacrament at Chatham and Newcastle. The request was granted, and the other matters contained in the letter referred to the Presbytery of Miramichi.

LETTER FROM REV. T. SOMMERVILLE.

A letter was read from the Rev. Mr. Sommerville, British Columbia, which was referred to the business committee.

DELIVERANCE OF SYNOD ON F. M. REPORT.

The following is the unanimous deliverance of the Synod on the Foreign Mission Report.

This Synod, while adopting the Report of the Foreign Mission committee, and ordering it to be printed for the information of the people, expresses its satisfaction at the continued interest taken in this mission as manifested by the increasing liberality of the congregations; nevertheless regrets to find that as yet no missionary has offered himself to the work of heathen conversion; and recommends to Ministers, on all suitable occasions, to continue to urge the matter on the prayers and liberality of the people, and to Students and Preachers seriously to consider their duty of self-consecration; and forasmuch as

a young man has expressed his willingness to be spent in the service, recommend him for a twelve-month to study at the schools in Pictou—the committee of the young men's scheme contributing towards the expense of his board, and the Minister of St. Andrew's church taking the oversight of his education. Express their unabated confidence in Dr. Geddie's agency, and trust that soon a favorable answer will be obtained from him.—Meanwhile add Messrs. Herdman, Keay, Drs. Donald and Waddel, to the present committee, and enjoin all to aid this scheme to the utmost of their power.

APPLICATION BY REV. MR. GOODWILL.

Mr. McLean, (convener), stated that this day he had received an application from the Rev. Mr. Goodwill, a member of this court, to be sent out by the Synod as their Missionary to the South Sea Islands. On this announcement being made, members expressed their highest satisfaction, and in view of the importance of the matter thus to be considered, it was proposed that the Synod join together in supplicating the Divine blessing and guidance, whereupon the Rev. P. Keay, at the request of the Moderator engaged in prayer.

Thereafter it was agreed that the Foreign Mission Committee be enjoined to meet this day at 2 o'clock, and to confer with Mr. Goodwill and report to the Synod at half-past seven, when an evening sederunt would be held for receiving the report and further considering this matter.

JUVENILE ORPHANAGE SCHEME.

The Rev. Dr. Donald gave a verbal report on the Indian Juvenile Orphanage Scheme of New Brunswick, stating that it had been in operation for several years, and been eminently successful. It was supported by the contributions of the Sabbath Scholars, which last year amounted to \$155.50. At present 10 orphans are supported by this scheme.

Whereupon it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod having heard the report of the Juvenile Orphanage Scheme, approve very much of the same; recommend its wider and more extensive support to the Sabbath Schools of the church; and appoint the following committee, viz.: Dr. Brooke, (convener), Messrs. Wilson and James Murray, N. B.; A. Pollok, Chas. Grant, W. Stewart, and R. McCunn, N. S.; and J. Duncan, and J. D. Mason, P. E. I.

On motion it was unanimously agreed that Daniel Ferguson, Esq., continue to act as Treasurer for this scheme for New Brunswick, and that J. J. Bremner, Esq., be Treasurer for the same scheme for Nova Scotia, as well as General Treasurer for the Foreign Mission Scheme.

SYNOD FUND.

The Report of the Synod Fund Committee:

was then given in and read by Mr. Anderson (convener). (*See Appendix D.*)

On motion it was unanimously agreed to, that the committee be ordered to delete from the accounts all monies paid at the table: and that the Synod deal only with the monies entered in the accounts of the Treasurer.

It was also unanimously agreed to that, in terms of the recommendation of the report, the clerk's salary be raised to twenty pounds, in view of the additional labours now devolving upon him.

The claims against the Fund, stated in the Report were admitted, and the clerk instructed to grant order for the payment of the same. It was then moved seconded and unanimously agreed to, That all congregations be enjoined to make a collection for the Synod Fund, and that, after the payment of all necessary Synodical expenses out of it, the balance be paid towards the travelling expenses of its members—regard being had to those members who have come farthest; but no proportion be given to the ministers of those congregations who have made no collection.

MONTHLY RECORD.

The report on the *Monthly Record* having been called for was given in and read by Mr. Caie the convener. (*See Appendix E.*)

It was moved seconded and agreed to, that the report so far as it goes be adopted, with the exception of the recommendation that \$30 be given from the Synod Fund and \$10 from the Presbyterian Home Mission Associations towards the debt on the *Record*, and that instead, the whole \$40 be given from the Synod Fund, and the clerk was instructed to grant order for the payment of that amount.

It was moved seconded and agreed to, in terms of the report, "that a committee be appointed consisting of members of the late Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which shall furnish information at stated periods, of all interesting matter connected with the general welfare of the Church, in both provinces, and also that the Synod enjoin the conveners of the several schemes to contribute articles to the pages of the *Record* conveying full information relating to their schemes. The committee to consist of Dr. Brooke (convener), Dr. Waddel, Messrs. Crie, Keay, Murray, Wilson, George Grant, Charles Grant, Pollok, Philip, McGregor, Fraser, Goodwill, Montgomery, Duncan, McWilliam, McColl.

It was thereafter proposed by Mr. Montgomery, seconded and agreed to, that a committee of three be appointed by the Synod, to take into consideration the whole business management of the *Record*—and that they have power to act upon any improvements that may be found necessary—reporting their action to this Synod at its

next meeting. The committee to consist of Mr. Montgomery (convener), Dr. Waddel and W. Gordon, Esq. It was also agreed that the present management for editing be continued, till the committee desire a change.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The committee appointed to examine Presbytery Records, gave in their report which was read to the court. (*See Appendix F.*) After explanations from different members, the Report was adopted, and the clerk instructed to attest the Records in terms thereof. It was also agreed, that it be the invariable practice in future that the minutes of all Presbyteries be engrossed in the Presbytery Records up to the date of the meeting of Synod.

HOME MISSION.

The Report of the Home Mission committee having been called for was given in read by Mr. McGregor, the convener. (*See Appendix G.*) When it was moved seconded and agreed to, that the report be adopted and its recommendations approved; that the thanks of the Synod be given to the committee; and that, in view of a Board of Home Missions being formed, the committee be discharged; and that the clerk be instructed to grant order for the payment of the sums allocated when the conditions specified are complied with.

The Synod then proceeded to appoint the members of the Home Mission Board. Various members of Synod spoke on the subject, when the usual hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod rose to meet as agreed upon at half-past seven.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Synod on re-assembling resumed consideration of the Home Mission Board, when the following members were unanimously appointed, viz: Rev. George M. Grant, (convener), Rev. J. McMillan, W. Montgomery and James Thomson, Esqrs., Rev. Messrs. Pollok, W. McMillan, and McLean, Dr. Donald, Rev. Messrs. Caie and J. Murray. Three to be a quorum.

FOREIGN MISSION.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee, which was given in and read by Mr. McLean, convener. (*See Appendix H.*) It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed that the report be adopted. But before entering on the further consideration of the subject, it was proposed that the Synod engage in prayer, which was accordingly done—Rev. Mr. Herdman, at the request of the Moderator, leading the devotions.

Dr. Bayne, of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, being present, was asked to sit and deliberate; at the request of the Synod he addressed the Court on the subject of Foreign Missions, and gave the result of his long experience in the manage-

ment of the Foreign Mission Scheme of his church. Different members addressed the court on this subject.

Dr. Waddel suggested the propriety of Mr. Goodwill's being examined by a medical man as to his physical health, and his fitness for the climate and work of a missionary in the South Sea Islands. The suggestion was adopted.

Mr. Montgomery suggested that at the ordinary congregational prayer-meetings, one night once a month be devoted to the subject of missions and to prayer in behalf of our Missionary; the suggestion was readily adopted; and it is hereby recommended by the Synod that congregations act upon it.

It was then moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed, that instructions be given to the Presbytery of Pictou to relieve the Rev. Mr. Goodwill, as soon as possible, from his present charge, and that the Foreign Mission Committee be empowered to undertake such means as may be deemed proper for the carrying out of the objects in view.

The Synod then joined in singing part of the 18th paraphrase and adjourned to meet to-morrow at half-past nine o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH DIET.

*St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, }
4th July, 1868. }*

The Synod met after devotional exercises conducted by Mr. Brodie and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll having been called, the minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read, and, subject to corrections, sustained.

W. Gordon, Esq., requested that his name be taken off the small committee on *Monthly Record*. The request was granted, and R. McKenzie, Esq., appointed in his place.

Mr. McLean stated that Dr. Waddel was willing to confer with Mr. Goodwill as to his physical ability for missionary work in the South Sea Islands. Dr. Waddel was accordingly asked to do so and to report.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

On motion it was agreed that a committee be appointed consisting of Messrs. Herdman, George M. Grant, and W. Gordon, Esq., to make arrangements for a missionary meeting being held in this Church on Monday evening at half-past seven.

OVERTURE BY REV. G. M. GRANT.

An overture by the Rev. George M. Grant, was submitted by the Committee on Bills and Overtures, the tenor whereof is as follows:—

"Whereas there are many districts within the bounds of this Synod, in which the Presbyterian population is so small and scattered as to be unable, in its present divided state, to support adequately the ordinances of re-

ligion, in consequence of which some districts are left uncared for, and in others unseemly and injurious contentions are perpetuated to the great scandal of our common faith; and whereas much economy of time and means might be effected by a division, more or less complete, of such districts between ourselves and our sister Presbyterian Church in these Provinces; it is hereby respectfully overtured that the Synod take the premises into its consideration, and appoint a committee to consult with any similar committee that may be appointed by the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces; and endeavour to secure so desirable an end; it being understood that such committee has no power to conclude any arrangement, until it has been referred to this Synod for its approval or disapproval."

The Synod agreed to consider the overture.

It was moved by Dr. Donald and seconded by Mr. P. Keay that the overture be adopted.

It was moved as an amendment by Mr. S. McGregor, and seconded by Mr. Brodie that the overture be dismissed. After a discussion in which most of the members present took part, Mr. Grant replied; and with the permission of the Synod withdrew the overture in as much as there was not perfect unanimity regarding it.

DR. WADDEL'S REPORT.

Dr. Waddel reported that he had examined Mr. Goodwill, and found him in every respect fitted by his physical constitution for the work in view.

The Synod then adjourned to meet on Monday at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH DIET.

*St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, }
6th July, 1868. }*

The Synod met after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Jas. Murray, and was constituted with prayer by the moderator.

The roll having been called the minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

CONGREGATIONS OF THE LATE REV. DONALD McDONALD.

The Synod then called for the report of the committee appointed to confer with the congregations of the late Rev. Mr. McDonald, P. E. I. In the absence of the convener—the Rev. Mr. Duncan—there was no report. Mr. McColl missionary being present, gave, at the request of the Synod a very full and interesting statements of facts in reference to the congregations of the late Rev. Mr. McDonald among whom he was labouring. Whereupon on motion by the Rev. George Grant, it was unanimously agreed, that the Synod having heard statements

with reference to the people formerly under the charge of the Rev. D. McDonald, express its approval of the zeal and prudence with which the Revd. Mr. McColl has laboured during the past eight months; request him, in the course of the summer to transmit to the Home Mission Board a statement of the present necessities of the field; and authorize the Board on receiving such a statement, to correspond with the Colonial Committee, with the view of obtaining another Gaelic missionary for the extensive field in which Mr. McColl is labouring.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The report on Sabbath Schools was then called for, the report being presented, it was unanimously agreed, that the present committee on Sabbath Schools be discharged, and that a committee, consisting of the Rev. P. Keay (convener), the Rev. Mr. Herdman (sub-convener), Rev. Mr. W. Stewart, Dr. Donald, and the Rev. R. McCunn be appointed, with instructions to prepare full statistics concerning our Sabbath Schools, to stimulate the Schools to support missions, and to recommend at the next meeting of Synod anything that would tend to promote the efficiency of the Schools, and to united action by our church on the subject.

MR. SOMMERVILLE'S LETTER.

The Synod then took into consideration the letter of the Rev. Mr. Somerville, British Columbia, of date the 27th April last. The letter which was read to the court, detailed minutely the nature and wants of the mission field in that quarter, and suggested the desirableness of this Synod's sending a missionary to labour in that colony. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod having heard the letter of the Rev. Mr. Somerville read, express its deep sympathy with him in his varied labours, and though not in a position at present to accede to his request yet order that his letter be printed in the *Monthly Record*, in the hope that some teacher or licentiate may offer himself to the Home Mission Board for the field, and in the event any such person offering, instruct the Board to correspond with the Colonial Committee, or endeavour otherwise to procure funds necessary for sending him.

STATISTICS.

The Rev. J. McMillan having referred to the necessity of having accurate statistics in regard to the congregations within our bounds, on the motion of Mr. Keay it was unanimously agreed, that a committee be appointed consisting of the Rev. P. Keay (convener), Rev. Dr. Brooke, Messrs. Pollok and Wilson, to prepare a schedule to be forwarded to the various ministers and missionaries within the bounds, and to obtain thereby full statistics of all the congregations, to be submitted to the next annual meeting of the Synod.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENTS TO SYNOD OF CANADA.

The Report of the correspondents to the Synod of Canada having been called for, there was read an extract minute of the Synod of Canada, of which the following is an excerpt: "That with reference to the proposal for a General Assembly, which has been long before this court, and has received some attention from the Synods of the Lower Provinces, the Synod declare their conviction that the measure is not only in the present circumstances of the church in the Dominion, wise and expedient, but also practicable; and, with a view of carrying the same into effect with as little delay as possible, appoint the following members a committee to draft a scheme of consolidation and submit the same to any similar committee that may be appointed by the United Synod of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, viz.: Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, Principal Snodgrass, Dr. Cook, Dr. Jenkins, Messrs. Kenneth MacLennan, MacKerras, Alex. Morris, Croil, and Dennis-ter. Dr. Mathieson to be convener and Dr. Jenkins vice-convener; two members of the committee to be corresponding members to the ensuing meeting of the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with instructions to direct their attention to this subject in their correspondence; and instruct the clerk to give commissions to any other members who may be able to attend.

"The Moderator conveyed in suitable terms to Messrs. Pollok, Grant and Fraser the sentiments of the court as expressed in the foregoing resolution, and in the name of the Synod, thanked them for their attendance and assistance at the present meeting."

The Rev. Messrs. Charles Grant and J. W. Fraser expressed the great pleasure they had in being present at the Synod of Canada, and in taking part in its proceedings, and conveyed to this court the fraternal greetings of that Synod.

COM. APPOINTED TO CORRESPOND WITH CANADIAN COMMITTEE.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed, that a committee consisting of Dr. Brooke, (convener), Messrs. Pollok, McLean, McGregor, J. McMillan, ministers, with Dr. Waddell, Messrs. Thomson and Montgomery, elders, be appointed to correspond with the committee of the Synod of Canada on the proposal of a General Assembly of the Church in British North America.

COLLECTIONS FOR SCHEMES.

Collections for the several schemes of the church were appointed to be made as follows:

Young Men's Scheme, on last Sab. of July,	
Foreign Mission, do.	October.
Home Mission, do.	January.
Synod Fund, do.	April.

And the Clerk was instructed to notify the several ministers and missionaries thereof, as formerly.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

W. Gordon, Esq., then stated that a sum of £56 2s. 3d. belonging to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was in his hands. It was agreed to, that this sum be handed over to Dr. Donald and Mr. Caie, to be invested by them in the New Brunswick Saving's Bank.

CAPE BRETON.

The Report of the Cape Breton Committee having been called for, was given and read. See *appendix I*. After remarks from different members of the Synod on this subject, it was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed, that the Synod having heard the report of the Cape Breton committee, resolve as follows: 1, Discharge the Committee. 2, Approve of the suggestions one and five. 3, That the Presbytery of Pictou be instructed to communicate the whole state of matters to the Colonial Committee, and procure a settlement up to the first of August; and thereafter that the Home Mission Board deal with the Cape Breton Mission in accordance with the general rules laid down.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

The Report of Educational Board was then given in and read. See *Appendix K*.—Whereupon it was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed, that the Synod receive the report and adopt it; continue the committee; enjoin it to publish an article in the August *Record*, explaining the present state of the Educational Fund, and the necessity of raising \$262 before 1st of October; also that a collection be made on the first Sunday in September, for the Educational Fund; and enjoin the clerk to send special notice of this collection to all ministers and missionaries, calling their attention to the article in the *Record* on the subject.

It was also unanimously agreed that the Rev. Mr. Grant be re-appointed Governor representing our church at the Dalhousie College Board.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURERS.

It was agreed that the Central Treasurer for the Home Mission Board be one resident in Halifax; and that John Doull, Esq., be that Treasurer.

It was also agreed that the Treasurer of the Synod Fund be the Convener of Committee on said Fund, and that the other Treasurers continue as at present.

FINANCIAL YEAR OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the Financial year of the Synod shall end as formerly on the 15th of June, with the exception that the accounts with the Synod fund shall not be closed until the meeting of Synod.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Synod appointed the business committee for next year, with the same instructions as formerly. The committee to consist of the clerk, (convener), and the Minister

and representative elder of the place where the Synod meets.

OVERTURE BY REV. W. McMILLAN.

There was then submitted to the Synod by the committee on bills and overtures, an overture named Session Records, by the Rev. W. McMillan, the tenor whereof is as follows: "Whereas there at present exists an irregularity in many country congregations in the Moderator and clerk being one and the same person, the clergyman acting the part of both; and whereas from frequent translations, and occasional secession of ministers, Session Records, which are essentially the property of the congregations, are in several instances lost to the congregation: it is respectfully overtured that this Synod take the premises into its consideration, and instruct Presbyteries to enjoin on all Kirk Sessions the propriety and necessity of appointing a session clerk from among its own members, or some trustworthy member of the congregation, that he shall be custodian of the Session Records, and that they be produced annually for examination by the Presbytery.

The foregoing overture was unanimously adopted by the Synod.

VOTES OF THANKS.

A unanimous vote of thanks was then passed to Mr. Herdman and his Lady, and to the members of the church in Pictou for their hospitality to the members of Synod on this occasion; and also to the Railway and Steam Boat authorities for the reduction of travelling expenses made in behalf of the members of Synod.

COM. TO REVISE MINUTES.

The Rev. Messrs. W. McMillan and Jas. Murray were appointed a committee to assist the clerk in preparing the minutes for publication.

The Synod thereafter adjourned to meet to-morrow at half-past nine of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH DIET.

St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, 7th July, 1868. }

The Synod met, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Mr. McGregor, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll having been called, the minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

NEW BRUNSWICK SYNOD FUND.

The Report of the New Brunswick Synod Fund was then called for, when Dr. Donald reported verbally, that after defraying Synodical claims and travelling expenses of members, there was no balance available. The Report was adopted.

LATE DR. HENDERSON.

The Report of the Committee appointed to draft a minute in reference to the late Dr.

Henderson was then called for, when Dr. Brooke read the following minute, which was approved of by the Synod, and ordered to be engrossed in the Records, and the clerk was instructed to send a copy to Mrs. Henderson and to the chairman of the trustees of St. James', Newcastle. The minute is as follows:

"The Rev. William Henderson, D.D., who for many years has officiated as minister of St. James' Church, Miramichi, having been lately removed by death, the Synod resolved to record in their minutes, an expression of their profound sorrow for the loss of one who stood so high in the estimation of all who enjoyed the pleasure of knowing him, and their sense of his many excellencies as a scholar, a Christian and a Minister of the Gospel.

"Seldom, if ever has one been removed from the midst of us whose loss has been more generally lamented, and will be more deeply felt; and that not merely by those connected with the church to which he belonged, add those amongst whom he lived, but by persons of all denominations, and in all parts of the country; and we firmly believe that he has not left an enemy behind him. The grief that his departure has awakened, wherever he was known, is sufficient evidence that he who has called it forth was no common man.

"The meekness and gentleness of the Christian character have been seldom more attractively manifested than in the life of our departed brother. His attainments as a scholar were of a very superior order, and his long and faithful labours as a minister of the gospel were highly appreciated by the people committed to his care.

"Though his mind was richly furnished with varied knowledge, he was a man of few words; and his quiet and rather shy manner might, on first acquaintance, have led some to suppose him cold. But a closer intimacy soon discovered this to be a mistake, and showed that a warm heart beat under the calm exterior. The tear that was ever ready to start at the tale of sorrow, and his large open-hearted kindness of manner, clearly indicated the ardour of his feelings. Many, who have, through his instrumentality, been led to choose the right way, many young persons who could look to him as their spiritual Father, many who, by his words of consolation and by his fervent prayers, have been soothed and comforted by him in the time of affliction and sorrow, are this day mourning the loss of their beloved pastor, and sympathizing friend.

"With his bereaved flock, his mourning widow and relations, the Synod desire to express their warmest sympathy; and it is their earnest prayer that they may be sustained under their heavy trial by the hand of Him who 'maketh all things work together for good to them that love Him.'"

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Synod be held at Chatham, New Brunswick. The business of Synod being now ended, there was delivered the following

CLOSING ADDRESS BY THE MODERATOR.

Fathers and Brethren, the business of the Synod being now brought to a close, it becomes me before leaving this chair, again to return you my warmest thanks for the honor you have done me in appointing me moderator at this the first meeting of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces as a united body. I shall always remember it as an important event in my life, and shall often look back to it with a feeling of the greatest satisfaction.

I have also to thank you, Fathers and Brethren, for the kind indulgence you have extended to me, while presiding over your deliberations, and for the assistance I have received from you in discharging the duties that devolved upon me. If I have erred in any respect, I now crave your pardon, and beg you to attribute it, not to any wilful perversity on my part, but to my earnest desire to see business conducted in a correct and orderly manner.

During the time of our meeting, your attention has been directed to many very important matters, most intimately connected with the welfare of that portion of the Church to which we belong. The various home Schemes in which you are engaged have, each in its turn, occupied your attention. Your mission to Cape Breton, and to the various congregations that were under the Pastoral care of the late Rev. Donald McDonald, have been the subject of earnest consideration. Your Young Men's Scheme, Dalhousie College, with various other subordinate matters, have been duly attended to, and I doubt not but that the conclusions to which you have arrived, may, through the Divine blessing, be productive of good and important results.

But while thinking of and deliberating on, the interests of our Church, in our own land, you have not been unmindful of the spiritual interests of others in remote regions and in distant islands of the sea, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus that "the field is the world," you have, some years ago, if I mistake not, organized a Foreign Mission, and have been collecting funds with the view of sending "the glorious gospel of the Son of God," to some heathen land. Until now, you have been able to do little for this great object except by your sympathies and prayers. You have been earnestly asking the question, "whom shall we send? and who will go for us." The question remained long unanswered. I regard it as a special mark God's favour upon our union, that our first meeting has been made for ever memorable, by one of our number, to our equal surprise and delight, coming forward in the very

spirit of an Apostle and saying, "Here am I send me." If I may judge of others by myself, I may safely say, that the offer of our young brother was heard and accepted with a mixture of feelings. While we hail with joy the near prospect of having one who has been numbered amongst us employed in the Mission field, and going forth to strengthen the hands of that honourable servant of God, his fellow-countryman, who has laboured so long in the same part of the world, and with such remarkable success, that in the eloquent language of Dr. Chambers, "where at the distance of half a century, savages would have scowled upon his path, the traveller may now regale himself with the hum of missionary schools and the lovely spectacle of peaceful and christian villages;" while, I say, this thought cheers us, it is not without regret, that we agree to part with so earnest and devoted a man. Believing however that God has put it into his heart to consecrate himself to his service, in that new field of labour, we would say, go forth Brother, in the name of the Great Master you serve, clothed with the armour of God, and having your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, go, "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." May he whom winds and seas obey guide you in safety to the place of your future labours; may He protect you in every danger, and abundantly aid you in every work. May you see his pleasure prospering in your hands, and be an honoured instrument to turn many from darkness to light and from the service of Satan to serve the living God. Our thoughts will often turn to your future habitation, in some lovely islet of the South Sea, and our prayers will not cease to be offered for your personal welfare, and for your success in all your labours to diffuse the light of divine truth in some hitherto dark corner of the world.

Permit me before I close, to express the great pleasure with which I have marked the liberal and truly Catholic spirit, which has been manifested in the whole of our proceedings on this occasion. So far as I remember, not one word of bitterness has been uttered against any other body of christians, and the feeling with which our sister Presbyterian Church has been spoken of, clearly shows to my mind, that though the partition wall, that has hitherto divided us, has not been entirely swept away, it has, at least, been so lowered, that we can all shake hands across it.

Fathers and Brethren, I have little more to say. With the kindest feelings I bid you all farewell. I part from you with sincere regret, and with the highest respect for the brethren in this Province, with many of whom I have met for the first time. If God spare me I hope to meet you again, next year. But I cannot forget that our dearly beloved friend and brother, Dr. Henderson, who filled the Moderator's chair at the last meeting of the Synod of New Brunswick, has been

removed from his labours in the church on earth; and who can tell if we shall ever be privileged all to meet again here below. Let us look forward with joyful hope, to the time when we shall meet in a better land, where partings and sorrows are things unknown.

The Moderator then declared the business of this Session to be concluded, and in the name of the Lord Jesus the alone King and Head of the Church, appointed the next Synod to meet on the evening of the last Wednesday of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine years, in St. Andrew's Church, Cnatham, New Brunswick, of which public intimation was given, and this Session was closed with praise and prayer.

ALEX. MCWILLIAM,
Synod Clerk.

APPENDIX (A)

Report of Committee on Union with Synod of New Brunswick.

Your Committee have to report, that, according to appointment, they met with the Synod of New Brunswick to arrange the time and manner of accomplishing the Union of that body with this Synod. Your Committee found that some minor difficulties still exist, in reference to the position, which, in a legal point of view, that Synod will assume after having become ecclesiastically one with ours. After some considerable discussion, your Committee are happy to say that these difficulties appeared to be satisfactorily removed. The Synod of New Brunswick, being an incorporate body, will retain, after the Union, all its legal rights unaffected; as their union with a body not incorporated, and therefore one which has not any legal existence. That Synod thus retains, and will retain, after the Union, the control of all legacies, funds, or property of any kind, legally secured up to this day—but in all the Schemes of the Church, and in reference to all monies hereafter acquired, or property secured, the power to use and distribute such, shall rest with the Body United. Your Committee with the concurrence of the Synod of New Brunswick suggest that the United Synod be called the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Respectfully submitted by
ALEX. McLEAN, *Consent.*

APPENDIX (B)

Report of Committee on Young Men's Scheme.

Your Committee, in submitting their annual report, have much pleasure in stating, in the first place, that the Scheme financially is in a very satisfactory condition.

There has been a balance in hand since July 1867 of £119 6 3d

During last year the church door
collections &c. amounted to 44 11 10

Amounting in all to £163 17 1½

With one or two exceptions, all the congregations within the bounds contributed to this Scheme during the past year. There being no applications, and consequently no disbursements, during the year, there is now a balance in the treasurer's hands amounting to £163 17 1½.

Your Committee while congratulating the Synod on the satisfactory condition of the Scheme financially, regret that no application has been made during the past year to participate in the advantages offered by your Young Men's Scheme. It is to be hoped that this Synod will seriously consider, and earnestly recommend some way of remedying the existing lack of interest in this Scheme.

Your Committee have also to state that Messrs. Cameron and McQuarrie have been communicated with. From Mr. Cameron no reply has been received. From Mr. McQuarrie we have the following letter which was read to the court—in reference to which your Committee would express their sympathy with Mr. McQuarrie under his disappointments, and also the hope that a more favourable turn of circumstances will enable him to carry out his intention of refunding the sums he has received in aid from this scheme.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that two of our young men receiving aid from this Scheme, Messrs. Campbell and McDonald, who through the kind interposition of the General Assembly in allowing Presbyteries to take them on trial for licensing and ordination, without the delay consequent on the usual circular letters, if not already on their way, may be shortly expected to labour within the bounds of the Synod; and your Committee would respectfully suggest that the Home Mission Board be instructed as to the locality in which the young men should labour.

It will now be necessary, owing to the Union of the Synod of Nova Scotia with that of New Brunswick that the United Synod give instructions to their Committee on the Young Men's Scheme as to the principle on which the funds are in future to be disbursed.

As your Committee have good reason to believe that application will soon be made by young men now studying and desirous of participating in the advantages of the Scheme, they would suggest that the Scheme continue to be carried on with unabated vigor, and that young men be reminded that those studying in Dalhousie College may receive assistance from this Fund.

Your committee then in submitting this report, desire to express their thanks to the all wise Disposer of events for the success with which he has crowned their efforts in the past, and confidently express the hope, that under the United Synod, the advantages

of this scheme will be greatly extended and the good fruits resulting may be yet more manifold.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM McMILLAN.

Convener.

APPENDIX (C.)

Report of Committee on Foreign Mission.

Your committee have to report that the interest felt by our people in the success of this scheme still continues unabated. The collections during the past year added to the amount previously in the Treasurer's hands amount to the sum of \$1,561.54, which sum is now at the disposal of the Church.

Your committee remitted last year as directed by the Synod the sum of £30 stg. to the Rev. Dr. Geddie, to be employed by him in sustaining native agency; and while your committee report that they have not had any communication from him during the past year, and are therefore unable to speak of results, they are however perfectly satisfied, from the zeal and wisdom of that devoted missionary, that the funds given him in trust have been well and prudently applied, and that a number of well qualified native agents have been for many months past, and are now actively engaged in one or more of the Islands, in teaching their perishing brethren the way to life and everlasting happiness.

Your committee feel that this is much to be thankful for and a rich reward for the feeble efforts that have been made. It is indeed but the day of small things, but the object is the glory of God and the salvation of undying souls, and therefore a rich blessing and sure success will certainly follow. Our wish would be to occupy a higher place and a more dignified position in the Mission Field, and the wish is a right one, but we must wait for its accomplishment in the exercise of that patience and faith, which while actively earnest and diligent, will not make haste nor fret, nor be discouraged.

If at this moment one poor perishing sinner delivered by our agency, is found rejoicing in the christian's hope of eternal life, if many wretched families have been made acquainted with the riches, which can remove all their misery, and trusting in Jesus are found together bending their knees before His Throne, is it not a reward for our efforts sufficient to produce the deepest thankfulness and joy. Your committee believe that such a reward is already ours.

It is indeed with regret that your Committee are obliged to state, that the difficulty in the way of securing a fully qualified missionary still remains. Your committee feel that nothing further could be effected by them, and have only to add their earnest request, of this court prayerfully to enquire if any means can be adopted, by which the resources so liberally devoted by our willing

people to the blessed work of missions may be more effectively employed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. McLEAN,
Convener.

APPENDIX (D.)

Report of Committee on Synod Fund.

Your committee have to report that the sum in Treasurer's hands is	£27 2 4
The following claims have been made	
Salary of Synod Clerk	£10
Incidental Expenses	1 16
Mr. McWilliam's expenses as correspondent to N. Brunswick Synod	2 10
Due Mr. Gordon late Tres. Church Officer St. Andrew's Pictou	2 10 4½
	1
	£17 16 4½

Balance on hand £9 9 11½

The following congregations have failed either to make or hand to the Treasurer their contributions, viz.: St. Andrew's Halifax, Belfast, River John, Earitown, Gairloch, Barney's River, New Glasgow E. and W. Branch of East River, Brackley Point Road, Truro Albion Mines, Wallace and Pugwash,

Your Committee would suggest in view of the additional labours that will now devolve upon the Synod Clerk that his salary be raised from £10 to £20. Understanding that hitherto different rules have guided the two Synods in the appropriation of this fund, your committee think that it would now be advisable to adopt some new rule for its future distribution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ANDERSON,
Convener.

APPENDIX (E.)

Report of Committee on Monthly Record.

The Committee appointed by the Synod to report on the present condition and future prospects of the Record beg leave to submit the following.

After a careful inquiry with the Financial affairs of the Record, your committee find that at present there is a debt against the Record of \$472, and a sum of \$482 owing by subscribers. The estimated value of this sum due the Record by subscribers, after making all reasonable allowance for defaulters is \$400. The probable debt therefore at the present time is \$68, and the committee find that this sum is reduced to \$38 by an omission of \$30 paid to the publisher which did not appear to the credit of the Record, and also a sum of \$10 voted but not drawn last year from the funds of the Home Mission of the Presbytery of Halifax. With the view of liquidating the remaining debt on the Record of \$38, it is recommended that a sum of \$30 be appropriated from the Synod fund, and that \$3 be given by each of the

Home Mission funds of Halifax and Pictou to make up the balance.

The committee after taking into consideration the price of the Record recommend that it be continued to subscribers at the same terms as formerly, but that in future no copies be forwarded to single subscribers unless the amount of subscription be prepaid, and that all single subscribers now in arrears for the year 1867 be struck off the list unless the amount due be paid within two months after notice to that effect has been given in the Record.

The Committee recommend that the agents of the Record be urgently enjoined by the Synod to forward annually to the Secretary not later than the first of December a correct list of subscribers who wish to continue to receive the Record for the ensuing year.

It has been found that much dissatisfaction has been caused by a want of punctuality in the time of publishing the Record, and also in relation to the matter connected with the printing, and it is therefore suggested that the Synod appoint a committee from the the Presbytery of Pictou to enquire into the causes of the present complaint, and to ascertain what change can be effected in the present appearance of the Record, and whether a reduction might not be made in the present cost of publication.

With a view of furnishing matter for its pages, and extending its general usefulness over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, it is recommended that a committee be appointed consisting of members of the late Synod of N. S. and N. B., who shall furnish information at stated periods of all interesting matters connected with the general welfare of the Church in both provinces; and also that the Synod enjoin the conveners of the several schemes to contribute articles to the pages of the Record conveying full information relating to these schemes.

The Committee feel that the very existence of the Record in the past, and its only hope of success in the future depends on the interest taken by the different ministers in their respective congregations, and it is therefore hoped that the Synod enjoin the members of the late Synods to bring the claims of the Record before their people.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE J. CAIE,
Convener.

APPENDIX (F.)

Report of Committee on Presbytery Records.

The committee appointed to examine Presbytery Records beg to report that they have attended to that duty and find as follows:

1. That the Records of the Presbytery of Halifax are regularly and accurately kept, with the exception that there is no record of the meeting appointed to be held on the first

Wednesday of June 1868, and none of the minutes are signed by the moderator.

2. That the Records of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island are regularly and accurately kept, with the exception that there is no mention made in any of the minutes of the moderators name, and none of the minutes are signed by the moderator.

3. That the Records of the Presbytery of Pictou are regularly and accurately kept.

4. That the Records of the Presbytery of Miramichi are regularly and accurately kept, with the exception that there is no record of the meeting summoned to meet at Chatham on the 10th of June.

5. That the Records of the Presbytery of St. John are regularly and accurately kept.

6. That the Records of the Presbytery of Restigouche are regularly and accurately kept with the exception that at the last meeting only one minister and one elder were present.

It is to be observed that there is no record of Session books having been examined by the Presbyteries of Halifax, Prince Edward Island and Restigouche.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. DONALD,
Convener.

APPENDIX (G)

Report of Committee on Home Mission.

The Committee of the Home Mission and Lay Association beg to submit the following Report of the Scheme under their charge. The Committee can state with pleasure that some improvement has been made during the course of the past year, and a deeper interest manifested in supporting the Lay Association or the Presbyterial Home Mission. The Committee have to report,

1. On the present state of the Lay Association.

1st, Within the bounds of the Presbytery of Halifax. From the Treasurer's accounts it appears that on the 15th June 1867 there remained in the Treasurer's

hands	\$123.50	
And on the 15th June 1868	165.19	\$288.69
And that there had been paid out		
During the year		284.40

Balance \$1.29

2nd Within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou, there remained in the Treasurer's hands since 1867 a balance of \$71.72

Col. in the different congregations within the bounds 278.65

Thus making a total of \$350.37

During the year there has been expended:

14th Oct. 1867, To the Rev. Mr. McCunn	\$40.00
30th Dec. To the Rev. Mr. McCunn	60.00

24th April, 1868, To S. H.

Holmes	10.00
18th May, 1868, To Rev. Mr. Gunn	40.00 \$150.00

Balance in Treasurer's hands \$200.37

II. With respect to the Synodical Home Mission, the Committee would report as follows:

Balance in Treasurer's hands	
June, 1867,	\$225.55
Total receipts for the year,	254.55 \$480.00

Disbursements for the year as follow:

Paid the Rev. J. Gunn,	\$120
To Plaister Cove and River Inhabitants Churches	80 \$200.00

Balance in Treasurer's hands \$280.00

Application for money grant have been made for the following objects:

By the Rev. Jas. W. Fraser for defraying the debt on the church at River Inhabitants \$40.

For building a church at Lake Uist, \$50.

Both of these grants have been recommended.

Also an application through Mr. Isaac Thompson for \$40, to defray the expense of finishing a church at Clyde River.

Also an application from the Clerk of Synod to the amount of \$60, to defray the present debt on the Manse, Georgetown, Prince Edward Island.

As to Mr. Thompson's application the committee would recommend its favourable consideration and that the request be granted on condition that the congregation pay off the rest of the debt before the next meeting of Synod. The committee also recommended that the application of Mr. McWilliam be favourably received and the amount granted, subject to the same condition as the above.

Also that the usual grant of \$80 be made to the Rev. Mr. Gunn from the funds of this Scheme.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. MCGREGOR,
Convener.

APPENDIX (H.)

Report of Foreign Mission Committee, in case of Rev. Mr. Goodwill.

Your committee have to report that they held, as enjoined by the Synod, a conference with the Rev. Mr. Goodwill. Your committee are happy to be able to say, that that conference was in every respect gratifying beyond their anticipations. They ascertained from their esteemed brother, that the subject of Foreign Missions was one which had engaged his thoughts from his early years, that he entered on his studies with that object in view, and that although he accepted a call to a settled congregation, he did not feel satisfied in his own mind, being impressed, and, as

he declared, *haunted* by the feeling that he had departed from the course to which he felt he was devoted. Your committee believe that he has fully and prayerfully counted the cost, and that the great sacrifice he has this day declared his readiness to make is not the fruit of any sudden impulse, but the carrying into effect a long formed and deliberate purpose.

From his well known zeal and abilities as a pastor, and from his knowledge of mechanical labour, of almost every kind, and from the considerable acquaintance which he has of medicine, your committee are decidedly of opinion, that they can confidently recommend him as one eminently qualified to undertake the great and difficult work for which his services are offered to this church.

Your committee would respectfully recommend that the offer of the Rev. Mr. Goodwill be accepted; that without any unnecessary delay he be relieved from his present charge; that he be allowed some months, not less than three, to improve his knowledge of anatomy and medicine, in whatever institution this court may recommend; and that thereafter he be requested to visit all the congregations connected with this synod, and bring the claims of the mission field before the people.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. McLEAN,
Convener.

APPENDIX (I.)

Report of Committee on Cape Breton.

The committee on Cape Breton beg leave to report that the general state of the mission, so far as regards the continued attachment of our people to the church, is considered satisfactory. The number of our adherents remains undiminished, while the attendance at public ordinances has in some districts increased. Mr. Gunn has written several long communications to the convener, and from these, and personal intercourse with the other missionaries, the following facts have been elected, which are now submitted.

The congregations of Broad Cove is thought to be in a better condition, than during any period of its past history. However, this together with the many other districts, has been visited with a dearth of provisions attended with much suffering. The prosperity of the congregation has been temporarily affected by this calamity, in which assistance has been rendered by Government and private charity. A collection was sent to Mr. Gunn by St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, for this purpose. Means have been taken to satisfy the Colonial Committee as to the titles of the Church at Broad Cove, in order to the reception of the grant so liberally made in aid of the erection of the commodious building in which the congregation now worship;

but the money so far as known has not yet been received.

The salary voted last year by the Synod to Mr. Gunn, was paid to him this year, upon the transmission of a declaration from the Trustees that Mr. Gunn had received his salary; but not in the precise terms required by the Synod, while only forty pounds was paid; but Mr. Gunn and the trustees both concurring in testifying that in the circumstances of the people during the past year, this was a highly laudable effort, the committee had no hesitation in granting the necessary authority for the payment of the grant.

In reference to Mr. Fraser's district, as he is present, the most correct and interesting details can be obtained from himself personally. In this district three churches are in course of erection. The building of the church at River Inhabitants has elicited an immense amount of zeal and liberality on the part of the few families who live there, and who have always belonged to our church, and is now drawing towards completion. A church has been commenced at the Strait in place of that which was so singularly burnt down last summer. It is quite certain that the people, after all they have suffered and lost by the last building, will require considerable aid from other parts of the church. A church has been commenced at Lake Uist, the frame of which has been put upon the ground during last winter, with great self-denial and personal labour on the part of a few poor people in a most secluded and neglected district, where no other denomination has erected a church, or maintained ordinances, and where the people deserve every sympathy and encouragement from their christian brethren.

Many testimonies have reached the committee of the interest and success of Mr. Fraser's labours, of the tact and diligence with which this part of the mission is conducted, and of the personal attachment of the people to their missionary.

As to Mr. Brodie's district, Middle River and Lake Ainslie, the committee have no particulars to report; but as Mr. Brodie is himself present at the Synod, minute details can be obtained from him. The Presbytery of Pictou found during the past year, that a very large portion of Mr. Brodie's salary for the past three years had been allowed to remain unpaid, which on an examination of his accounts amounted in November last to £310 sterling; when the presbytery gave an order for £150 stg. which has not yet been paid.

The church at Raddeck upon which about £350 have been expended, and which is to be both handsome and commodious is about half finished.

In reference to the district of Cape North, Mr. Gunn, who annually visits that distant and almost inaccessible region, urges that Mr. Brodie be directed to go there immedi-

ately, as it appears four weeks in the months of July and August is the only time that will suit himself and the mission generally. Mr. Gunn has already set out, and is prepared to meet him there at the time mentioned.

In conclusion the committee would make the following suggestions:

1. That the Presbytery of Pictou be recommended to send a delegation of two ministers to assist in the Cape Breton Communion.
2. That Mr. Brodie be requested to go to Cape North to meet Mr. Gunn there in July and August, and supply ordinances to our people.
3. That collections be made in all of the Cape Breton Churches, and especially that at the Strait of Canso, and that application for aid be made to the colonial committee.
4. That as the expense of the Cape Breton Mission leans too heavily upon the funds of the colonial committee, measures be taken both in Cape Breton and by the general Home Mission Board, that the rule laid down by the committee in bestowing salaries, viz., that no more than half the salary come from their funds, be conformed to, and funds be accordingly provided for the payment of at least one-half of the salaries.
5. That the church at Broad Cove, who have suffered during the past year, receive a grant at least equal to that of last year in aid of the payment of Mr. Gunn's salary.

All which is respectfully submitted,
ALLAN POLLOK,
Convener.

APPENDIX (K.)

Report of the Educational Board. Dalhousie College.

In submitting this report, a simple allusion to the past history of this Scheme may be permitted. When it was proposed five years ago to raise a capital sum of £5000 to enable us to enter on the list of religious bodies laboring in the cause of education, fears were entertained even by the most sanguine of our ultimate success; and predictions were not few of our certain failure. We have now to announce the almost complete accomplishment of our intentions. Scidm has any effort been more successfully made by any religious body. The execution of this project has involved a vast amount of self-denial and labor on the part of the people and clergy. The liberality of many has been quite remarkable, and will long remain a monument of public spirit. Depend on it as the church does in this province, upon the voluntary gifts of the people, the success of the Dalhousie College Scheme furnishes encouragement to the friends of our church in the matter of ministerial support, and all other

schemes. University education is not generally considered a subject of much interest to the mass of people, and, if so much has been done for that, how much more could be done for the support of ordinances in which a lively interest is felt, if the proper means were taken, and unitedness of action were maintained.

The deficiency in the capital sum of \$100 is so small that considering what has already been done, no fears need be entertained as to the result. With so small a deficit, it would be inexcusable in us were we to fail in taking measures to finish the undertaking at once. It is proper to mention that two congregations in the Synod have as yet contributed nothing to the fund. Again as to the supplementary fund, the only contributing congregations were those in Halifax, New Glasgow, W. B. East River, and Georgetown. Want of promptitude in raising the principal has caused part of it to be used, and has created the small deficiency above stated. Still with all these qualifications, it is attended with thankfulness that so much has been done, and that, what was begun with many fears, has so signally met with the favor of Him who can alone infuse a spirit of liberality and zeal into the hearts of his people. The state of the fund is as follows:

Invested in Provincial Debentures,	\$14.00
Mortgages	5.60
Total	\$19.60
Sum due Treasurers,	\$16.00
Required by October 1st,	300.00
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	\$316.67
Interest accruing thereon,	54.00
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Sum required by 1st Oct.,	\$262.67

Two remarks are necessary in addition:

1. That \$262.67 are absolutely required, and must be raised by first of October next.
2. That until the capital is completed a sum probably of \$24 annually is required.

It is suggested in conclusion:

1. That, as there will probably be objections felt by members of Synod to raising by special subscriptions the \$262 above mentioned, together with \$100 to make up the capital, a general collection be appointed to be made before October, and a committee on education be appointed to take charge and furnish each minister with a simple statement to be laid before the people.
2. That if the present Dalhousie Committee be continued, the Governor, representing our church upon the Board, be the Convener.

All which is respectfully submitted,
ALLAN POLLOK,
Convener.

Treasurer's Accounts.

1867.	FOREIGN MISSION IN ACCOUNT WITH JAS. J. BREMNER.	CR.
June 19,	By balance on hand per account rendered,	\$1428 81
July 8,	Cash from St. Peter's Road \$7.87, Brackley Point \$3.33,	11 21
Nov. 29,	St. Andrew's church, Pictou,	33 20
Dec. 7,	McLellan's Mountain,	12 28
19,	Albion Mines,	11 55
1858.		
Jan'y. 20,	Belfast, P.E.I., £10 and last instalment of late Mrs. McLean's legacy, 15	
	P. E. I. currency, £25	83 32
March 6,	St. Andrew's Church, Halifax,	10 09
9,	Barney's River,	7 53
	St. Matthew's Church, Halifax,	110 68
May 4,	Roger's Hill church,	9 08
	St. Peter's Road, P.E.I.,	5 70
	Cardigan, P.E.I., 19s 3d, Georgetown, do., 35s 7d—£2 14 10,	9 15
	Brackley Point, P.E.I., 30s,	5 00
	Wallace Church,	4 53
	Earltown \$3.30, Tatamagouche \$3.18,	6 48
	West Branch River John \$10.67, River John \$2.40,	13 07
May 30,	Murquodobit,	4 00
June 17,	By interest from Bank of Nova Scotis. on deposit, 12 months to 9th inst.,	13 69
	Saving's Bank, on deposit, 12 months to 31st Dec., 1867,	33 45
		\$1812 65
1867.	DR.	
August 1,	To Cash paid Bank of B.N.A., for a Bill of Exchange to Rev. Dr. Geddie, by order of Rev. Mr. McLean, £50	
1868.	Stg., 13 per cent. premium	\$251 11
June 24,	Balance,	1561 54
		\$1812 65
	Halifax, N.S., June 24, 1868.	
	Of which is deposited in Saving's Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia,	\$1221 52
		340 00
		\$1561 54
	Since received, (June 25), per R. McKenzie, Esq.:	
	From Brackley Point, 15s, P.E.I. currency	\$2 50
	W. B. East River,	16 68
	E. B. East River,	14 15
		\$33 33
	Less post office order,	.20
		33 13
	Balance as above	1561 54
		\$1594 67

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH IN ACCOUNT WITH R. MCKENZIE, Esq., PICTOU.

YOUNG MEN'S SCHEME.

To contribution from	River John,	£0 15 10½
	Pictou Town,	5 16 3
	Roger's Hill,	1 16 3
	St. John's, Newfoundland,	5
	Salt Springs,	1 14 3
	Albion Mines,	2 9 3
	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	1
	Cape John 24s 4½d and 34s 3½d,	2 18 8
	West Branch, River John,	1 8 6

Earlton,		1 3 0
Tatamagouche River,		0 5 8
Belfast, P.E.I.,		1 14 7
Halifax, St. Matthew's,	\$21.10	
St. Andrew's,	6.00	
Musquodobit,	6.00	
Truro,	1.60	
	<u>\$34.60</u>	
Less P. O. Order,	.30	8 11 0
Brackley Point,		1 3
Georgetown, £0 17 4		
Cardigan, 17 1	£1 14 5, less 1 6	1 8 9
Wallace,		1 1 11
Pugwash,		1 7 6
		<u>£39 13 6½</u>
Recd. since accounts were closed,	McLennans Mt., £2 16 3	
	Belfast, 2 1 10½	4 18 14
		<u>£44 11 10</u>

HOME MISSION.

To contributions from River John,		£1 17 4
Belfast, P.E.I.,		3 5 5
Truro,		2 1 0
Halifax—St. Matthew's,		5
St. Andrew's,		1 10
Gairloch,		2 10
Roger's Hill,		1 1
Wallace,		1 11 6½
Pugwash,		15
Salt Springs,		5
Barney's River,		6 5 8
Pictou Town,		3 18 4
Cape John,		18 3
Earlton,		16 6½
Tatamagouche,		10
West Branch, River John,		1 12 1
Albion Mines,		1 13 6
To Cash from W. Gordon, late Treasurer,		30
To contributions from St. Peter's Road,	£0 18	
Georgetown,	1 3	
Cardigan,	10	
	<u>£2 11 less 1 8</u>	2 2 6

June 15, 1868.

£72 3 8

Received since accounts were closed:		
To contributions from Charlottetown,	£3 16 6	
McLennan's Mountain,	1 11 1	
East Branch, East River,	1 6	
West Branch, East River,	1 10 3	
Musquodobit,	£1	
Halifax, St. Matthew's	10	
	<u>£11</u>	
Less P. O. order,	1 3 10 18 9	18 2 7
		<u>£90 6 3</u>
Less paid Rev. John Gunn		30
		<u>£60 6 3</u>

* The above sum of £1, credited, through a mistake in transmission, to Charlottetown, is the contribution from St. Peter's Road congregation. A. M'W.

SYNOD FUND.

To Contribution from Charlottetown,		£0 15	
Pictou Town,		2 13	P
Salt Springs,		2 3	
Roger's Hill,		1 0	8½
Georgetown,	£1 0 2		
Cardigan,	13 4		
St. Peter's Road,	1		
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	£2 13 6	less 1-6	2 4 7

June 15, 1866.

£14 16 11½

Received since Accounts were closed :

To Contribution from Cape John,		£0 18 9½	
Charlottetown,		2 14 6	
McLennan's Mountain,		1 1 10	
Musquodibit,	£1		
St. Matthew's, Halifax,	6 P		
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	£7 11 0		
Less P. O. order	9	7 10 3	12 5 4½

ABSTRACT.

To Contributions for Synod Fund,	£27 2 4		£27 2 4
To Contributions for Young Men's Scheme,	44 11 10		
To Contributions for Home Mission,	60 6 3		

£132 0 5

Pictou, June 30th, 1866.

RODERICK MCKENZIE, Treasurer.

PICTOU LAY ASSOCIATION, IN ACCOUNT WITH JAMES FRASER, JR.

1867.	CR.	
June 19,	By balance of account rendered Synod,	\$71.72
20,	Barney's River Congregation,	8.90
July 10,	West Pictou, per account J. Crerar, Esq.,	79.95
Decr. 31,	West Pictou, per account J. Crerar, Esq.,	12.48
1868.		
Jan. 2,	West Pictou, per account J. Crerar, Esq.,	10.50
March 28,	McLennan's Mountain Congregation,	7.92½
April 11,	New Glasgow Congregation,	56.97½
14,	West Branch Congregation,	26.63
30,	West Pictou, per account J. Crerar, Esq.,	28.03
June 27,	West Pictou, per account J. Crerar, Esq.,	17.41
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		\$320.52

1867.	DR.	
Oct. 14,	To Cash paid Rev. Mr. McCunn,	\$40
Decr. 30,	do., do., do.,	60
1868.		
April 24,	To Cash paid S. H. Holmes,	10
May 18,	Rev. Mr. Gunn,	40
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		150.00

July 1, To Cash on hand, \$170.52
 New Glasgow, 1st July, 1868.

JAMES FRASER, JR., Treasurer.

The accounts from the Halifax Lay Association have not been received at this office up to the date of publication.

MONTHLY RECORD.

1867.	WM. JACK, ESQ., IN ACCOUNT WITH MONTHLY RECORD.	CR.
Decr. 31,	By Cash paid to S. H. Holmes, Esq.,	\$120.44½
1868.	do, do.,	209 10½
June 30,	Addressing Records for 12 months,	25.20
	Secretary for service do.,	40.
	Postage and incidental expenses,	1.22½
	Over crediting J. P. McDonald, Esq.,	.1.

Balance due Secretary, 1st July, 1867.
do., 1st January, 1868,

1 25
1 70

\$100.01½

1867. DR.
Dec. 31, To Cash from 1st July, \$156 12
1868, June 30, To Cash from 1st January, 303.89½ 460 01½

1867. SIMON H. HOLMES, ESQ., IN ACCOUNT WITH MONTHLY RECORD. CR.
June 30, By Balance per statement \$44.30, should be \$38 79½
Dec- 31, Printing Records for 6 months, 25 40
1868, June 30, do., do., 254.80

1867 DR. \$553.99½
Dec. 31, To Cash to date, \$120.44½
1868, June 30, do., 209.10½
" " " Balance due him at date 164.44½ \$553.99½
Pictou, June 30, 1868. W WILLIAM JACK, Secretary.

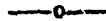
Daniel's Habitual Devotion.

We are told that aforesaid, before the trial, he had been in the constant habit of prayer. *He prayed much.* There were some forms of spiritual life which are not absolutely essential, but prayer is of the very essence of spirituality. He that hath no prayer lacks the very breath of the life of God in the soul. I will not say that every man who prays is a Christian, but I will say that every man who prays sincerely is so; for, recollect, men may pray after a fashion, and even practise private prayer too, and yet may be deceiving themselves; for as the frogs of Egypt came up into the bed chambers, so doth hypocrisy intrude itself even into the private places where men pretend to worship God; but I do say that a cheerful constancy in sincere private devotion is such a mark of grace, that he who hath it may fairly conclude himself to be one of the Lord's family.

Daniel always had subjects for prayer and reasons for prayer. He prayed for himself that in his eminent position he might not be uplifted with pride, might not be taken in the snares of those who envied him, might not be permitted to fall into the usual oppressions and dishonesties of Eastern rulers. He prayed for his people. He saw many of the house of Judah who were not in such prosperous circumstances as himself. He remembered those who were in bonds, as being bound with them. Those who were bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, he brought in the arms of faith before his God. He interceded for Jerusalem. It grieved him that the city was laid waste, that still the brand of the Chaldean destroyer was upon Mount Zion, so beautiful, and once the joy of the whole earth. He pleaded for the return from the captivity, which he knew was ordained of his God. He prayed for the glory of his God, that the day might come when the idols should be utterly abolished, and when the whole earth should know that Jehovah ruleth in heaven, and among the

sons of men. It would have been a delightful thing to have listened at the key-hole of Daniel's closet, and to have heard the mighty intercessions which went up to the Lord God of Hosts.—

We read next, that with all his prayers he mingled *thanksgiving*. Do observe it, for so many forget this, "He prayed and gave thanks to God." Surely, it is poor devotion which is always asking and never returning its gratitude? Am I to live upon the bounty of God, and never to thank him for what I receive? Surely, prayers in which there is no thanksgiving are selfish things; they rob God; and will a man rob God—rob God even in his prayers—and yet expect that his prayers should be successful? Have I not often said in this place that prayer and praise resemble the process by which we live? We breathe in the atmospheric air, and then breathe it out again; prayer takes in deep draughts of the love and grace of God, and then praise breathes it out again.—*Spurgeon.*



PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Messrs. McGregor and Anderson to go to Cape Breton their visit to extend to three Sabbaths, and to receive the following supplies in their absence.

13th Sep. Mr. Pollock to be at West Branch East River.

20th Sept. Mr. Herdman to be at East Branch East River.

13th Sept. Mr. McMillan to be at Pugwash.

27 h Sept. Mr. Brodie to be at Wallace.

27th Sept. Mr. McCune, to be at Earlstown at 11, and West Branch River John at 3.

Messrs. Stewart and Philip to dispense the communion at Barneys River on the 4th Sabbath of September, preleminary services to begin on the preceding Friday.

Messrs. Stewart and Goodwill to preach on Pictou Island as afterwards to be arranged.

ORIGINAL POETRY.

For the Monthly Record.

TO MY WIFE.

Thou first and fairest gift of heaven,
The pearl and prize of life to me,
All blessings which to earth are given
Are treasured up, my wife, in thee!

O perfect flower of womanhood—
In thee all virtues bear a part—
Serene resolve, and fortitude,
And gentle wisdom of the heart;

And understanding strong and keen,
To scan with steady gaze the truth,
Thro' all the mazy mists, which screen
Her features from the eye of youth;

And meekness of the heavenly dove
Which turns to good the world's harsh wrongs,
And quenches, with the breath of love,
The fiery darts of envious tongues.

A healthy soul most fresh and sweet
Round which no sickly fancies twine,
Whose natural pulses grandly beat
In measure with the law divine.

Whose simple faith o'er rough and smooth
Doth lead thee straight the heavenly road,
Encompassing firm the soul of truth
And leaning on the heart of God.

Till thro' thy mortal frame doth flow
Rivers of gladness from above,
Making thy life's pure course below
One grateful gush of perfect love!

Oh! precious wife, no words can speak
Thy priceless worth, in measure due;
And some may say: "The man is weak
"And deems his idle fancies true."

Yet divers tongues her worth proclaim,
And in all hearts her grace has thriven,
Till the sweet fragrance of her name
Is felt abroad like airs from heaven.

And the world's frown, which oft would smite
In forked lightnings, my bare head,
But melts on her in beams of light,
And in her meekness, I am staid.

My wilder pulse, my harder brain
From her a chastening influence win,
And all my notions, mad or vain,
By gentle laws are bridled in.

In goodly grace she stands complete
A queenly soul, from whom doth flow
Some splendour from the glory-seat
Reflected where she treads below.

She has not trod the starry floor
Nor bees where angels prune their wing,
But she of heaven hath taught me more
Than preachers know, or poets sing.

At peace with heaven, at peace with earth,
Her spirit knows no fretful fear,
But spreads its snowy blossoms forth
And makes perpetual spring-time here.

And hand in hand with her I hold
The homeward way, and see, before,
The lengthening shadows dip in gold,
And angels waiting at the door.

The life we bear, tho' linked to place
Hath breathings wonderful and strange,
And all the circling realms of space
Do seem too narrow for its range.

This love, dear soul, shall never die—
These earthly shells must drop away,
And, hid in dusty darkness, lie,
Till clay hath mouldered back to clay;

But this high love shall prosper well
And spread its wings with new delight,
Above the dark and ruined cell
Where it was slowly fledged for flight!

East River, Pictou, August 1868.

SIGMA.

We have to acknowledge receipt of an interesting sketch of our Foreign Mission Scheme from the pen of the Convener, and an article from Rev. Mr. Pollok, both of which are crowded out by Minutes of Synod.

Col. Com's Expenditure on Nova Scotia.

For the benefit of those interested we give the Colonial Committee's expenditure on Nova Scotia separately, viz:—

"Expenditure during the year ending 16th April, 1868."

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

	L.	S.	Ds
River John	-	-	32 0 0
Barney's River	-	-	42 0 0
Albion Mines	-	-	45 0 0
McLennan's Mountain	-	-	30 0 0
Wallace and Pugwash	-	-	23 8 0
Rev. Mr. Brodie	-	-	150 0 0
Rev. Mr. Fraser	-	-	79 0 0

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

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Total expended in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton £432 10 6

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

1868 HOME MISSION.
Aug 11, From Belfast congregation £3 18 4

SYNOD FUND.
Aug. 11, From Belfast congregation 1 18 2

YOUNG MENS SCHEME.
Aug 31, From St Andrew's Ch Pictou 4 3 0
RODERICK MCKENZIE,
Pictou, Aug 31st, 1869. Treasurer.

1868. FOREIGN MISSION.
July 11, Rec. from Hon. John. Robertson
Treasurer, New Brunswick, Foreign
Mission Fund \$41.76
July 21, Rec. collection St. John's Church,
Dalhousie, per Rev. G. M. Grant 18.26

JAS. J. BREMNER.
Halifax July 29, 1860. Treasurer.
PRESBYTERY CLERK'S FEES.
Rec. from St. John's Kirk Session
Albion Mines \$4.00