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OF

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

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THE REPORTS in this issue of the RECORD are printed, as they are to be laid before Synod.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR 1873-4.

The Board of Foreign Missions in again meeting the Synod would with thanks to God for His guidance and blessing, present a review of their proceedings and of the work of our Missionaries during the year past. This will be done as concisely and in as condensed a form as is consistent with the object to be attained, the giving of an outline of the whole work to the Synod and to the Church.

Probably the most important work of the year was the selection and ordination of another Missionary designated to our West Indian Mission field, and this circumstance will determine our course in first bringing to view the facts and proceedings to be laid before Synod respecting

THE TRINIDAD OR COOLIE MISSION.

The following resolution was passed by Synod on the 2nd day of last July. "It was further agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Board for the appointment of a third Missionary to Trinidad, should the expectation of the Missionaries respecting local support from Christian proprietors be realized." The facts leading to the adoption of the resolution may be briefly stated. Our devoted Missionaries, laboring with much encouragement among the Coolies in and around San Fernando, penetrated the island for many miles in different directions, visiting estates and hospitals, and found their opportunities increasing and their work expanding. Nothing prevented them from crying to us to send them another Missionary, but their own

knowledge of the limited resources of this Church, and of the difficulty of extending both of the Missions under her charge. They were greatly encouraged, however, by the Christian liberality of several owners of estates in the Couva district of Trinidad, who evinced a disposition not only to encourage Christian effort among their Coolies, but such an appreciation of the value of the Gospel in its bearing on the welfare of their people, as to offer to meet in large measure the expenditure which would be necessary to their securing a resident Missionary. In these circumstances, while anticipating the formal offer, the Board acquainted the Synod with the situation, and the resolution read was unanimously adopted.

Letters were soon received from Messrs. Morton and Grant containing the welcome and gratifying information that the proprietors of estates in Couva, Messrs. Burnley, Turnbull, Casaming and Speers had agreed "to bear each his proportion of the salary of a Missionary from this Church, to labour among the Coolies on their estates."

Immediate notice was given to Mr. Thomas Christie, Theological Student of the third year, who had previously offered his services and had been provisionally accepted. No time was lost in maturing arrangements for his formal reception. He was promptly taken on trials by the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, and licensed; and on the 19th Sept. he was unanimously and formally accepted by the Board as our third Missionary to Trinidad. The time intervening between this date, and the time fixed for his departure, in the beginning of November, was occupied in visiting and holding Missionary meetings in Charlottetown, Pictou, New Glasgow, Glenelg, East River, St. Mary's, Upper and Lower Coledonia, Sherbrook, Goldenville, Musquodoboit, Shu'enacadie, Truro, Halifax, Windsor, Kentville, St. John, Cornwallis, Barrington, Clyde,

Shelburne, Bridgewater, Lunenburg, and Mahone Bay, and in Chebogue and Carleton, in Yarmouth County.

The ordination and designation services were conducted in Yarmouth on Oct. 28th. Rev. A. J. Mowitt as representative of the Board being associated with the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

Mr. Christie's departure was hindered for a month by the sudden and severe illness of Mrs. Christie; but she being graciously restored, at least, in great measure to her wonted health, he was enabled to proceed from Yarmouth, via., New York in December, arriving early in January in San Fernando, where he received cordial greetings, brotherly hospitality from the Missionaries, and proceeded in a few days to his proper field in the Couva district. The Proprietors referred to have added £50 stg. to his salary, to enable him to provide a comfortable house for himself, and he is now employed in studying the language, and by intercourse with the people, fitting himself for the work.

The Board have then the gratification of reporting that the number of our Missionaries in this our newest field has become equal to the number of this Synod's Missionaries in the New Hebrides.

#### THE WORK IN TRINIDAD.

Both Missionaries have continued to live in San Fernando, and made that the centre of their work. This work has been in some respects common, and in other respects entirely distinct. They have been Colleagues in part, and yet each has had his own department, meeting and jointly conducting some services, and conducting others independently as the ministers of respective charge. Of all these movements, full details have been published in the *Record*, partly from letters, but mainly from the reports of the respective Missionaries, submitted first to the Board and then given without abridgement or change to the whole Church. All that is now called for is the statement of a few facts.

#### I. RESPECTING SCHOOLS.

Mr. Morton has had under his charge from the beginning of the year, the four Schools of Esperanza, Sevilla, Iere, and Palmyra.

For reasons given the third has been closed, but on the other hand two new schools have been opened in Mr. Morton's special field of labour, one at Jordan Hill, which opened in April in a room given by Geo. H. Jones, Esq., the Proprietor. This apartment becoming too small, an appeal was made by your Missionaries to the Coolies on the Jordan Hill and Capar Grange estates, with such success that a new building was erected, and furnished

and opened on Nov. 15th, at an expense of \$315. The building contains, besides a school room, accommodation for the teacher. Appended statements will shew with what liberality on the part of Contributors, this outlay has been met. John Kantoo of Iere Village, has taught this school with success.

The Exchange School was opened July 13, a suitable School room and Teachers room having been provided by John Cumming, Esq., Proprietor of Exchange and Camden estates, who also pays the teacher salary in full. Henry Juraman, also of Iere, is in charge of this School, at which with that of Esperanza and Sevilla estates will be hereafter under the care of Mr. Christie, being situated within his limits.

Mr. Grant reports three new schools opened in his district during the year, at Wellington, Point a Pierre, and in the Philippine estate. In the place first named the generous Proprietor, John Cumming, Esq., assumed the responsibility, both of erecting a comfortable School House, and of providing payment for the teacher, and the success of the experiment will appear from the table appended.

The second named will likely be superseded by change of locality in the San Fernando School, but the third will probably be permanent, and is not only encouraged but supported by Mr. McKenzie, a Canadian and resident in the City of Toronto.

There is one feature in these schools which is not and cannot be set forth in any table of Statistics. This is the element of religious instruction, the chief aim in view in their formation; and to do justice to this department of the work, we subjoin the respective descriptions of Messrs. Morton and Grant.

#### MR. MORTON'S STATEMENT.

Religious Instruction has been given to the children of all these schools during the week as well as on Sunday. The Esperanza children had special religious instruction on Saturday, to leave the teacher free to hold meetings among the adults on Sabbath. About a dozen of the more advanced of the "Ne Plus Ultra" children attended the San Fernando's Sabbath School, and were taught by Mrs. Morton. One of these boys was baptized on the last Sabbath of the year, and others will likely be baptized soon. Something has been done by all the teachers in the way of holding meetings among the adults.

#### MR. GRANT'S STATEMENT.

In the six schools under my care which receive no aid from Government, religious instruction is daily given. Twenty-five

pupils daily read the Scriptures, who did not know the alphabet when these schools were opened. We aim in reading the Scriptures at something higher than a correct pronunciation. The children are growing in knowledge, and in the fear of the Lord, and avoid evil, I believe from a higher principle than one more highly favored, who one day at my elbow was pouring out a volley of oaths, but when reminded of his wickedness, he humbly begged pardon, saying, "I did not know you were a parson."

Our San Fernando School is doing well, but during school hours no religious instruction is given. On every Tuesday evening the children come to the Church for religious instruction. About 50 usually attend, but the Sabbath School is the most efficient agency.

#### PREACHING OF THE WORD.

Rev. Mr. Morton is now able to preach the Gospel of the grace of God in Hindustani with great ease and fluency, and Rev. Mr. Grant has also made respectable progress in the language. The ordinary course of procedure on the Lord's Day during the year may be thus stated.

In the morning Mr. Morton making an early start, preaches at Iere village, in Hindustani at 9 o'clock, and in English at 11. In the meantime Mr. Grant has conducted or superintended Sabbath School in San Fernando in the Church from 8 to 9½, from 11 to 12½, public worship of course in English in the vacant U. P. Church, and from 1 to 2 an English service for children.

From 2 to 3½ the Brethren are associated in public worship in the Church for Asiatics, the preaching devolving chiefly on Mr. Morton. Separating again after an interval of rest each has a fourth service on an estate, or what is equivalent, in breaking the bread of life from door to door or in the visitation of the sick. It will thus be seen that our missionaries are instant in season, if we may not add, and out of season in fulfilling the work of the ministry.

#### MADRAS AND CHINESE BOYS.

It should be farther stated in explanation of the service by Mr. Grant from 1 o'clock to two, which is called a service for children, that its special object is to lead the boys attending day school into farther acquaintance with Bible truth. It is conducted in English for the benefit of the Madras Coolies and the Chinese who do not understand the Hindustani. Calcutta children who may have a preference for English also attend, in all Twenty-five, and form the nucleus of a small English congregation.

#### WORK BY MRS. MORTON AND MRS. GRANT.

The wives of our missionaries, besides attending to the home comfort of their husbands and children, take part in Evangelistic work as they have opportunity. They have aided in the Sabbath School, they have drawn in the girls, they have superintended Schools, and they have from evening to evening given lessons in reading the Scriptures to inquiring young men, and thus helped to prepare the candidates for baptism, and continued a course of instruction afterwards. They have shared in the anxieties as well as toils of the mission,—in their own department being grieved by the withdrawal of four young inquirers and subsequently made joyful by their return and determination to follow on in the right way.

#### RESULTS.

Mr. Morton reports a manifest interest in the Word, specially in some portions of the field. This interest appears in the friendship and attendance of some and in the hostility of others, one of the surest signs that Satan's Kingdom is being successfully assaulted. This opposition is special on the part of the followers of the False Prophet and the Brahmans: their influence has been felt in rendering the attendance on public worship fluctuating as they only go regularly who are prepared to endure some measure of petty persecution.

Under the head of Results we give the following interesting statements by Mr. Grant.

Schools have multiplied—the attendance has been more regular, the general interest has increased, and the progress of the pupils is decided. In our Sabbath School we enrolled 120, our largest attendance 100, daily average 75. From the ranks of our Sabbath School three intelligent lads from 12 to 14 years of age have been baptized, and 13 who were baptized in infancy, either in the English or R. C. Church, but who are indebted to us for all the instruction they had received, made application, and we have accepted, and do now recognize them as baptized members of our Church.

Four infants of Christian parents were baptized, and seven adults. Let me remind your Board that all the baptisms in our respective districts took place in the San Fernando Church, and that the fruit indicated is a joint property which we gather up and humbly and thankfully place at the feet of Jesus. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory."

We would not forget that many results may be to us invisible, and that in fact we are scarcely capable of estimating them at all. But in so far as they are visible, they should be observed in a spirit of devout thanksgiving to God, as the author of all life and pro-

gress. And such an estimate may be best made from a review of a few years.

#### SIX YEARS REVIEW.

In the report of last year it was noticed that five years had passed since the appointment of Mr. Morton to the mission. As we now have before us the review of six years of actual work, the time seems suitable for noticing briefly the whole results. It is not to be forgotten that at the date of the inception of this mission there was really no organized Christian mission in Trinidad, and no missionary laboring among the Coolies. There was no public opinion in favour of such an effort, the prevalent idea being that the attempt to christianize the Coolies was hopeless, more especially as generally speaking they are not a permanent part of the population. During these six years, they have enjoyed the labours of Mr. Morton, and during three of Mr. Grant. The cost to the supporters of the mission has been—for salaries, £2250; for Church building, passages and incidental expenses, £750. Total—£3,000 sterling—a sum not sufficient to buy an Estate, build one mile of Railway, or purchase one locomotive or pay for a ship.

For this expenditure what have we to show?

1st. Twelve Schools with 323 Asiatics and 145 Creoles, in all 468 receiving a Christian education under the superintendance of the Missionaries.

2nd. A band of nine native teachers engaged in teaching, and some of those are evangelizing, as well as teaching the children of their fellow-countrymen.

3rd. The public awakened, His Worship the Mayor of San Fernando presiding at a public examination of the Coolie School in that town, and expressing the thanks of the Government and community for public benefit conferred.

4th. A Church of the Lord Jesus formed and flourishing, (distinct from the Church at Iere, which is made up chiefly of British people and Creoles), with 23 members who were nearly all, three years ago in a state of heathenism. These have been individually instructed and impressed, and in response to their own application, examined, trained and received. Farther, they have been baptized, persecuted, confirmed and settled.

5th. A house of worship has been built specially for the use of Asiatics, finished, dedicated and occupied every Lord's day by a congregation varying from 20 to 100, and by Sabbath School and Bible Classes.

6th. A Book of Hymns, (a small collection, but a commencement) has been published, and is in daily use by Hindoos of all ages.

7th. School Houses have been built by proprietors of Estates, and \$1500 per annum paid for the support of teachers, chiefly by the proprietors of these.

*Lastly.* A third missionary has been located, and his entire support provided by proprietors interested in the spiritual and general welfare of the Coolies on their Estates.

*And Lastly.* The appointment of a

#### NATIVE EVANGELIST.

The preceding statements must be accepted as the record of well directed efforts, largely blessed by the Holy Spirit. The success achieved, and equally the opposition evoked, led the missionaries to realize the desirableness of carrying the message to many who would not or could not come to hear the missionary. There were Estates in different directions, and miles apart, which they could only visit at distant intervals, and during the past year specially, the persuasion gained strength that great advantages would result from the employment of native Evangelists.

An opportunity was afforded of making the experiment. The vacant U P. pulpit was supplied once each Sabbath by the missionaries, monthly by Mr. Morton, thrice a month by Mr. Grant. Two hundred dollars were paid to the latter for this service, which he devoted to the work of Evangelization, by the employment of Lal Behari. The result fully answered expectation. The native missionary proved himself an humble, earnest and devoted servant of the Lord. The pulpit of the Scotch congregation having been otherwise supplied at least temporarily, the revenue for the support of Lal Behari was cut off, but the missionaries joined in an application to the Board, to sanction the appointment of two young men, Lal Behari, and Charles C. Soudeen, and to provide for their remuneration at the respective rates of £62 10 and £50 sterling. After full consideration, the Board agreed unanimously to authorize the missionaries to make the appointments, the Board assuming the responsibility of payment. The decision being communicated to the missionaries, they proceeded at once to engage Lal Behari. The Board have pleasure in announcing that the young men of Prince Street church, have offered to assume the responsibility of raising the salary to be paid for the services of this young man. This generous offer the Board have thankfully accepted, and trust that even before a second shall have been appointed, some other band of like-minded persons will be led to afford us similar aid. It will thus be seen that within the year, one ordained missionary with his wife, and one Evangelist have been added to the labouring force in Trinidad.

## MR. MORTON'S RETURN.

The Board lost no time in communicating to their missionaries the Resolutions of last Synod, respecting a season of rest and relaxation to be granted at the expiration of every term of five years service. This offer was accepted by Rev. J. Morton, and not before its need had been felt by himself but especially by Mrs. Morton; and the Board have had the joy of receiving Mr. Morton among them, and of congratulating him, with thanksgiving to God on his safe arrival with his wife and children, after the anxieties, toils and successes of six years missionary work in a tropical climate. The terms of return are those of the U. P. Church of Scotland adopted *simpliciter*; the Board meets all travelling expense of missionary and family to Nova Scotia and back; the salary during the term of absence being reduced to £150 stg. Expense of travelling within the Province in furthering the objects of the mission, to be paid by the Board, and the collections to be taken in any congregation visited to go to the replenishing of our funds.

Mr. Morton left Trinidad on the 27th April, and reaching Bermuda on the 4th of May concluded to remain there for four weeks, during which time he preached, and presented the claims of the mission in the Warwick and Hamilton Churches, receiving the most cordial welcome from ministers and people, accompanied with liberal contributions to the funds of the mission. Arriving in Halifax on the 5th June, in safety, Mr. Morton met the Board on the 9th, and (D. V.,) will be present at the assembling of Synod on the 30th instant. The Board are fully persuaded that should his visit prove refreshing and strengthening to himself, as they trust it will, that it will intensify the interest of the Church in the work which he was honoured to initiate and, in happy union with his fellow-labourer to guide thus far.

## NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

From the younger turn to the older mission which has been in existence for nearly the life time of a generation, and has extended over a full quarter of a century. In the former case our missionaries, have a voyage of a few weeks to reach their destination, an island close by our continent. They labour among a people having a partial civilization. They are surrounded with the comforts of intelligent Christian society and dwell under the protection of British law. In the latter the missionaries have a voyage of many months to reach the scene of their labours, a group of islands called the New Hebrides numbering about thirty, with a population of about one hundred thousand, and lying north of the

Lyalty islands. About one-fourth of this population occupy the islands on which missionaries are located. Once regarded as rather an easy field of labour, it is found in fact to present many and most formidable difficulties, chief among which are the degraded character of the people as savages and cannibals, the number of languages and dialects, an unhealthy climate, and the vices of unprincipled traders, superadded to the abominations of heathenism. Worse than all probably is the rankling sense of injury from white men, of the same race, language, and country as the missionary, who have seduced into their power natives and friends, only to be carried away and sold into slavery. If things are to be called by their true name our language is not too strong. Many have been seduced and many more violently seized and carried in to a servitude, under the hardships of which they soon miserably perished. The burning sense of wrong and the thirst for revenge there for the last ten years, rendered missions in the South Sea Islands fearfully perilous as well as painfully unproductive. Braving these perils and contending manfully against these difficulties, not a few good and heroic men have fallen at their post of duty and danger, some from disease and some from violence, and yet others have come forward to occupy the places of these departed worthies.

## OUR MISSION BAND.

By reason of the fatality referred to, our own band there has not increased for a series of years. We are represented by three men, Rev. Messrs. Murray, McKenzie and Annaud, and it may here be noted that the older mission has now the younger men. Our beloved and lamented Dr. Geddie was two years ago succeeded at Anelcanhat, in Aneiteum by Rev. Jas. D. Murray, and we have reason to thank God that by him the old foundations are being successfully built upon. Rev. J. Inglis, the late Dr's. coadjutor, bears testimony to the fidelity, ability, and success of Mr. Murray as a missionary. The following statistics have been furnished by Mr. Murray himself and present the fullest information in the smallest compass.

The population of Aneiteum is estimated at 1500. There are eight churches and fifty-five schools on the island. Church members 600. The whole population attend church and school. All above infancy can read. None have ever professedly gone back to heathenism, although you occasionally observe a man who paints his face and lets his hair grow after the heathen fashion, thus declaring that there is still among these people some of the propensities of their forefathers. All wear European clothing. At Aname there is a school for the education

of teachers, attended by from 80 to 90 teachers and their wives, and the more advanced young men and women, who live within 3 miles of the mission station. At certain seasons, those beyond that distance attend. The school is kept four months in the year—from January to May. The subjects taught are reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, English and singing. At Anelcauh there is a similar institution to be re-opened, we hope, this year. The books printed in the native language are the New Testament, Psalms, Genesis, Exodus, six chapters of Daniel, the Book of Jonah, a catechism, hymn book of 50 hymns, a geography, a Scripture history, abridgement of part first of Pilgrim's Progress, several primers and a yearly almanac. Last year missionaries were sent out as follows: 3 to Futuna, 2 to Aniwa, 5 to Kwamera, 4 to Port Resolution, 3 couples and one single man to Efate, and 3 single men to Erromanga. We generally supply a boat's crew of 5 or 6 men to the *Dayspring*. About 20 Aneityunese teachers and their wives have been assisting the missionaries on the neighbouring islands, for several years past and 5 or 6 unmarried men are out as assistants. Repeatedly parties of from 10 to 20 men have gone to Tanna and other islands for the purpose of erecting or repairing the houses of the missionaries.

#### MR. MCKENZIE'S STATIONS AND WORK.

As Mr. Murray is Dr. Geddie's successor, so our second missionary, Rev. J. W. McKenzie, may be said to be Mr. Morrison's successor, though Mr. Cosh occupied the ground, for a time between them. Mr. McKenzie is settled in the island of Efate, and has charge more especially of the villages of Pango and Erakor. The people of these villages are nominally Christians, and with few exceptions attend both Church and School. Two plastered Churches have been erected since Mr. McKenzie's settlement, and the fence around one of them is made of pieces of wood once venerated as gods. We can say little more respecting Mr. McKenzie's work than this, that he is gaining rapidly a knowledge of the language, that he is labouring faithfully in his work, as attested by the senior missionary, and liked by the natives. Population, 270; Church members, 77. Beyond these villages Heathenism prevails, dense and dark, and efforts to penetrate it must be conducted with great caution, as warnings have already shewed.

#### JUNIOR MISSIONARY.

Mr. Annand's settlement at Iririk, a small island in Efil Harbour, some four miles from Mr. McKenzie, is an event of the year. While Iririk is his place of residence, the people upon whom he hopes

to operate are the occupants of two other islands, Fila and Meli. In some respects the people are a superior race, but they have shewn no disposition to welcome the Gospel or to aid the Missionary. Both Messrs. McKenzie and Annand feel the difficulties of their position, and their own weakness in the presence of mountains of opposition and of difficulty. The position of the latter without the language and without the sympathy of a little praying band is peculiarly trying and disheartening, and he has therefore, of all the Missionaries on either field, the first and highest claims on the constant prayers of the Church at home. Unless, thus sustained heartily, what can we expect, but discouragement and defeat. The work, however, is the Lord's and not Mr. Annand's. He can thresh the mountains even by the worm—Jacob, yet for all this will he be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them.

#### OTHER MISSIONARIES.

We should like to notice in detail the position and work of the other Missionaries on the group: Of Mr. Robertson boldly holding up the banner of the cross on Erromanga, with a forlorn hope of 13 Church members and 70 adherents, about half of these from Cook's Bay, but united for mutual encouragement and defence: of Mr. Goodwill, battling bravely with difficulties of all kinds on Espiritu Santo: of Mr. McDonald, Dr. Geddie's son-in-law, holding Havannah Harbour on the same island, with our own two: of Mr. Neilson, also Dr. Geddie's son-in-law, at Port Resolution, and Mr. Watt at Kwamera, both faithful labourers, and able to speak and preach to the Tannese, who yet remain wedded to their heathenism; of Mr. Paton, in Aniwa, surrounded with 50 church members and the whole population attending church and school; of Mr. Milne, on the other hand, at Gnuna, constrained to say, who hath believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? But our limits forbid. We would simply add that the group has 12 missions extending over 16 islands, 43 preaching stations, 3000 church-going people, 726 communicants, 70 schools, 2000 scholars, 94 trained teachers, and 2 training institutions at which 80 or 90 attend.

These present, 1st missions successful in a high degree, 2ndly., missions a partial success, and 3rdly., missions presenting great discouragement to the men who for years have borne the burthen and heat of the day. But are these difficulties, and the opposition referred to, to paralyse the efforts of Christ's Church? Are these islands to be the strongholds of the wicked one? Because there are more power-

ful races to be evangelized, and more influential centres to be occupied, shall places now occupied be abandoned? Surely the dwellers there ought never to be abandoned, while there are merit and power and grace in Christ, sufficient for their conversion. We have in our Divine Leader all the might which is necessary for subduing the most hostile, and for elevating the most degraded of tribes. We are never to say or think that these cannibals are beyond the reach of His grace. These "isles shall wait for His law," as truly as the land of Sinim. Great Centres should be occupied! Yes, and they are being occupied by Churches having greater resources to follow up any successes which they may gain, but as this church has been led, as we believe, providentially to these distant isles, we should not think lightly of drawing back or of doing the Lord's work with a slack hand.

#### THE MISSION SHIP.

The lost *Dayspring* has been succeeded by the *Paragon*, which has on the recommendation of the Missionaries, and, after the successful experiment of last year, been purchased for £2000, and at an expense of £1500 been refitted and adapted by additional cabin-room for her new avocation. She is larger, it is said swifter, with a greater carrying capacity than the *Dayspring*, whose name, it is expected, she will be able to assume.

"When this new vessel was being built she was intended to be a merchant ship. So the builders did not put into her any cabins for passengers. But the mission vessel needs a number of such cabins for the missionaries who sail in her, and for their wives and children. So after we bought this vessel we had to take a piece of the length of her hold, and make it into a cabin. This work has been done with great skill and taste. Besides cabins for the captain and officers and steward she has now seven cabins for missionary passengers, a beautiful dining saloon, and a cabin for native teachers and their wives. In each of the Missionaries' cabins there are two sleeping berths, with a wash-basin stand and other fittings. In the saloon there is a table ten feet long, with settees on either side. There is also a neat book-case, filled with books for the use of the passengers. Every inch of space has been utilised in some way or other; and the vessel is in every respect beautifully adapted for her work."

The preceding description is taken from an address to children by Rev. Mr. Cosh:

After making a quick run to the New Hebrides, she performed all the usual work of landing stores, gathering the Missionaries to Annual Synod, returned them to

their places, made the circuit of the islands, conveyed brethren to the settlement of Mr. Annand, and the materials for his house, and brought as passengers, to New South Wales—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Paton, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland. By latest intelligence we learn that these have sailed, after a time of mingled toil and recreation, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Steel, in the newly finished vessel, and will ere this have met in Synod, and made their annual arrangements for prosecuting the work.

#### THE CHILDREN'S EFFORT.

The purchase of the *Paragon* was made with the insurance money of the *Dayspring*. The large sum of £1500 for changes and improved accommodation has been met by the Australian and New Zealand Sabbath Schools and Churches, in the most liberal spirit and with great promptitude.

While nothing was asked from the children of this church, the Board has to acknowledge with many thanks, that our Sabbath Schools have not only provided our annual remittance of £250 sterling, but have enabled the Board to pay the balance due on San Fernando Church, and Manse, leaving a handsome sum in to meet any extra demand for Schools in Trinidad.

#### FUNDS.

The Board cannot report the general fund as being in a prosperous state. The year commenced with a balance due Treasurer \$617.27, which has increased to \$1132.40, notwithstanding that the current revenue of the Crerar Reserve has been placed to credit, and that a goodly number of congregations contributed very handsomely. When the financial conditions at that time when it became necessary to remit £600 sterling to Australia is considered, for the Treasury was actually empty, our present condition, of a debt of \$1132, with an offset of \$526 in the children's fund, is matter of thanksgiving, rather than of discouragement. At the same time we should not and cannot be satisfied till we get back to the condition of the good old times when the money was *on hand*, and not to be borrowed when the day of remittance arrived.

The Board carried out the Synod's instructions to remit, at least, \$600 to Mrs. Geddie. They drew nothing from the interest of the Geddie Memorial fund, as but little had accrued, and remitted \$600, including her widow's allowance; but having certain information that this sum was quite insufficient for her maintenance in any Australian City, they were persuaded that they would not truly carry out the will of Synod, unless they increased the amount,



which they did by making the sum named, additional to her widow's allowance. In the account the two remittances are united in the one sum of \$600—the widow's allowance not appearing in this account.

The Board feel called to remind Synod, that the Foreign Mission work of the Church has received scant attention during several late Synodical meetings. They are aware that the neglect was unintentional and almost unavoidable. Still they are persuaded that if this is not the great work of the Church, it is at least an important part of the carrying out of the Great Commission, that it is dear to the hearts of the best of our people, and that it will be an evil day for the church when in her Supreme Court, this subject is ignored, or summarily passed over. The whole world for Christ and Christ for all the world! No rest in indolence while one idol is on its pedestal, one nation in thralldom to Satan, or one isle in darkness. The Earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof. The gold and the silver are His. Be it our heart's desire and united aim, that "to Him shall be given of the gold of Sheba, and that prayer shall be made for Him continually, and that daily He shall be praised." God grant us to know our work and our times, and what we ought to do! God grant that we may know wherein our true strength lies, whose we are and whom we serve, and where to find the mighty Power and the Fulness of Grace which will command success.

Respectfully submitted,  
By order of the Board,

P. G. MCGREGOR, Secy.

#### APPENDIX TO REPORT OF REV. J. MORTON.

Summary of Expenditure on the San Fernando Church during 1873, with statement of receipts.

##### EXPENDITURE.

Lamps and fittings.....	\$ 37 90
Paving the Church with pitch.....	186 30
Galvanized spouting and plumbing..	53 25
'Clay piping for entrance.....	7 00
Reading desk and rail.....	32 65
	<b>\$314 10</b>

##### RECEIPTS.

Collected from Friends.....	\$89 98
Bal. legacy of Thos. McLean, 119 60	
Legacy of Mrs. McDonald... 25 00	
From unnamed donors, per Rev. Geo. Patterson.....	17 00
Bal. San Fernando Church collections.....	26 72 278 30
Balance yet to be raised.....	<b>\$35 80</b>

Statement of account for painting the inside of the San Fernando Church.

##### SPECIAL EFFORT.

Cost of paint, oil, &c.,.....	\$40 47
Workmanship.....	43 10
Contributed by converts.....	\$35 00
Realized from Soiree in the Church, Dec. 23rd.....	48 57 93 57

##### Iere Church Accounts.

##### INCOME.

Sabbath collections, Coolies.....	\$ 24 46
" " Coolies.....	20 90
Subscriptions, Coolies.....	29 68
" " Coolies.....	8 20
Rent of House.....	62 00
	<b>\$145 24</b>

##### EXPENDITURE.

Incidental Expenditure.....	\$ 8 04
Paid to Teachers account.....	91 00
Paid to Jordan Hill School House.....	46 20 145 24

##### Teachers Account.

##### INCOME.

Received from Iere Church account, ..	\$ 91 00
Donation, Mr. Darling.....	10 00
St. John Sabbath School children account.....	30 00
	<b>\$131 00</b>

##### EXPENDITURE.

Thos. W. Cooke, 4½ months account, \$16.....	\$ 72 00
Deficit on Palmyra School, ..	20 00
Deficit on Jordan Hill ..	24 00
Paid to San Fernando School, ½ of the contribution of St. John S. S. account.....	15 00 131 00

Soudeen Juraman and Annajee paid in full by Estates, Palungra receives \$100 and Jordan Hill \$120 per annum from these Estates.

##### Jordan Hill School House.

Cost of building and Furniture.....	\$315 00
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##### INCOME.

Coolies, Jordan Hill and Cu- per Grange Estates.....	\$54 00
Donation Lal Bitchari.....	5 00
" John Morton.....	50 00
Received from Iere Church collections.....	46 20
Collected, Port of Spain.....	92 40 247 60
Balance still to be raised.....	<b>\$67 40</b>

Dec. 31st, 1873.

MISSION TO INDIAN IMMIGRANTS.  
Report of Schools for Year ending Dec. 31, 1873.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. on Roll.			Average daily attendance.			OPENED.
	Asiatics.	Creoles.	Total.	Asiatics.	Creoles.	Total.	
San Fernando.....	74	4	74	39	2	39	February 20, 1871.
Esperanza.....	59	4	63	17	2	19	June 2, 1871.
Marabella.....	17	14	31	10	0	10	June 16, 1871.
Union.....	12	15	27	7	8	15	June 15, 1871.
Palmira.....	15	15	30	14	12	26	August 2, 1871.
Pickon.....	18	25	43	11	14	25	September 14, 1871.
Sevilla.....	28	2	30	20	1	21	September 22, 1872.
Wellington.....	32	24	56	15	17	32	January 7, 1873.
Jordan Hill.....	35	...	35	24	...	24	January 7, 1873.
Exchange.....	36	...	36	24	...	24	July 1, 1873.
Philippine.....	12	0	12	8	4	12	September 1, 1873.
Point a Pierre Head, } San Fernando.....	15	40	55	10	25	35	Temporary and now to be merged in the San Fernando school.
Totals.....	523	116	639	199	80	279	

Congregation. Rev. A. C. Gillies withdrew from the Board's service by acceptance of a call to Sherbrooke, Rev. Mr. Lees became the Pastor of Westville, and Rev. E. D. Miller was ordained as minister of the Congregation of Shelburne, and Mr. James Rosborough of Musquodoboit Harbour, Clam Harbour and Meagher's Grant, Rev. Messrs. Young and Baikie returned to Ontario, and Mr. Clarke was settled at Cape North, and Mr. Junor at Hamilton, Bermuda. More lately the number of our Home Itinerants have been diminished by the induction of Rev. S. Bernard to the charge of Noel, of Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland to the pastoral oversight of St. Croix and Ellershouse, and Mr. H. McD Scott to the charge of Merigomish.

We have, however, to notice the return to these Provinces, of Rev. John Gillis, from a distant mission field in connection with the American Presbyterian Church, to accept appointments, more especially among the Gaelic population. He is at present in Cape Breton, supplying the Congregation of Boularderie. Mr. M. McLeod having completed his term of study was transferred to the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond, to be taken on trial for license. Mr. James Bryant, Licentiate of the American Presbyterian Church, has also been accepted as a Missionary for the summer, and is now employed in New Brunswick. The lists of Preachers and of Catechists are appended.

THE TWO DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

Having referred to the number and varied grades of our labourers, let us for a few moments glance at our field of Missions. There are two leading departments in the work, the one first to be named being less strictly Missionary than the other, though not less important. It is the providing supply to vacant congregations, so that the Gospel may be preached to them, and preached by men who are in a position to be called and settled as Pastors. Of such congregations, there have been about 24 during the past year, five in Halifax Presbytery and five in Pictou, two in Truro, three in P. E. Island, three in Cape Breton Island, one in Lunenburg and Yarmouth, and five in the Presbytery of St. John. The Board are much gratified that this number has been considerably reduced, although the success of the Congregations calling, involves a corresponding reduction in our force. Every settlement effected to the satisfaction of all parties, involves not only regular supply of preaching on the Lord's day, but the formation of the Pastoral tie, which the Lord himself has ordained, and which He has largely blessed in all lands and in all ages, for

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS 1873-1874.

One year ago the agents under charge of this Board were Ordained ministers. Four, Rev. Messrs. A. Cameron, S. Bernard, J. A. F. Sutherland, and Samuel Archibald. Rev. S. McCully was added at Synod—making five. Probationers—Four, Messrs. Clarke, Thomson, Rosborough and Leishman, Catechists, (English). Twelve whose names being given in last report do not need to be repeated. During the summer we were aided by Rev. Messrs. A. C. Gillies, W. C. Young, J. P. Baikie, and Wm. Johnstone, from Ontario, also by Messrs. E. D. Miller, and John Wallace, who arrived from Scotland early in the season, Mr. H. McD Scott also arrived in the fall, and was speedily licensed and employed.

During the summer, the congregations vacant, and equally, our outlying stations were therefore well supplied, but in the fall season, the Divinity Students employed withdrew, when many portions of the church experienced a corresponding falling off, and in some cases a total failure, of the services regularly enjoyed from May or June 1st to September or October. Other changes occurred, Rev. Mr. Cameron was speedily settled as Pastor of River Side

the edification of his people. For the progress thus made within the year, this Church has abundant cause to be thankful to her great guiding Head, by whose blessing this success has been attained.

The second department of our Home Mission work consists in providing preaching, catechetical instruction, and so far as practicable, church organization and the administration of divine ordinances to smaller or larger groups of worshippers, all over the land who may not be so numerous or so supplied with pecuniary resources, as to be able to support a Pastor. Such bands are to be found in all these Provinces, and in the greater number of all the Counties of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Islands of Cape Breton and P. E. Island. To supply these steadily for four, five, or six months, is the special work of the Theological Students, when sent forth as a Catechists. To minister to them for shorter terms, is also one part of the work of the Probationer, and of the ordained minister too, who as opportunity offers, is authorized by the Presbytery employing him, to administer Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in accordance with the laws of the Church.

#### THE FIELD.

Our Home Mission Field is thus endlessly diversified, and it would be impossible to present all portions of it even in outline. Instead of attempting this, we will make a selection, and present to notice two or three of the places occupied, and cultivated with some care during the year.

#### THE EASTERN SHORE.

The name is applicable to the whole coast from Halifax, east to Canseau. Proceeding east from Halifax we have first within a mile, Dartmouth congregation, next Lawrencetown, Porters Lake and Cow Bay, extending about 20 miles, under charge of Rev. A. Stuart. We then pass through the congregations of Musquodoboit and Clam Harbours, extending perhaps an equal distance under Rev. J. Rosborough. Mr. Dickie's charge comes next, and is called the congregation of Sheet Harbour, but in fact embraces a half a dozen of small congregations besides that of Sheet Harbour. It includes Tangier, Pope's Harbour, Moseland, Shoal Bay and Spry Bay, all on this side of Sheet Harbour; and beyond it, he extends his visits to Moser's River, Quoddy, Liscomb and Marie Joseph. The places last named are about 28 miles distant from Sheet Harbour, "but distance and difficulties are no obstacles to Mr. Dickie." These are the words of the Catechist now labouring under his direction in this great Home Mission field. He adds "the extent of country that

he has taken up and to which he gives occasional supply, is from Tangier to Liscomb, nearly 60 miles, and the people over all this extent of country he has organized for mission work. The young man from whose letter to the Secretary, these extracts are taken adds "I am to be located at Quoddy, some 12 miles from Sheet Harbour, and have four preaching stations assigned to me, Quoddy, Moser's River, Marie Joseph and Liscomb.

It will thus be seen that our Catechist labours under Mr. Dickie's direction, and sometimes supplies his place while the pastor goes to the distant station, and arranges the work for the assistant. In several of these places there are Episcopal services. Still there is so much of true spiritual destitution, and so much of ritualism without evangelical fervour, that the duty is clear of preaching Christ, to all who choose to hear, and of sending the tidings of a free salvation to the hardy fisherman and his family, who are not slow to distinguish between a merely formal service and a life giving message. In this field Mr. Adam Gunn was the Catechist last year and Mr. Thomas Murray for the present summer. The efforts put forth should have the warm sympathies and the hearty prayers of the Church generally.

#### STATIONS IN LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Some time ago, the Board were specially appealed to, by the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, to aid in searching out scattered Presbyterians in Lunenburg and Yarmouth Counties, who might welcome and value services in connection with our Church. A favourable reply being given the Presbytery commenced some Mission Stations in Lunenburg County, having previously received from their Clerk a report of his visits of inquiry to different places. The services of Mr. M. McGregor were procured, and he was appointed to supply Northfield Branch, Riversdale, New Cornwall and Springfield. The following extract from Mr. McGregor's last report will explain his procedure, and to some extent the prospect.

"During 13 weeks, from 1st of January, divine service was conducted on each Lord's day in the several Stations as appointed by the Presbytery. The Bible class at Riversdale had for reasons which I could not control to be discontinued for a time. There and at Northfield I conducted prayer meetings every alternate week, and towards the close of my labours weekly. I had prayer meetings in other places occasionally.

We were under the necessity of holding the Northfield prayer meeting in dwelling houses, and not only Presbyterians but Lutherans and Episcopalians offered the use of their houses. The warm interest

manifested in the meetings, we look as an indication for good, and we trust God may crown our efforts to do good with some measure of success."

The Presbytery at the closing of the Hall sought and obtained the services of Mr. D. F. Creelman as a Catechist to labour in this district, while Mr. McGregor has been transferred to the western side of the La-Have, in the settlement known as New Dublin. In this fine county there is still room for earnest Evangelists, but the people who welcome them require some training before they will contribute with system. Hence the value of our Home Mission Fund, and the laying out of a portion of it for the diffusion of the Gospel among the Lutherans and formal Presbyterians of this Western Shore County, is an application of it not only justifiable but laudable.

#### VICTORIA CO. N. B.

In this County are two important and promising missions which the Board and the St. John Presbytery have tried to foster, but this has been done very ineffectually for want of men. The first of these is

#### THE TOBIQUE VALLEY.

Two years ago the Report of Rev. T. Cumming's winter's mission of five weeks to this place, brought it to the notice of the whole Church, as a most necessitous and hopeful field of labour. There was then and there is now, no settled Presbyterian minister in the whole county. The settlement in the Valley extending from Tobique village in the St. John, up the Tobique River, which is a tributary of the St. John, is 25 or 30 miles in length. The preaching places along this stretch of fertile though as yet sparsely settled land, are, Arthurette, Three Brooks, Long Island and Rocky Brook, quite sufficient to occupy the whole time of one man. Again 24 miles from Tobique village, but up the St. John River is the village of Grand Falls, where the Mission Church for the use of Acadian French, and others as well, is being erected. In this district of country there are two ministers of other bodies, one Episcopal one Wesleyan, but still the scattered Presbyterians were in such numbers as to enable Mr. Cumming to appeal to us saying, "From 40 homes in that Northern Valley we hear the re-echo of the prayer of the man of Macedonia, come over and help us."

Occasional supply has been given ever since. The Presbytery of St. John have sent deputations once and again, and have asked that a Probationer or ordained man should be sent there for a year, but the Board have to confess with regret that they have been unable to secure the consent of any suitable agent.

Rev. Wm. Joastone from Ontario has

spent a longer time there than any other minister sent by the Presbytery. He has laboured with great diligence and prudence, and has won the gratitude alike of the people, the Presbytery and the Board.

Before, however, submitting a few extracts from Mr. Johnston's communications, we would notice the second mission field in Victoria County, which was also supplied last winter, and indeed till the present month by Mr. Johnston.

#### THE NEW KINCARDINE COLONY.

This Colony as it is termed consists of a band of Scottish immigrants chiefly from Kincardineshire, and chiefly Presbyterians who, coming in a body last year, have given the name of their native county to the lands in the St. John, which they have drawn and in which they have settled.

To the original band which arrived last year, a considerably large accession has been made this spring, the exact extent of which this Committee cannot state, though aware that 50 families were expected.

We append extracts from three of Mr. Johnston's letters (to Rev. J. C. Burgess, Clerk of St. John Presbytery,) of different date, remarking by way of apology for the length of the extracts, the importance of the field and the desirableness of getting the whole church thoroughly interested in it:—

*New Kincardine, May 9th, 1874.*

MY DEAR BROTHER,—As mentioned to Rev. Mr. Bennett, I agreed, about two months ago at the earnest request of the Colonists, to postpone further procedure in the election of Elders, till the men who were away working had returned to the Colony, and the state of the roads permitted of a larger attendance. I returned to New Kincardine four weeks ago, and have been labouring there ever since. The ordination of Elders took place last Sabbath, and arrangements were made for a meeting on Wednesday next week, for allocating districts, planning such measures as might seem conducive to the religious welfare of the Colony. I had arranged mean time to visit and preach in Andover district, also along the Tobique River, proceeding if possible as far as Rocky Brook, and then to return to the Colony for one or possibly two Sabbaths, on one of which I meant to dispense the Communion. On the arrival of Mr. Casey last evening, I would gladly have left at once; but as he seems somewhat discouraged by the nature and extent of the field, and about disposed to leave. I shall remain and carry out my original intention, and in the event of his being induced to remain at least a month or two, I shall introduce him to such families in the Colony and especially round Andover.

war, as we can overtake together. On completing my work I shall send in a Report. Meantime permit me to say that I am glad to perceive that the Presbytery is anxious to act liberally towards this district. The truth is that the field is by far too large for one man to work properly, especially if he has no conveyance. If the Presbytery could afford it, the good results that might confidently under the Divine Blessing be anticipated from the step, would amply repay the expense of keeping two labourers here during the summer months at least. When I mention that the two roads which run through the Colony are respectively about eleven and thirteen miles in length, that there are Colonists settled also along the St. John, and between that river and the Colony, and that fifty additional families are expected to arrive from Scotland towards the end of this month, you will at once perceive that there is ample scope in the Colony alone for the energie of one man. If only one labourer can be sent, I think his labours ought to be entirely confined to the Colony and the Tobique River district. My experience entirely confirms the opinion formed by the Rev. Mr. Stewart regarding the promising nature of the field along the Tobique River, but in order to much being made of it, services would require to be held there at least every fortnight. The expense of maintaining two labourers even during summer would be considerable; but the Colony is willing to do what they can to meet expenses, and should I visit the Tobique district, I intend bringing the pecuniary element of the mission, specially before the people both there and at Andover.

New Kincardine, May 22nd, 1874.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I beg to thank you for the offer made me which, however, I am not in a position to accept, as I purpose (D. V.) bye and bye returning to Scotland. At the same time I fully appreciate the importance of the sphere, and the superior prospects of usefulness and even of ultimate comfort which it holds out to an active and earnest labourer. Instead of sending a student or preacher for a short period, would it not be in the power of the Presbytery to give the Colony an opportunity of calling some one? A minister ordained over them would be in a position to work the field much more effectively than any other, and would be furnished with a horse and waggon which would enable him to accomplish more work, and to do it much more systematically than he could without a conveyance. A conveyance is absolutely necessary in order to work the field properly especially in winter, and even in summer. Hiring, besides being expensive, cannot always be obtained, as I experienced more

than once, requiring in consequence to leave engagements unfulfilled. You need not hesitate to encourage any young man to cast in his lot among the people here. He will be supplied with a field here and along the Tobique, where much good may be done, and in a few years the Colony will, in all probability be able to maintain a minister in perfect comfort, and even to aid in extending the Gospel around.

With regard to pecuniary matters, the Session here, has arranged to set agoing systematic subscriptions, which will enable even the poorest to contribute their mite, and will result in a larger aggregate in the course of the year than if a subscription were to be taken up only occasionally. I also brought the matter under the notice of the people along the Tobique, and around Andover. In the latter district a lady belonging to the Calvinistic Baptists, who who along with her husband has taken a gratifying interest in the mission, is taking up subscriptions, and will hand the proceeds over to my successor. Along the Tobique River, Mr. Jenkins of Long Island, and Mr. Alex. Briggs of Three Brooks, have cheerfully undertaken to do what they can in their respective districts. The latter has also undertaken to see Mr. Beveridge, (who was from home) on the matter, and I have no doubt, that gentleman will overtake Arthurette. I do not know whether much will be gathered. The people, it must be recollected have never been trained to give, and besides, the Colony has received the chief share of my labours. The parties, however, who have agreed to take up subscriptions in their respective districts will certainly not be lacking in the discharge of the duty they have undertaken.

Woodstock, June 1st, 1874.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Having brought to a close my labours in the district placed under my care by the Presbytery of St. John during the past nine months, I beg to submit my final Report, though indeed I have little to add to what I have already from time to time communicated. The Elders elect, having accepted and being ordained, had under consideration the religious wants of the young, and besides the Sabbath Schools previously existing, are using means to establish others, so that all the children in the Colony may have it in their power to attend one or other of them. They have also arranged to set agoing periodical subscriptions towards meeting the expenses of the mission; and they have meanwhile asked me to convey to the Presbytery their grateful appreciation of their great kindness and liberality, and their earnest hope that under the Divine blessing on their industry they will be in a position ere very long to relieve the mission of the pecuniary burden

which they at present occasion. Before leaving the district I had time to visit a considerable number of the new Colonists. As might have been anticipated I found a few somewhat discouraged by the aspect of things; but the majority were hopeful, and fully resolved at least on giving the settlement a fair trial. Among the wants necessarily entailed on them by their changed circumstances, I was happy to find in several instances that the one most faithfully realized by them was the absence of the religious ordinances to which they had been so long and regularly accustomed in their native land. "It had seemed a strange Sabbath to them—they almost felt as if they had done wrong in coming out to such a land,—were glad to see a minister of the Gospel, and wondered why I had not come sooner,"—a circumstance I may explain which arose from their having arrived earlier than was expected, and for my having departed for the Tobique River on the day preceding their arrival. I was also gratified to learn that not content with simple expressions of regret some were adopting means to supplement the deficiency of ordinary services by holding prayer-meetings in each others houses. I need scarcely add that I left under care of the Session a record of the baptisms which I had administered both within and beyond the Colony, and also the roll of members, amounting to 114 connected with the Colony and to 7 outside of it—the former number not including any of the new settlers. There is here the nucleus of what I trust will yet be a large and influential congregation, and I am not giving utterance to my own wish merely, but to that of the people themselves, in respectfully, but earnestly submitting to your Reverend Court the desirableness of their being speedily provided not with a temporary labourer only, but if possible with a settled pastor. The influence of such a person will be much greater both with the Colony and beyond it; and having the expectation of obtaining possession of a horse and conveyance, he will be able to accomplish more work, and with greater comfort to himself.

#### REPORT RESUMED.

In that fair valley, yet to contain a dense population, with our forty families crying to us for help, we had two years ago a loud call to send one of our strongest and best men to their aid, but now, how much louder the call. In the same County we now have a large importation from the old fatherland, who feel the change in their circumstances and associations, but who more than all that on the Lord's day, they have no joyful assembly, and no stated sanctuary, and they ask us to come to their aid. For many years it was a com-

plaint that immigration had ceased, that we were not reinforced nor strengthened, as in times past, by brethren from abroad. Now they have come, and the question is how shall we receive them? Shall we treat them with a lofty reserve, and say we will give you a Catechist; we will provide you with just what you can pay for? They have not been so treated thus far, and yet we have but feebly responded to their appeals.

Our brethren there are strangers, and is it not written, "thou shalt not oppress or vex a stranger;" but there is a positive as well as a negative side. "The stranger that dwelleth with you shall be as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself," and the plain meaning of this charge in its bearing on the present subject is,—place yourself in the position of these strangers, imagine their yearnings for the Mother country, their privations, their difficulties and hardship, their poverty during the first few years of hard work and scanty returns, their burthen of care and of anxiety, their appreciation of kindness, their longing for the songs of Zion, for the old, familiar story, especially from the lips of a fellow-countryman, and then do for them just what you would wish to be done for yourselves in the same circumstances. Provide cheerfully, promptly and liberally, for their spiritual wants. Send them a Missionary, one of your best Missionaries, and that without delay. We don't say relieve them of the need of contribution, provide them with a preacher entirely free from all charge, for that would be to injure their self-respect and self-reliance, to deprive them of a privilege, and to interfere with their duty to Christ and to His Kingdom. But we do say enliven their solitude with the joyful voice of the Preacher of the Gospel. Cheer their hearts with a regular administration of all religious ordinances. Encompass them with all the manifestations of christian and fraternal kindness which a church like ours, *can*, and *ought* to extend, to brethren allied by blood and one in faith, coming from the old world to cast in their lot with us in the new.

Examine our accounts and note what has been expended on the Tobique and the New Kincardine, but do not grudge one penny of it. Rather authorize the Board and the acting Presbytery in this case to do more. Send them a deputation to express your interest in them, and follow this up by authorizing the Presbytery to call one good man *at the least*, and commission him for a year to devote himself wholly to the spiritual welfare of this promising field. Better still, send, if possible, one for each of the two fields in that county.

*The welfare of our country demands this at our hands.* If we wish immigration we

must welcome in a proper spirit the immigrants. If we wish a truly prosperous and happy settlement, certainly we must furnish them with the Bread and Water of life. If we wish that in the next generation, a race should be found there who will fear God, conserve freedom and maintain right, then we must now look after those who are to mould the rising race. If we wish not bitter waters, we must see that the fountains are sweet.

*The progress of the church demands it.* "Thy Kingdom come" means *Home* as well as *Foreign Missions*. It requires us to lose no opportunity for advancing Christ's cause. What better opportunity of investing money? See that they are provided with the Gospel, and they will arise and send the same joyful news to regions beyond them. Give them the living water and they will become dispensing fountains, and thus the streams will reach the blighted fields of the Province adjoining, and aid in transforming that spiritual wilderness into the garden of the Lord.

*Gratitude to our Saviour demands it.* Rich Himself, He became poor for us. and in fact, the great occupation of his life appears to have been to raise the fallen, to cheer the sad, to seek out the destitute, and to help those who had no helper. If then we manifest special sympathy to the stranger in his loneliness and need, and to the neglected, and careless, whether on our Eastern or Western shores, whether of Scottish or German descent, we shew ourselves followers of Him who went about doing good, and who commanded His Gospel to be preached to every creature.

Even ministers and elders need to have the words of the Lord Jesus called to their remembrance, "It is more blessed to give, than to receive." Even they may advantageously, both as men and as Office Bearers, mark the law of His Kingdom as stated by Himself in anticipation of the Grand Enforcement of the Final Day. "I was an hungered and ye gave me meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me drink, I was a stranger and ye took me in, I was naked and ye clothed me, I was sick and ye visited me, I was in prison and ye came unto me." Can we desire greater encouragement? What is done for His cause and His people, He will accept and repay, as if done Himself personally. "Forasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these little ones, ye have done it unto me."

Financially the Board has no cause for complaint, for our balance, though reduced to \$327.19, is still on the right side. Nothing that has been voted strictly for Home Missions has in the Board's opinion been misapplied. Yet they do think in the other department they have been called on by Presbyteries to pay bills which vacant

congregations, though weak, were perfectly able to meet. The church thus receiving aid is injured, for their indolence and disorganization are rewarded, and become chronic. Whereas, if taught to provide punctually for all their supplies, they would learn self-reliance, and find it much easier to make suitable provision for a Pastor. By leaving the Probationer unpaid, they effectually declare themselves not as a weak though willing band, but as a poor spiritless people, who will never fulfil their promises, and will starve a minister if one should be so venturesome as to accept their call. The weak point in the greater number of the Presbyteries is the letting the congregations lapse into a state of financial poverty, whenever their Pastor is removed, and the Board would respectfully ask that in all cases the financial arrangements should be attended to in due time, and if not weekly, at least, periodical collections made, so as to prevent a hurried and large demand on the funds of the Board, at the end of a Probationer's or a Catechist's term, enforced by vague promises of repayment which are often made only to be forgotten.

Respectfully submitted, By order of Board,  
P. G. MCGREGOR, Secy.

#### CATECHISTS.

1. Adam Gunn, Pictou Presbytery.
2. Thomas Murray, Halifax "
3. A. G. Russell, " "
4. D. C. McIntyre, " "
5. John Boyd, Truro Presbytery.
6. D. Creelman, Lunenburg and Yar.
7. D. McGregor, " "
8. J. H. Hoyt, Miramichi.
9. W. P. Archibald, St. John.
10. William Ross, " "
11. John J. Casey, " "
12. S. E. Bayne, " "
13. J. J. Richard, " "
14. Henry Hoyt, " "

#### PREACHERS.

- Rev. Samuel Archibald.  
" Samuel McCully.  
" John Gillis.  
" J. P. Baikie, for a time.  
Mr. A. F. Thompson.  
" John Wallace.  
" Jas. P. Bryant.  
" Mr. M. McLeod.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.—The Synod met in Edinburgh on the 11th May. Dr. Andrew Thomson was unanimously chosen Moderator. Proposal was made to the Synod, and remitted to Presbyteries, for increasing the efficiency of the Theological Hall. Professors to be relieved from Pastoral Charges, and to be five number.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SUPER- INTENDENCE OF THEOLOGICAL HALL, 1873-1874.

By the good hand of our God upon us, another Session of the Theological Hall has been held with comfort and success. It was opened on the evening of November fourth. The Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Ross, and Rev. J. K. Smith, and the Introductory Lecture delivered by Prof Currie, being an able, and in every respect an excellent Paper on German Rationalism, viewed historically, and in its bearing on Inspiration and the proper interpretation of the Word of God. Eight Students and a large and respectable audience were present. At the close of the meeting the usual arrangements respecting the classes and their hours of meeting were made. All the information required respecting the course of study, is furnished in the following reports by the Professors:

REPORT BY REV. PROFESSOR MACKNIGHT.

*April 9th., 1874.*

The close of another Session of the Theological Hall bids us to review the past, and recognize the goodness of the Lord in perserving our lives and enabling us to accomplish the tasks of the bye-gone season.

There were ten students—two of the third year, five of the second year, and three of the first year. One left us, however, about the end of January, so that our number is now reduced to nine.

I lectured, as a general rule, four days a week. The principal topics reviewed were, the nature and attributes of God, the Trinity, Creation, Providence, the Angels, the Original Condition of Man, and his fallen state. A brief outline of the history of doctrine was incorporated with the theological course. One day in the week was given to a sort of conversational exercise on Hodge's Systematic Theology. Over 700 pages of that admirable work were thus gone over in the course of the Session. On the other four days of the week we had a similar exercise on general church history—text-books, Schaff and Kurtz—period, later patristic and mediæval.

Besides the usual Hall Discourses, there were two Essay's required of the class—one on the doctrine of the Trinity, the other on the Fall and its consequences. The reading and criticising of these afforded some relief to the monotony of regular class-work, and furnished an exercise in itself alike interesting and instructive.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the diligence of the students, and the propriety of their department.

ALEX. MCKNIGHT.

REPORT OF REV. PROFESSOR CURRIE

To the Board of Superintendence of the Theological Hall of the P. C. of the Lower Provinces.

During the session which has just closed I conducted three classes,—a Junior Hebrew, and Senior Hebrew, and an exegetical, each class meeting for three quarters of an hour, five days in the week.

The Junior Hebrew was attended by three first year students, and for part of the term by a Dalhousie College student who purposes entering the Hall next term. This class mastered a full outline of the grammar of the language, carefully committing to memory the paradigms of nouns verbs, &c. Eight chapters of Genesis were read, every word of which was subjected to a searching analysis. An exercise in Hebrew composition was prepared on an average twice a week. Although the ground travelled over in translation has not been extensive, yet it is hoped that a more accurate knowledge of grammatical form has thus been obtained, than if a wider field had been more cursorily traversed.

The Senior Hebrew class was attended by the second and third year students, seven in all. The whole of Green's Hebrew Grammar was reviewed. Selections were read from Judges, Psalms, Proverbs, Job, the Song, Isaiah, Obadiah and Nahum. Four chapters of the Chaldee, in Daniel, were also read in connection with the study of Winer's Grammar of this language. About once a week this class prepared an exercise in Hebrew composition.

The class in Exegetics was attended by all the students. The doctrinal part of the Epistle to the Hebrews, ending with the 18th verse of the 10th chapter, was critically read—no difficulty being designedly left unnoticed. The method pursued in the conduct of this exercise was partly that of oral exposition, and partly that of question and answer, as it was thought that in this way more life could be infused into the work, and better opportunities afforded the student of noticing difficulties of stating his views, and of exercising his knowledge of the rules of Hermeneutics, than by the reading of Exegetical lectures from the chair. Once a week I delivered a written lecture. After four or five lecture on Inspiration, the subject of Hermeneutics was taken up and as full an outline given as time would permit. Such topics as the following were discussed:—the Hermeneutical canons, the various sources of Exegetical aid, the interpretation of prophecy, types, parables, &c. Once a week the students were examined on Part IV. of Barrow's Introduction, to the study of the Bible which treats of the Principles of Biblical Interpretation. This class pre-



pared two Essays, one on the Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, and the other on the Province of Reason in Interpretation. Each of the students of the second year also prepared a Greek and a Hebrew Exegesis on subjects assigned at the close of the preceding term. All of these exercises were read in the class, and criticized by the students themselves with excellent results.

In closing I can heartily testify to the christian deportment, commendable diligence, and good progress of the students.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CURRIE,

*Prof. of Hebrew and Exegetics.*

*Halifax, 15th April, 1874.*

The Session closed on the 9th of April, at a public meeting in the College Hall. Suitable addresses were delivered to the Students by Rev. Messrs. McLean and Mowitt, and devotional services conducted by Rev. Messrs. Smith, Dickie and McNeill. Six of the Students were sent forth by the Home Mission Board as Catechists, and the addresses had special reference to their duties, first as Students, and 2ndly as Evangelists.

#### DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

The Board have much pleasure in reporting that the Dalhousie College Session for 1873—4, which closed on the 24th of April, has proved most successful; the Students, in Arts, numbering 78, and in Medicine, 29, thus making in all, 107. Seven Students graduated. In the College and Hall, the health of the Professors and Students was remarkably good.

#### THE HUNTER PRIZES.

The examinations for the allotment of the three prizes of \$50, \$40, and \$30, provided some years ago by the liberality of C. D. Hunter, Esq., of Halifax, took place after the New Year's holidays. The Committee had in good time announced the subjects, viz., in Greek, the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, also from Epistle to James, to Revelation, inclusively with Gospels of Matthew and Mark, and in Theology the first 365 pages of Dr. Hodge's Systematic Theology.

Papers were received from four Competitors, and the ministers of Halifax and Dartmouth were associated with the Professors in scrutinizing them. In the opinion of all, the papers were, without exception, highly creditable. The answers to the questions, on the different portions of Dr. Hodge's Theology, shewed very careful reading and study, and the Greek exercises, an intimate acquaintance with the original of the new Testament. The prizes were accorded first to D. F. Creol-

man, 2nd to E. Scott, and third to W. P. Archibald. A fourth, of \$20, was added from the interest of the Matheson Bequest to shew the Examiners' appreciation of the papers of Mr. A. Gunn, the fourth competitor.

#### PROFESSORS' SALARIES.

The Committee gave their earliest and best attention to the Synod's instructions on this subject. Meeting at an early day, they at once appointed a Sub-committee to prepare and issue a circular, giving prominence to the following points:—

*First.* That in accordance with their own convictions, and the Synod's instructions, that the Salaries of Professors were insufficient for their support, and ought to be largely augmented, they would strive for the present year to increase them by three hundred dollars each.

*Secondly.* That even this tardy act of justice would be impracticable unless the whole body joined in the effort, and that, therefore, the Board looked for the aid of each congregation.

*Thirdly.* That ministers would not only aid in this matter, but promote the interests of the Kingdom of Christ otherwise, by preaching on the duty of the Church to make provision for the training of Evangelists and Pastors, of young men to devote themselves to the work of the ministry, of parents to encourage their sons to choose the sacred profession as their life's work, and of all, to provide the means required to have a theological training accessible to our young men without going abroad.

*Fourthly.* Finally the Board appealed to the ministers of the Church specially and earnestly, to ask their people for a liberal collection or for a contribution in some form, and to act in the matter at once.

The committee met again at the close of the theological term, April 9th, and inquired into the results of the appeal thus made; when it appeared that out of 134 congregations 83 had contributed, with very various degrees of liberality leaving 51 to be heard from. The sum received amounted to \$2020.46, which was below what was asked and expected.

The leading facts of the situation were again laid before the Church in the RECORD and a brief circular sent out again to the ministers of congregations which had not yet responded by collection, and to the Synod Elder of congregations which were vacant. Fifteen collections have since been received, three, however, being second collections from Churches which had given, so that the 51 not heard from are reduced to 39, a portion of which are vacant and some in a condition approaching to disorganization. Still the committee regret to notice that a considerable number of our

prosperous congregations have made no effort to sustain the movement. Whether the ministers declined to act up to the resolutions of Synod to which they themselves made no opposition, and therefore sanctioned, or found that the people would not contribute, the committee do not know. They regret, however, to have to state that as a consequence of the vis-inertia of so many the actual surplus amounted only to \$536, on the 31st of May; contributions paid in since the closing of the accounts raise it to about \$600. The committee learning that a small sum belonging to capital will come into fund in a few days, have unanimously agreed to retain it and to pay the four Professors the farther sum of \$200 each, reporting the facts to Synod.

#### A BEQUEST.

The committee have received within the year the bequest of the late George Kerr, Esq., of Chatham, of \$1000, which has been invested according to the terms of the Will.

#### DEATH OF DR. KING.

The committee has to record with sorrow the death of the Rev. Dr. King, their late venerable and esteemed Professor of Systematic Theology. He died somewhat suddenly in Helensburgh, where he was residing, and where he enjoyed the presence and affectionate care of Mrs. King in his last illness. Though locally distant from us during the last few years, he still retained his deep interest in the Church of the Lower Provinces and especially in the maintenance and prosperity of her Theological school. In every part of the bounds of this Synod the late Professor has left his mark, in the character, the attainments, and the work of the men whom he trained as preachers of the Gospel; and his memory will be affectionately cherished by the whole living ministry, and by very many of the Christian people of these Provinces.

#### WANT OF PREACHERS.

The committee would not conceal their anxiety, not so much at the prospect of the Hall, as of the Church itself. The attendance at the Hall has risen from six to ten, but what are ten and some three or four at other theological seminaries? The whole number of students is under 15, which means less than five licensed annually, certainly not more than four effective men per annum. Every intelligent man knows that this number will not allow us to make any advance in these Provinces. Nova Scotia would require four, New Brunswick the same number every year, and the islands near and remote, Prince Edward and Cape Breton at our door, with Newfoundland north, and Bermuda south, would require an equal number, so that

we really have not half the supply which the spiritual destitution abounding calls for. The outlook is far from encouraging. The Board of Home Missions knows not whither to turn for aid. Our young men are going into secular callings and our vacant Churches especially if weak, or poor, or remote from the centres of activity, are tried by long delays and frequent disappointments. Some of these vacancies have been greatly discouraged, and the Presbyterian and Boards of the Church have shared in the feeling of depression and have asked, What is to be done? What will the end be?

But while the outlook is somewhat dark and discouraging; yet it cannot be denied that we are making progress notwithstanding; and we look for better and brighter days. We look and wait for a turning of the tide. We hear too of outpourings of the Spirit of God, and of consequent 'times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord;' and have warrant to expect as a consequence that our "sons and daughters will prophesy." This outpouring of the Spirit in the part of our Great and Gracious Master has, in the past been followed by the thrusting out of the labourers, thus furnished from above to work in numbers, and with zeal in the Lord's great harvest field. For this glorious and blessed effect of Revival we would wait and hope and work; waiting in believing persevering prayer, hoping in calm and joyful expectancy that the Lord will visit and comfort Zion, and fulfil his promise to provide her with Pastors and teachers, and working by selecting, advising and assisting youths of piety and promise, to come forward to the help of the Lord in this special department of His work.

In conclusion if the outlook is not bright we have seen it darker, and yet a bright day has followed. We have seen times of even greater anxiety in the history of our own Church, and the Lord has been better to us than our fears. We therefore submit our report without despondent feelings, thanking God for the past and looking hopefully to Him for the future.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Board.

P. G. MCGREGOR, Secretary.  
Halifax, June 15, 1874.

ENGLISH SYNOD.—The English Presbyterian Synod held a most successful in London. It was fully expected that the proposed Union with the U. P. Synod in England would be sanctioned by the parent Synod in Scotland. This hope, however, failed. Dr. Gillan, at the meeting of the "Kirk" Synod in London, urged his brethren in connection with the Church of Scotland to unite with the other Presbyterians.

# ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

**The Foreign Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces in account with Rev. P. G. McGregor, Treasurer.**

1874.	Cr.		
June 1.	By contributions received and acknowledged in RECORD during the past year.....	\$5105	30
	Interest from Crerar Reserve.....	1219	19
	Balance due Treasurer.....		\$6324 49
			1132 40
			\$ 7456 89
1873.	Dr.		
June 1.	To Balance due Treasurer.....	\$	617 27
	Travelling Expenses of Secretary, five journeys to New Glasgow, at \$3.50		17 50
	Stationery for two years, to date 1874, \$3.00 each.....		6 00
	Wm. C. Silver for Mission Schools, money contributed specially for that purpose.....		36 00
27.	Howard Primrose, Esq., Rates for Widows' Fund for Rev. Messrs. McKenzie, Murray and Annand, missionaries.....		60 00
July.	W. C. Silver, for Rev. J. Morton, half year's salary in advance.....		608 34
	Peter Grant, for Rev. K. J. Grant, ".....		608 34
Oct. 15.	Rev. Thomas Christie, Travelling expenses from Shelburne to Pictou, Charlottetown, St. Mary's, Musquodoboit, &c.....		74 00
	Outfit.....		200 00
	Eight weeks service as Probationer prior to ordination, from Sept. 1st to Nov. 1st.....		64 00
	Travelling Expenses from Halifax to St. John, including Hotel Bill.....	\$	12 00
	Travelling expenses from Halifax to Yarmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Christie.....		20 00
	Yarmouth to Shelburne and back.....		8 00
	Rev. A. J. Mowatt, trav. exp. to Yarmouth.....		40 00
	Mr. and Mrs. Christie, passage from Nova Scotia to Trinidad.....		12 00
	Rev. T. Christie, two months' salary from Nov. 1st to Dec. 31st.....		260 00
	Mrs. Christie, gift entered in act. by mistake from Bible Hill, Truro... ..		202 78
	Minute Book for Board.....	\$	1 10
	Package of goods for Bedeque.....		50
	R. Wetmore, mounting and varnishing map of Trinidad.....		2 50
			4 10
	Rev. J. D. Murray, Salary for 1874.....	£150	0 0
	Allowance for child.....	10	0 0
			£160 0 0
	Rev. J. W. McKenzie, do. £160, stg.....		\$778 67
	Rev. J. Annand, salary £150, stg.....		778 67
	Mrs. Geddie.....		730 00
	Rev. Dr. Steel, agent, £25 stg.....		600 00
			121 67
1874.			
Jan'y 5.	To W. C. Silver, quarter year's salary, Rev. J. Morton.....		304 17
	Peter Grant, " " " Rev. K. J. Grant.....		304 17
25.	W. C. Silver, " " " Rev. J. Morton.....		304 17
	Peter Grant, " " " Rev. K. J. Grant.....		304 17
April 1.	To Nova Scotia Printing Co., 100 printed postals for notices.....		2 00
	200 Collecting papers for Congregations.....		2 00
10.	Geddie Memorial Fund, interest on loan of \$800 from Nov. 16th to March 10th.....		14 37
	Travelling expenses of the Secretary, five times to New Gloggow, during year 1873 to June 1st 1874, \$3.50.....		17 50
	Postage for the year.....		8 60
	Commission on \$5317.00 at 7 p. c. ....		372 00
			\$ 7456 89
	To balance dne Treasurer.....	\$	1132 40

The Mission Ship and Trinidad Schools in account with Rev. P. G. McGregor, Treasurer.

1873.		Cr.	
June 1.	By balance.....		\$ 497 67
	Sums acknowledged in Records for July 1873 to Oct. for Trinidad Mission premises.....		163 10
	Sums received and acknowledged in RECORD for year past for Mission Ship and Trinidad Schools.....		2022 64
			\$ 2683 41
	By balance in hand.....	\$526 67	
1874.		Dr.	
Nov. 1.	Peter Grant for Trinidad Schools.....		\$ 46 28
Dec. 1.	" " do. do.....		32 00
Nov. 16.	To Remittance for "Paragon" to Rev. Dr. Steel of £250 stg., at sight...		1216 66
Jan. 25.	Wm. C. Silver on Mr. Morton's account for debt on manse to equalize amount paid by Peter Grant, Esq., for Rev. K. J. Grant.....		135 70
30.	Nova Scotia Printing Co. for children's collecting cards, printing and mailing.....		16 00
April 11.	Peter Grant, Esq., balance on St. Fernando Church.....	\$233 67	
	" " Manse.....	124 68	
	" " Bequests.....	85 00	443 35
May 31.	W. C. Silver for balance on Manse.....		124 68
	Postage.....		1 00
	Commission on \$2022 at 7 p. c.....		141 00
	Balance on hand.....		526 74
			\$ 2683 41

The Home Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, in account with Rev. P. G. McGregor, Treasurer.

1873.		Cr.	
June 1.	By balance.....		\$ 542 73
1874.			
Jan. 1.	Sums received and acknowledged in RECORD during past year	2576 19	
	By balance on hand.....	\$ 327 19	3118 92
1873.		Dr.	
June 12.	To cash to Rev. W. C. Young, P. E. I. Pres., 2 Sabbaths Clyde River..		\$ 12 00
	A. McLean McLeod, Catechist, trav. exp. from C. Breton to P. E. Island.....		5 00
26.	Rev. S. Archibald, St. John Pres.....		30 79
	Rev. J. H. Chase, trav. exp. on mission.....		4 00
27.	To Catechists in Cape Breton,		
	Donald Ross, Cow Bay.....	\$48 00	
	Donald McDonald, St. Annus.....	20 09	
	Donald McDonald, Boularderie.....	40 00	
	Angus McLean, Cape North.....	40 00	
	Angus McDonald, Gabarus.....	20 00	
			168 00
	Roderick Beaton, Loch Lommond.....		20 00
	Malcolm McLeod, River Dennis.....		20 00
	Donald Campbell, Baddeck Forks.....		20 00
	Charles Dawson, Leitch's Creek.....		20 00
	Angus McLeod, Middle River.....		20 00
	Rev. A. Cameron, Halifax Presbytery.....		6 00
	Malcolm McLeod, Gaelic Catechist, Theological student from Scotland, Presbytery Victoria and Richmond.....		20 00
	S. McNaughton, Halifax Presbytery, Bedford and Fall River....		4 60
June 26.	Alex. Russel, catechist, St. John Presbytery.....		25 00
	A. F. Thompson, Catechist, P. E. I. Pres.....		36 90
July 1.	J. McK. Pettinger, Catechist, advanced, Halifax Pres.....		20 00
	" Board at Mansion House, awaiting passage to Bay of Islands.....		11 67
	" Supply in Halifax Pres. and trav. exp.....		34 33
	S. Ernest Bayne, Catechist, Pres. of Victoria and Richmond, supply of Margaree.....		40 00

Aug. 1.	To cash to James Rosborough, St John Pres.....	\$11 80
	—Gardiner, ".....	41 25
	Rev. John I. Baxter, Truro Pres.....	6 00
	Murdock McGregor, Catechist, 6 months, service in Lunenburg Presbytery.....	125 00
	Rev. Peter Clarke.....	31 12
	Thomas Christie, Postage and Telegram, while procuring Cate- chists, for Boardat New York.....	2 60
	Alison Adams, Catechist, Halifax Pres.....	10 00
	" " Fall River and Bedford.....	49 72
	" " Supply of Beaver Bank.....	26 64
	James Robinscn, Halifax Pres., Bayview, Digby, 5 months.....	79 00
	—Kline, St. John Presbytery.....	43 00
	H. A. Talbot, ".....	19 87
	Draff for the last two.....	36
	John Richards, St. John Presbytery.....	54 00
	Draff on U. States for \$ the above.....	50
	Rev. Wm. Johnson, St. John Presbytery.....	30 00
	Post Office Order for the above.....	20
	John Wallace, Presbytery of St. John.....	76 63
	A. B. Dickie, for Spry Bay Church, Halifax Pres.....	20 00
	Rev. A. P. Miller, Fictou Pres.....	16 00
	K. Junor, toward passage money to Bermuda of self and wife....	26 90
	L. G. McNeil an old and debt for supply to Clyde River, P. E. I.	14 66
	Rev. Isaac Simpson, Truro Pres.....	6 00
	Rev. K. McKay, old bill; due in St. John Pres.....	21 50
	Rev Isaac Simpson, St. John Pres.....	22 54
	John Leishman, P. E. I. Pres.....	14 48
1874.		
Jan. 1	Rev. Samuel Bernard, Presbytery of St. John.....	102 72
	Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, " P. E. I.....	3 50
	Ernest Bayne, " St. John.....	36 00
	Rev. H. McMillan, " Truro.....	3 65
18.	Rev. S. McCully, " ".....	8 00
	Rev. A. C. Gillies, " St. John.....	16 09
	Rev. S. Archibald, " P. E. I.....	1 25
Feb'y 1.	Rev. S. Bernard, " ".....	102 14
	Rev. James Watson, supply of Wentworth.....	20 00
	Advance to S. F. A.....	23 50
	Adam Gunn, Catechist on Eastern Shore for six months, Halifax Presbyter.....	58 69
	Rev. R. Sedgewick expense of advertizing for preachers when in Scotland.....	6 00
15.	Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, Presbytery of St. John.....	8 50
	M. McGregor, Catechist, Balance due on 31 weeks' service Pres. of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.....	140 00
March 10.	A. G. Russel, balance 4 months St. John Presbytery.....	32 78
	Rev. Wm. Johnson, balance due on 18 weeks service in Victoria Co., N. B., Pres. of St. John.....	150 92
18.	Draff.....	75
	Malcolm McLeod for supply of Margaree, Pres of Victoria and Richmond.....	36 00
	John Boyd, Truro Pres.....	36 18
	A. F. Thomson.....	24 00
May 1.	Thomas Murray, Catechist, trav. exp. to E. Shore, Halifax.....	8 00
	D. F. Creelman, " " " Riversdale, in Lunen- W. Ross, " " N. B.....	7 00
	W. P. Archibald, N. B.....	10 00
	Malcolm McLeod, West Bay.....	7 00
	" " Gaelic Bursery.....	9 00
	D. F. Creelman, supply of Bedford and Fall River, Halifax.....	20 00
	Wm. Ross. Advance on summer's work.....	6 00
	Rev. S. McCully, Truro Pres.....	20 00
	Samuel McNaughton, Balance due for service in P. E. I. \$16 07 Travelling expenses.....	25 00
8.	A. G. Russell, travelling expenses of five catechists, three to N. B., two to N. S.....	41 07
	Draff.....	80 00
20.	J. H. Hoyt trav. exp. of two catechists from New York to N. B.....	40
	Draff.....	30 00
	Rev. John Gillis, passage from Halifax to Sydney, C. B.....	25
	John S. Casey, trav. exp. from lines to Andover, N. B.....	10 00
	" " an advance.....	10 50
	" " ".....	6 50



## IN PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURGH AND YARMOUTH.

Rev. M. G. Henry	...	55 00	
" E. MacNab..	...	55 00	
" J. C. Meek	...	75 00	185 00
Rev. Thomas Sedgwick, fee Secretary	...	50 00	
" " Expense of Travel to St John	...	9 70	59 70

## IN PREBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

1874. Jany. 1.	To Cash to Rev. A. MacMaster	...	50 00
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## IN PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

Rev. James Gray, half year	...	\$50 00	
" Lewis Jack	...	50 00	
" A. Donald,	"	60 00	
" W. Stuart,	"	100 00	
" J. C. Burgess	"	50 00	
" Wm. Millen	...	37 50	
" J. K. Bearisto	...	59 00	
" J. Simpson..	...	25 00	
" J. D. Murray	...	20 00	
" J. W. Nelson	...	50 00	492 50

## IN PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

Rev Allan McLean	...	\$60 00	
" Charles Fraser	...	60	
" J. G. Cameron	...	50	
" James Allan	...	40	210 00

## IN PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

Jany. 2.	Rev. K. McKenzie	...	\$25 00
	" W. G. Forbes	...	40 00
	" W. Grant	...	40 00

## IN PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON.

Rev. James Fraser	...	\$30 00	
" D. McDougall	...	20 00	
" C. E. McLean	...	65 00	
" D. Drummond	...	50 00	165 00

## IN PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

Rev. A. P. Miller	...	40 00
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## IN PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

Rev. D. McKinnon	...	\$50 00
" J. Layton	...	50 00

## IN PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

Rev. A. Stuart	...	\$70 00
" D. S. Gordon	...	85 00
" Jas Rosborough	...	60 00

## IN PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURGH AND YARMOUTH.

Rev. E. McNab	...	\$50 00	
" M. G. Henry	...	50 00	
" J. C. Meek..	...	75 00	175 00
Money orders for 7 Remittances 30 cts.	...	2 10	
A. & W. Mackinlay, for Stationery	...	1 00	
Postage of Treasurer	...	1 00	
Commission on \$3040 at 7 per cent	...	212 00	
Balance on Hand	...	621 01	
			\$3934 31

## To Ministerial Education Fund of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, in account with the Rev. P. G. MacGregor, Treasurer.

1874.

CR.

June 1.	By Cash from Congregations and individuals, received and acknowledged within the year, in RECORD	...	\$2708 27
	Interest and Dividends from invested funds	...	2058 24
	Balance from Professorial fund	...	9 60
	Drawn from invested funds, being deficiencies in 1862 and 1863	...	806 87
			\$5582 38
	By Balance	...	536 29

1873.		Dr.	
June 1.	To	Balance due Treasurer	\$866 87
July 1.	To	Rev. Dr. Lyall, one quarter salary in advance	300 00
		Rev. John Currie, one quarter salary to date	300 00
Sept. 1.		Rev. Dr. Ross, half year salary in advance.	600 00
		" J. Currie, quarter years salary to date	300 00
30.		Jesse Coleman, coloring walls Theological Class Rooms, &c.	675
Oct. 1.		Rev. Dr. Lyall, quarter salary in advance	300 00
Nov. 1		Schwartz, Stove Pipe repairs	3 37
		Nauts, two and half chaldrons Coal, with hauling and cellaring.	26 25
1874.			
Jan. 4.		Rev. Dr. Lyall, quarter salary in advance.	300 00
		" John Currie, quarter salary to date.	300 00
		The Hunter Prizes:	
		D. F. Creelman	\$50 00
		Ephraim Scott	40
		W. P. Archibald	30
		A. G. —, from Mrs. Matheson Bequest.	120 00
28.		Nova Scotia Printing Company, printing and posting 140 circulars	20 00
Feb. 2.		Robert Logan, cleaning and arranging Books in Library	5 00
14.		Halifax Insurance Co., for \$6500 on Building and Library on Gerrish St.	12 00
March 1.		Rev. Dr. Ross, half years salary in advance.	48 75
		" Dr. Lyall, quarter years salary in advance	600 00
		" J. Currie, " " to date	300 00
		T. M. —, from the Mrs. Matheson Bequest	300 00
		A. & W. Mackinlay Stationery	20 00
		Rielly & Davidson, Stove Pipe	3 00
		Mrs. Hershman, one years attendance on Theological Hall	0 60
		Postage	48 00
		Commission on \$4603 and 7 p. c.	3 50
May 31.		Balance on hand.	322 00
			536 29
			\$5582 38

**The Professorial Fund of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces in account with Rev. P. G. McGregor, Treasurer.**

1873.		Cr.	
June 10.	By	interest on \$778.67 from Nov. 3, being 7½ months at 6 p.c. from A. L.	29 20
17.		Dividend from Bank of Newfoundland, £74 13 8 stg.	360 97
July 1.		Bank of Nova Scotia, six old shares at \$6.50	45 00
		Provincial Debentures	189 80
		Trustees of ——— church, interest on \$400 00.	24 00
Nov.		Dividend from Union Bank Halifax	400 00
Dec. 17.		" " Bank of Newfoundland.	361 67
1874.			
Jan 2.		Interest on Provincial Debentures	189 80
Feb. 2		Dividend on Bank of Nova Scotia, 6 shares at \$8.	48 00
		Dividend on Union Bank shares, J— B— 1 year int on \$175. 20	10 51
		Trustees of Home for Aged Women, interest on Sep. 19 on \$1060 for 6 months.	\$31 80
		Interest on May 19 \$281.34	11 25
			\$43 05
		Less by \$18 overpaid last year	18 00
			25 05
March 20.		Dividend from Union Bank	400 00
			\$2084 00
1873.		Dr.	
June 31.		Rev. Dr. King ½ year's annuity	\$292 00
Sept 1.		Rev. Professor McKnight, 1 quarter's salary.	300 00
Dec. 1.		" " " "	300 00
31.		Rev. Dr. King, ½ year's annuity	292 00
1874.			
March 1.		Rev. Professor McKnight, 1 quarter's salary	300 00
May 30.		" " " "	300 00
		The Agent of the late Rev. Dr. King ½ annuity	146 00
		Commission on \$2084	145 00
		Balance carried to Education Fund	9 00
			\$2084 00



**The Synod Fund of the Presbyterian Church of the Lowe Provinces  
in account with Rev. P. G. McGregor, Treasurer.**

1873.		CR.	
June 1.	By contributions acknowledged in RECORD during past year...	\$1071 80	
	Sydney and Mira not yet acknowledged....	12 00	\$1083 80
	By balance .....	\$3 97	
1873.		DR.	
July 1.	To Balance .....		\$250 11
	To travelling expenses paid to members of Synod .....		655 92
	Travelling expenses of Committee on Union to St. John, N. B.:		
	Rev. Dr. Bayne....	\$8 00	
	" G. Christie .....	6 30	
	" G. Patterson. ....	8 00	
	G. A. Blanchard, Esq.. ....	5 50	
			27 80
3.	Clerk's fee for year past. ....		86 00
	Assistant Clerk's fee for do ....		25 00
	Janitor at Thuro. ....		6 50
	W. P. Alley, for printing ....		2 00
1874.			
Aug. 31.	Nova Scotia Printing Co., Printing Statistical tables in June RECORD		10 00
	Printing 1 00 Blanks for Statistics..		10 00
March 3.	Rev. A. McKnight, Postage of Statistical Tables. ....		1 50
April 13.	A. & W. McKinlay, Stationery....		5 00
	Nova Scotia Printing Co., printing 1000 Formulas for admission of members .....		6 00
	Balance on hand.. ....		3 97
			\$1083 80

**The Acadia Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces  
in acct. with Rev. P. G. MacGregor, Treasurer.**

1874.		CR.	
June 1.	By contributions received and acknowledged in RECORD during the year..	\$745 05	
	By Balance .....	87 71	
1873.		DR.	
June 1.	To Balance due Treasurer....		\$98 84
July 3.	L. F. Richards travelling expenses....		15 00
15.	Mr. R. Paradis, 3 months salary, \$30 .....		90 00
	Draft .....		45
Aug. 2.	For Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society for French Bibles and Testaments		22 05
6.	L. F. Richard travelling expenses .....		16 00
	Draft for the \$22 95 (above) .....		11
	T. Brouillette....		40
	Draft .....		20
Sep 1.	L. F. Richard ..		10
25.	F. Bruillette .....		60
	Draft .....		60
Nov. 20.	F. Brouillette ..		100 00
	Draft .....		30
March 25.	To Balance due T. Brouillette....		35 18
Apr. 13.	A. & W. Mackinlay Stationery .....		2 78
28.	L. F. Richard, salary 1 month in advance .....		20 00
	do do travelling expenses from Montreal to Shediac ....	4	22 10
	Drafts for these two .....		21
May 10.	Montreal Bible Society for French Bibles and Testaments .....		31 00
	Express charge on do .....		4 10
	Draft .....		0 18
25.	G. Van Bueren, Evangelical Library Montreal for French Books and Tracts		6 34
	L. F. Richard travelling expenses .....		10 00
31.	L. F. Richard, 2 month salary advance .....		20 00
	Postage .....		1 00
	Commission on \$739 and 7 p. c. ....		51 00
	Balance on hand .....		87 71
			\$745 05

**The Crerar Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces in acct. with Rev. P. G. MacGregor, Treasurer.**

		Cr.	
1873.			
June 1.	By Balance .....		\$790 28
Aug 20.	Dividend on 80 shares Union Bank Stock.. ..		128 00
1874.			
	Two Shares Bank of Nova Scotia, \$4 .....		8 00
Feb. 2	Dividend on ditto .....		128 00
May 1.	J. K. —, interest on \$1302 67 .....		81 76
	J. M. —, interest on \$584. ....		35 04
	Dividend on 2 Shares Bank of Nova Scotia \$8 .....		16 00
Dec. 31.	Interest on Deposit, Receipt of \$980 from June 1873 to March 7, 1874, c 5		32 11
			\$1219 19
1874.		Dr.	
May 31.	To amount on hand transferred to Foreign Mission account.. ..		\$1219 19

**Foreign Mission Bursaries in acct. with Rev. P. G. McGregor, Treasurer**

		Cr.	
1873.			
June 1.	By balance on hand .....		\$70 00
	Cash from A. McB... ..		20 00
	Dr. G. ....		50 00
	P. G. ....		50 00
	I. G.. ....		50 00
	K. G. ....		50 00
			\$290 00
1874.			
Jan. 1.	By balance on hand.. ..		150 00
1873.		Dr.	
Dec. 31.	To D. F. C. ....		70 00
	J. T. B. ....		70 00
	Balance on hand ....		150 00
			\$290 00

**Italian Mission in account with Rev. P. G. McGregor, Treasurer.**

		Cr.	
1873.			
June 1.	By cash on hand last year... ..		\$10 00
1873.		Dr.	
Au7. 18.	To cash remitted to Rev. Matteo Prochet, to be applied by him in Italy..		10 00

**Jewish Missions in acct. with Rev. P. G. McGregor, Treasurer.**

		Cr.	
1873.			
June 1.	By balance on hand. ....		\$62 06
	Bedeque P. E. I.'s remittance made in March, 1873, and omitted in last 1873 account. ....		3 24
1874.			
March 20.	Bedeque .....		3 00
	Interest on \$65.90 1 year at 4 p. c.....		2 63
	Balance on hand ....		\$71 53

**Grand Falls Church in account with Rev. P. G. McGregor, Treasurer.**

1874.			
June 1.—	Moneys acknowledged in <i>Record</i> as received by Rev. P. G. McGregor within the year.....		\$166 36
	In hands of P. G. McGregor.....		166 36

NEW GLASGOW. 10th June, 1874.

P. G. MCGREGOR, TREASURER.

Examined and found correct.

GEORGE WALKER, }  
 J. W. CARMICHAEL, } *Auditors.*  
 G. W. UNDERWOOD. }

## Our Foreign Missions.

### The Board of Foreign Missions

Met in New Glasgow on the 9th of June. The Rev. Dr. Bayne in the chair. The business was chiefly of a routine character. Rev. John Morton being present was cordially welcomed by Resolution, unanimously adopted. Mr. Morton gave information respecting the settlement of Mr. Christie, and on other points in which inquiry was made. Balances due for outlay in connection with the schools were ordered to be paid,—also Mr. Morton's expenses.

Rev. Dr. Bayne stated that the young men in his Congregation had volunteered to provide the support of Lal Behari, the native Evangelist. The Board expressed gratification at this fine display of zeal and liberality.

The Report for the year was then submitted, improved by the a few changes and adopted, as the report of the Board.

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## News of the Church.

### Presbytery of Miramichi.

The Presbytery of Miramichi met at Chatham on the 20th inst. There were present, Revds. Thomas G. Johnstone, James Fowler, and John M. Allan, ministers; and J. Thompson, M. D., ruling Elder. *Inter alia*:—Mr. Allan reported that he had fulfilled the appointment of Presbytery in visiting Kouchibouguac, had preached on Sabbath and called a meeting on Monday, at which a subscription list was drawn up, amounting to \$500—and a strong desire expressed for a settled minister. The Clerk informed the Presbytery that the H. M. Board had appointed Mr. Hoyt to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery for the Summer, and that he had been directed to supply Kouchibouguac in the meantime. After lengthened deliberation it was agreed to apply to Home Mission Board for the Congregation, and also to request the Board to grant \$100 in aid of the Congregation, should a Pastor be settled among them.

It was also agreed to recommend that a collection be taken up in all the Congrega-

tions in aid of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund before the meeting of Synod.

The reports from the Congregations in favor of Union were, as far as known, unanimous.

### Arrival of Rev. John Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton with their family arrived in Halifax by the Bermuda Packet, on Saturday, the 6th June. Mr. Morton, we are happy to see, has worn well, and is a stronger man to-day, and stouter than when he sailed from Lockport to Trinidad.

Mrs. Morton has felt the effects of the climate to a much greater extent, but even she looks well and has improved in health already by the change.

Mr. Morton attended a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions at New Glasgow, on the 9th June, and was cordially welcomed by the members and by the Board officially. Having visited and spoken at some of the Sabbath Schools, the children have heard him with an interest and attention, that we never saw surpassed. We only wish that he possessed a kind of ubiquity so that his narrative could be told by himself in every part of the Church.

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**SUMMARY.**—Rev. A. B. Dickie has declined the call to Milford and Gay's River. Rev. S. Bernard has been inducted into the charge of Noel; Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland into the charge of St. Croix. Rev. H. Scott has declined calls from Moncton and Gleneld, and accepted a call to Merigomish. Moderation in a call is granted to Glassville, &c. Mr. Paradis has been licensed to preach the Gospel. The Presbytery of St. John held a satisfactory visitation of Fredericton Congregation. Moderation has been granted in a call to Richmond Bay, P. E. I. New London, North, &c., has been added to the charge of Rev. John Murray.

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THE proposed Union of the U. P. Synod in England with the English Presbyterian Synod was ably discussed. Dr. Cairns took a leading part in its advocacy. It appeared that while 50 congregations reported in favour of the Union, 35 had voted against it. Dr. Cairns moved that the Union be consummated in London in October next. Dr. Johnston moved an amendment to the effect that in the circumstances they should not proceed.

Dr. Johnston's motion was carried by a vote of 185 to 178. Dr. Harper and other leading men endorsed the views of Dr. Cairns.

**PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY: UNITED STATES.**—This Assembly, the largest and most influential of all, met at St. Louis. The brethren had the satisfaction of consummating a Union with the Synod of Kentucky which had broken off in consequence of the late war. Faithful testimony was given in favour of Temperance, Sabbath Observance, and Christian Union. Six Hundred Thousand Dollars are to be raised for Foreign Missions, and \$400,000 for Home Missions.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.**—Dr. Trail, of Aberdeen, was elected Moderator. The principal matter before the Assembly was the proposed abolition of Patronage. Rev. Dr. Cook, and a few other very thorough-going "Moderates" of the old type, strongly opposed the reform; but every resolution in favour of abolition was carried. The only material change was that the call should be from the *Communicants* of the Parish, instead of the *Male Communicants* as in the Bill before the House of Lords. Thus the Church of Scotland has adopted the good old Presbyterian plan of giving votes to women as well as to men in Church matters. The sum of £278,000 was raised for Religious, Educational and Charitable purposes, exclusive of the Baird Trust: this is £23,000 in advance of last year.

**FREE CHURCH.**—Dr. Stewart of Leghorn, Italy, was chosen Moderator. Dr. Adam has been appointed Home Mission Secretary, salary £500. Dr. Rainy was elected Principal of the new College. The Assembly pronounced against Church Establishments is now Constituted. They also declared that the abolition of Patronage would not remove the causes of the disruption of 1843. The Sustentation Fund showed an advance of £15,789 on last year. The year's income amounted to £511,684.

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### Austria.

The Austrian Empire has at last broken with the Pope, annulled the old *Concordat*, and proclaimed equal rights to the people whatever be their faith. The Austrian Legislature has enacted laws closely resembling those established in Germany. There is now no country in Europe in which the Pope holds so much sway as he does in the Province of Quebec: there is no city in Europe in which he is so autocratic as he is in the old city of Quebec. Even Rome is not so servile to him as some of our cities. What a summons to us to exert ourselves on behalf of Acadian Missions! Nothing but the Gospel can liberate

our fellow-countrymen. When we see all Europe throwing off her shackles should we not be stirred up to free our own land?

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### NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

#### RAILWAY TRAVEL TO SYNOD.

Ministers and Elders, coming to Synod over the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, can return free by kindness of Mr. P. Innes, Manager, on presenting certificates of attendance at Synod meetings, signed by the Clerk. The return privilege to be limited to the second week of July.

On the Intercolonial Railway and Pictou Road, by kindness of Mr. Carvell, Superintendent, Excursion return tickets to Halifax, will be granted for one first class fare to Elders coming to Synod, their attendance to be certified by Synod Clerk to make the ticket available in returning. This privilege also to be limited by the 2nd week in July.

Ministers travelling by the Intercolonial should be particular to ask for a Ministers' ticket.

The Elders Excursion ticket will be procurable on Tuesday and Wednesday.

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Synod Clerk.*

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### THE HUNTER PRIZES FOR JANUARY, 1875.

#### SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION.

*In Greek.*—The Gospels of Luke and John, and from beginning of first Epistle to Tim., to the end of Epistle to Hebrews.

*In Divinity.*—Hodge's Systematic Theology, vol. II, from page 454 to the end.

For Students of the first year, one prize of \$40, and the Examination to be confined to Greek as above.

For Students of the second and third years, two prizes of \$50, and of \$30, the Examinations for these to include the Greek and Theology as above.

By order of the Board,

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Secy.*

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### ERRATA.

In the obituary noticed of the late Seth Burgess, Esq., of Lakeville, in last *Record*, page 164, line seventh, for Burgess *Estate* read "the Burgess Bequests."

