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THE
Home and Foreign Record

OF

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

SEPTEMBER, 1869.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY.

The Synod's committee on Psalmody beg leave to report that in terms of Synodical remit, communication has been opened with the Session of the church, "with the view of ascertaining how many copies of a book with a good selection of tunes would be taken in their congregations."

On receiving answers to the first circular it was found that so many Sessions failed to give any reply, and some of those who did reply gave so little encouragement, as not only to cause much delay but render necessary a second circular, which was issued accordingly.

Your committee have now the pleasing duty to report that while a considerable number of Sessions have not yet reported, replies have been received from so many, and these so very favourable, that ample encouragement has been obtained to warrant immediate steps for the publication of a suitable tune book. From 66 Sessions, orders have been received to the extent of 1235, and in several instances assurance has been given that a much larger demand may be anticipated if the book prove acceptable in quality and cost.

Your committee would remind the Synod that the selection of tunes has been chiefly though not exclusively determined by the returns of Sessions, and would take this opportunity of expressing high gratification with the evident care, excellent taste, and marked ability displayed in the various lists forwarded. It is proper also to acknowledge the thoughtful counsels which have been forwarded, even when accompanied by the announcement that no promise could be given for any number of copies.

In conclusion your committee would inform the Synod, that if authorized to continue the book, which has already entailed considerable anxiety and labour, the new tune book will be published before the next annual meeting. Whatever be the decision of Synod on this occasion, however, an

important end has been gained by the appointment of your committee under recent Synodical instructions, evincing as it does, that the supreme authority of the church has been exercised not only in such repressive measures as in prohibiting the use of instrumental music, but in resolute and watchful effort to elevate the public praise of the sanctuary into such artistic excellence as is consistent with the prominent position assigned in the Word of God to the service of song in the house of God.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES BAYNE, *Con.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools, in presenting their fifth annual report would beg leave to state that they have attended in some manner to the duties entrusted to them. They would express gratitude to God for the large amount of attention that is given to this department of the church's work. In almost all the congregations within the bounds of this Synod we find more or less effort put forth to gather in the lambs of the flock, and means used to point them to Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The special work to which the committee has applied itself during the last year, is, the preparing of a series of lessons as on former years. The plan pursued, as announced in the December number of the *Record*, is the basis of the shorter catechism, adapting, as far as possible, the passage of Scripture to be read, and the doctrine to be proved to the question of the catechism for the day; and the same course is proposed to be pursued next year, until we have gone through the catechism. 3000 copies of these lessons have been printed and nearly dis-

posed of, and the sales have been sufficient to meet all expenses.

Notes upon the lessons continue to be carefully prepared by members of the committee, and printed from month to month in the *Record*. The notes have proved to be a valuable assistance to teachers and scholars.

Your committee would recommend to Sabbath school teachers, where it is practicable, the holding of weekly meetings for the study of the lessons and any other business connected with this work. These meetings have been found to be very profitable, where they have been tried, in preparing the teachers for their work, and in giving many useful practical hints in conducting the business of the class; but where these weekly meetings are impracticable, we would especially recommend monthly meetings for conference and prayer. The work is the Lord's, and is it not the duty of those engaged in it, to wait upon Him and pray that He would bless the works of their hands, yea, that He would establish it?

Your committee would further recommend that special prominence should be given to the Shorter Catechism in all our schools. It is an excellent summary of christian doctrine and should be familiar to the mind of every youth in our church.—Many experienced Sabbath school teachers have found Leitch's Analysis of the Shorter Catechism to be an admirable help to teachers and scholars.

Some attention has been given to the selecting of libraries by the members of committee living in Halifax, and a number of books have been disposed of by the colportage agent at River John, in the terms proposed at last Synod, viz., cost and charges for the replenishing of Sabbath school libraries.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. B. MACHAY, *Con.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Sabbath sustains a close relation to every means employed for the establishment and extension of the kingdom of Christ. Unless the church can secure attention to the observance of the Lord's day, 'the good seed of the kingdom' cannot be so widely diffused, nor its claims so fully considered as when the day is kept holy. The means of grace cannot be expected to exert their appropriate influence, unless they be attended to in circumstances favourable to their effective operation. In such circumstances the human mind is directly placed when the Sabbath is remembered

and sanctified. The duty, therefore, forcibly devolves on the church of Christ of striving to maintain the scriptural observance of the Lord's day. A right estimate of the great work committed to her hands by her living Head, should stimulate her to greater devotedness and more earnest faithfulness in this highly important duty.—Truthfully has it been said, the church cannot afford to neglect the subject of Sabbath observance.

The committee of the Synod are not in a position to report any decided progress during the past year. On the contrary, they have reason to fear that at least in some localities the desecration of the Lord's day has been increasing. They, however, believe that this is not the result of any neglect of duty on the part of any of the ministers connected with Synod, but has proceeded from causes over which they had no control. In reference to such a state of matters the question for the committee and for the Synod to consider is, can anything be done to check this growing evil?

The committee has received information from a member of the sub-committee in Halifax, that French "men-of-war" fire salutes on Sunday in the harbour. The telegraph offices are also now open for one hour every Lord's day. This year the 21st of June was on Monday; and on that day horse-racing took place on the Halifax common, and boat-racing in the harbour. Preparations for both these practices were made on the previous Sabbath, so that the common presented a scene of excitement during the whole day. Five newspapers are also published on Monday; and in at least three of the offices of publication Sunday labor is regularly performed. Theatricals, permitted on Saturday nights, and much drunkenness on these nights, lead to a great neglect of the duties of the Lord's day in Halifax.

These numerous sinful practices should not exist, and if possible ought not to be permitted. They should be deeply deplored and held in utter abhorrence by every member of this church and of every other. Your committee respectfully recommend that the sub-committee in Halifax investigate the subject, and endeavour to ascertain if the authorities of the city have not the power to prevent or partly suppress these glaring violations of the fourth commandment. That committee might also agitate the subject in connection with the pastors of other christian churches in Halifax, and influential christians, and endeavour by petition or otherwise to bring such an influence to bear on the authorities and on the Telegraph company, as would lessen the evil or prevent it from spreading.—Could not the Young Men's Christian Association be enlisted in this good cause?

In reference to the profanation of the Lord's day in other parts of the church, and specially the increase of it principally exhibited in the form of pleasure-seeking on that day in the more central localities, your committee can scarcely do better than quote with earnest recommendation the language of their last report, viz.: "Those pastors situated in towns and centres of population, or in districts occupied by different religious denominations, would do well to direct special attention to that form of Sabbath desecration which consists of pleasure-seeking and social visiting on the Lord's day." Such pastors have certainly a loud call in Providence to act in the manner recommended. At least annual discourses on Sabbath observance as formerly recommended, your committee trust are neglected by any minister. But those pastors who witness the increase referred to, should consider well the direction of the prophet, "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." If an occasional discourse and similar efforts in the same direction are not effectual, then such efforts should be more frequently and zealously employed; and more fervent prayer offered that the divine blessing may accompany the exertions used.

Encouraging features are presented in the fact that in Halifax an increasing number of shop-keepers and employers give their "hands" a half holiday on Saturday, while the Young Men's Christian Association and other agencies distribute a large amount of religious literature in necessitous districts on the Lord's day. This is cheering intelligence; and such efforts ought to be encouraged. This church should also be stimulated in this part of its work by the example and success of other and larger sections of the church of Christ. Were it not that the Spirit of the Lord, operating by the instrumentality of the church, is lifting up a standard against this enemy, it would rush like a flood over the Christian world. Acting as others have successfully done, and as we doubtless all are convinced we ought to do, we may expect that God will bless us, and that many in our part of the world, through our instrumentality, will fear Him.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT LAIRD, *Con.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF COLPORTAGE.

To the Rev'd. the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces:

REV'D. FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—

Your committee of colportage for the southern and south-western sections of the

church, according to the new arrangement made last year, have been carrying on the work according to their ability with the limited means at their disposal. Having advertised for some new labourers in this extensive field, Isaiah Smith, Esq., of Maitland, an Elder in the Presbyterian Church there, was the first to offer his services, and was engaged accordingly. He laboured mostly in the counties of Hants and Colchester, and was very diligent and successful, especially in the sale and circulation of Bibles and Testaments, notwithstanding all that had been previously disposed of in these localities. This is so far encouraging, that though even good, religious books may sometimes have dull sale, yet there is always demand for the pure Word of God, especially when accompanied with the Psalms and Paraphrases. While in this field he circulated about 400 Bibles and Testaments, besides a fair portion of the publications of the Presbyterian Board; also Bible reports and missionary intelligence, often where these things are comparatively little known.

Wm. Sutherland, of Lower Stewiacke, was the next new hand engaged and sent into the field. He came also well recommended as a fit and proper person for this service, in the opinion of his minister and the elder of his district. And so he has proved as far as his constitution permitted; but as he is not very rugged, he has not been able to attend to the work continuously. We thought once of sending him to Bermuda for the winter, thinking it might improve his health, and also open up, and at the same time, supply a new section of our extensive field of operation. But after seeking and obtaining information as to the necessity and propriety of sending a colporteur into that section of the church, we were led to believe that it would be inexpedient under present circumstances to commence operations in so distant and expensive a field of labour especially as the destitution of the place was by no means clamant when compared with many others nearer our centre of operations. Whenever his health permitted, therefore, he has been employed nearer home, sometimes at the gold diggings and other mining districts, for which he has received about nine hundred volumes; about two thirds of which were Bibles and Testaments, and all of which have been disposed of excepting his present very limited supply.

Mr. Duncan R. Crocket, also of the Middle River of Pictou, a grandson and namesake of the late Revd. Duncan Ross, having offered his services, we were led to believe might be useful, and therefore he has been supplied and commissioned on trial. We hope that he will be active and

zealous in this good cause, and thus be a credit to his name and connection.

Mr. John Lamont, the special colporteur of the National Bible Society of Scotland, continued his labours till our last supply was nearly exhausted: when his health failed also, and he has been under the necessity of giving up for a season; but as he has again recruited we hope he will be able to renew his labours with fresh vigour. He has hitherto been very persevering, and has spread amongst the community the greater portion of our last supply of nearly 3000 copies of Bibles, Testaments, and Psalm books, about one fourth of which were in Gaelic, the prime cost of which was about \$560. He is supported entirely by the above mentioned Society.

One or two of these who have been labouring on the confines of New Brunswick, we intend shall enter that inviting field as soon as the correspondence is closed in which we are now engaged with two residents of that Province. We are endeavouring to engage them to labour in their respective localities,—one up the St. John River, near Fredericton, the other on the Bay of Chaleur, near Dalhousie,—besides which there will be ample scope in the southern sections of the Province for at least two more for a good while to come.

Thus we have spent the seventeenth (17th) year of our existence as a committee of colportage in endeavouring to carry on the important work entrusted to us. We have now many co-workers, either in the same or in similar work. Some in our own church as the brethren in the Presbyteries of Pictou, Tatamagouche, and P. E. Island, with whom we can cordially cooperate, as our object is the same, our fields of operation different and contain ample scope for all our operations.

Others only partially connected with our church are endeavouring to occupy the ground, and being liberally supported by various denominations, they have a great advantage; but we think there is still work enough for us all without rivalry, jealousy, or misrepresentation. Notwithstanding all our inconveniences and disadvantages, we are happy to be yet able to state that we have a fair stock on hand to carry on the work; and with the divine blessing on our labours, we feel confident that we are able to pay all our debts, as may be seen from the subjoined summary of accounts and statement of debts and assets, and if spared and continued, we shall endeavour to do so while we can maintain the same position. All which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

JOHN J. BAXTER,
Convener.

The Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces
in acct. with JOHN J. BAXTER, from 30th June,
1868, to 30th June, 1869.

1868.		Dr.	
July 1.	To cash paid Rev. J. Scott, for books	\$25 00	
	“ N. B. Society for Bibles 256 43		
Oct. 7.	“ Is. Smith, Esq., Colp- “ teur, for wages	31 72	
	“ Agent's salary, 6 mos.	25 00	
1869.			
Feb. 22.	“ Wm. Sutherland, Col- porteur, wages	62 77	
Mar. 19.	“ Bill for Pre. Beaid Pub.	104 00	
May 15.	“ Duty and expenses on Bibles	22 50	
June 30.	“ Agent's salary, 6 mos.	25 00	
			\$554 47½
1868.		Cr.	
July 1.	By balance on hand at date	\$76 89	
	cash per Rev. Robt. Laird	20 15½	
Aug. 15.	“ Books sold at Depot 19 30		
Oct. 7.	“ Is. Smith, Esq., Colp. 134 91		
	“ W. Sutherland, “ 226 44		
1869.			
Jan. 23.	“ Books sold, &c.	13 25	
	“ Borrowed to buy a bill	59 00	
June 30.	“ Balance overpaid	4 53	
			\$554 47½
1869.		DEBTS.	
June 30.	To Robt. Carter & Bros., N.Y. \$100 00		
	N. B. Society of Scotland	384 50	
	Borrowed money	59 00	
			\$543 50
1869.		ASSETS.	
June 30.	Old stock in Depot	\$30 00	
	New stock in Depot	584 50	
	In hands of Colporteurs & others 159 00		
			\$764 50
(E. E.)		JOHN J. BAXTER,	Agent.

Home Missions.

Jerusalem, N. B.

This settlement is situated about midway between Fredericton and St. John. It is a beautiful farming district, having a good soil, and is chiefly inhabited by the descendants of Scotch and Irish. At an early period in its history, the few families resident here received a visit from the Rev. William Sommerville. Cheered and refreshed by the visit of this eminent servant of God, active steps were immediately taken to have a small church erected with the expectation of retaining a part of Mr. S's services. Disappointed in this hope, nothing further was done toward the erection of a building beyond procuring the frame. As the settlement increased, they received an occasional sermon until the arrival of the Rev. A. Stirling from Scotland, who was settled at Fredericton and

preached at Jerusalem every five weeks. During Mr. Stirling's pastorate, a very neat and commodious church was built, which is capable of seating at least 300 people, and reflects much credit upon those who contributed so largely towards its erection. Within a short period they have been disjoined from Fredericton, united with Nerepis, and form a separate congregation. They are now between 25 and 30 Presbyterian families here, besides others who would be favourably disposed toward us. No Sabbath school is at present in existence, and but little has as yet been done in the way of raising funds for a supply of preaching. There are three preaching stations in connection with this section, viz., Jerusalem, Summer Hill, and Colonus; and if a collection was taken each Sabbath that service is held, and each one contributed as God had prospered them, but small drafts would be made upon the funds of the Home Mission. Five cents from each one attending church on the Lord's day, at each of these stations, would pay for their share of a Probationer's time. We trust that this system will hereafter be adopted.

NEREPIS.

Nerepis is situated about 20 miles below Jerusalem, and about 18 from St. John. It is also a farming district, and being now intersected by the Western Extension Railway, must inevitably make progress. At one time this section was within the bounds of the St. John Presbytery, and received an occasional supply in connection with Carleton and other settlements. The Rev. Mr. Brown also laboured among them for a lengthened period. After his removal they received but a meagre supply. Being of late transferred to the York Presbytery, they have been frequently visited by the Rev. Mr. Stirling, to whom they are fondly attached. There are about 35 Presbyterian families here, including Lower Nerepis, Welsford, and Nerepis Valley. They have a small church, which, on the Sabbath is well filled by an attentive audience. A flourishing Sabbath school also exists, which is well conducted, and a goodly number of the children attend. There are however, no elders in this part of the congregation, and but two in the Jerusalem section.

CLARENDON.

This is a new settlement, some miles distant from Nerepis, and contains about 40 families, nine of whom are Presbyterian. Having settled here a few years ago, they are clearing away the forest, endeavouring to make farms in their new home. The road leading to this locality is as yet very rough, scarcely passable with a waggon. They have no schoolhouse or school, no

way office; and seldom see the face of a minister of any religious denomination. Mr. Charles Frazer, Catechist, who has been labouring in Jerusalem and Nerepis since the close of the Hall, with indefatigable zeal, has been visiting them, and will doubtless bring their case before the York Presbytery. In the event of a minister being settled in this congregation, they are quite willing to contribute something and receive an occasional supply. It is truly mission ground, and calls loudly for evangelistic labour. Let the readers of the *Record* who are favoured with a regular dispensation of Gospel ordinances, remember those who are less highly favoured. Let such facts as are here stated draw forth our contributions to the Home Mission Fund, in order that the church may be enabled to cultivate these waste places in our provinces. But above all, forget not in your prayers the toiling missionary as he wends his weary way to such localities as these carrying to perishing souls the Bread of Life.

Within the bounds of this congregation, including mission ground, there are upwards of 70 families. The field is wide and very much scattered, involving a great deal of labour in the way of travel. The congregation is suffering for the want of a pastor, and demands increased activity on the part of the people. The Nerepis section is especially hopeful, and with the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, under the nurturing care of the York Presbytery, accompanied by the settlement of an acceptable minister, we feel confident the whole charge will make rapid progress. The people should be united and harmonious, put forth a determined effort, and not be too select in the choice of a minister. Not being called upon heretofore to contribute much for the support of ordinances, they will require some educating on this point. They are all comfortable farmers, and could easily raise 500 dollars per year. If supplemented for a time they would soon reach the Synod's minimum, and eventually become a flourishing congregation. May the Lord hasten it in his time.

ALFRED B. DICKIE.

Religious Intelligence.

Germany.

We rejoice to note that there is progress in North Germany with regard to evangelical religion. Under the leadership of Prussia, the whole country is awaking to a sense of its great influence in European politics. National consolidation occupies

the first place in the public thought. There is still, however, a deep and widening religious life in Germany. The Bible is diffused and read in the schools and families. Its truths have a strong hold upon the conscience of the people. No hamlet can be found without its parish church, and in most of its ten thousand pulpits the gospel is preached with simplicity and power. There has been manifestly a great advance in popular respect for Christianity. The rationalistic teachers, who once held possession of the field of controversy, have been fairly met and routed by the Christian scholars who have put on the armor of the truth during the present generation. There has been a great quickening in reference to evangelistic work, and the time has passed when earnest piety was a reproach in Germany. There is great room for progress. They want deeper earnestness; they want a greater reverence for the Sabbath; they want more zeal in forcing the subject of salvation on the people. And yet in contrast with the past there is great progress; and everything indicates that the work of God will be more pure and thorough in the future.

Earl Dalhousie on Church Extension.

Earl Dalhousie lately laid the foundation stone of a new Free Church near Aberdeen. Among other remarks he well said: "Ladies and gentlemen,—it has been said that the Church is going too fast by some of those who belong to it. It has been said that in being too forward in the way of church extension we have run the risk, and have actually committed the fault, of lowering the stipends of the fixed ministers of congregations. I deny that this has been done to any extent. It may have been done to some small extent; but who shall gainsay church extension?—(hear, hear)—who shall tell me that is a real church which is not a missionary Church? (Hear, hear)—I honour the saying of Dr. Chalmers when he told the people that commerce and religion were conducted on two totally different principles. In commerce the demand must precede the supply; in religion the supply must precede the demand. But it is in vain to tell me that a church can do its duty that does not plant itself in the midst of barren ground—that does not till the ground till it makes it a smiling field, and gathers it into a congregation which did not exist. I am proud to think the Free Church goes on in that work, and I am convinced that, sowing in that manner, Providence will bless the seed, and that the church that sows the seed will reap benefits from the transaction gratifying to all its members, and proving

a blessing to the community at large." Our own church is sometimes blamed for multiplying weak charges. It is true that in some cases the bounds of prudence may be passed. But in a living, working church of Christ, the inquiry must be rather how shall we help weak charges, than how can we check their multiplication. We must be bold enough to take up barren ground and till it that it may become a garden of the Lord. Our Synod's Supplementary Fund is intended to solve the difficulty which so often confronts us, of people needing and ardently desiring what they are unable to pay for.

The Colonial Committee of the Irish Presbyterian Church speak highly of the *Record* of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

CIRCULATION OF THE RECORD.—The following remarks by the Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Church are peculiarly applicable to the circumstances of our church: The committee refer to the importance of keeping the people well informed with respect to the Church's work:

The committee press earnestly and respectfully the importance of making assiduous use of existing methods. The circulation of the *Records*, with occasional reference to them in the pulpit, and in the prayer-meeting, constitute the leading means for producing on the minds of our people generally the impression that they are embarked in mission work for Christ, in which it is both their privilege and their duty to labour. The larger the place which this work occupies in their thoughts and prayers, the more likely they will be to give liberally for the prosecution of it, and the more thriving will the state of congregations probably become. Acknowledging the enlightened and practical interest shown in the subject by many ministers and congregations, the committee respectfully crave sustained and renewed attention to it. They believe that much still remains to be done in this department.

Nothing less should be aimed at than having a copy of the *Record* in every family, and accessible to every member and adherent of the Free Church—a result which should be attainable if energetic means were perseveringly employed; and the committee are persuaded that great results will follow when it shall be thoroughly accomplished.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—A new career of vigorous, aggressive, untrammelled life seems opening up before the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Recent parliamentary action throws her more fully upon the liberality of the Christian people. This will strengthen her by call-

ing forth all her energies. She has greatly increased within the last twenty-five years. Her missions to the heathen, to the Jews, to the Roman Catholics—her aid to the Colonial Churches, her evangelistic efforts at home and abroad are all most honorable to her zeal and faithfulness. Such a church cannot be injured by any mere political revolution or the withholding of the *Regium Donum*. We rejoice to see her girding on her armour for renewed and more extensive effort in all her fields of usefulness. She numbers 543 congregations. These contributed about £96,000 during the last year.

PROGRESS IN CALIFORNIA.—Twenty years ago there was not a Protestant place of worship in all California; now there are 300. There are 60,000 church members, and more than 50,000 Sabbath school children. It is thus that the world is being conquered to Christ.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.—The United Presbyterian Church has embarked again in a Jewish Mission. Her first accepted missionary is the son of a rabbi, a Spanish Jew.—The Foreign Mission Committee still call for ten new missionaries, and the announcement is made that 20 would not be refused.—The scene of the Indian Missions of the church has been visited by a protracted and severe famine, followed by Asiatic cholera. Some of the missionaries were attacked by cholera, but recovered.

FREE CHURCH.—Says the *Record*: It is very cheering to hear how heartily the General Assembly's Call to Prayer is being responded to throughout the Church. The Presbyteries are everywhere agreeing to set aside an hour for worship during their sittings; ministers are remembering the call every Sabbath-day, and pressing on their people the duty of recollecting it in the family and closet; and in many congregations special monthly concerts for prayer have been already established to seek for themselves and others the shower of blessing. We cannot believe for a moment that all this will be in vain. The strong desire which has been awakened is surely the precursor of a "time of refreshing;" and considering the urgent need that there is of a revival of God's work, we cannot too earnestly warn such as may hitherto have overlooked the call against the awful risk they run of being "left dry" while all around them are "wet with dew."

Mr. Moody Stuart and Mr. Wilson of the Barclay have been sent by the Committee on the Conversion of the Jews as a Deputation to Prague and to Bohemia, and at the same time to visit Pesh. They are

to be joined by Mr. Abraham Herschell of London, who addressed last Assembly on our Mission to the Jews. The prayers of the Church are requested on their behalf, that their mission may result in the furtherance of the gospel message, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile.

A young rabbinical Jew having heard in the heart of Russia that in "Stamboul they preach in the open streets that Jesus is the Messiah," left his home, travelled to Constantinople, devoted himself to the study of the Scriptures, and was publicly baptized on the 19th of April.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met in Queen's Square Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday the 28th July. Members present: Revds. D. McNeill, Moderator; I. Murray, A. Campbell, A. Munro, A. Cameron, R. Laird, W. R. Frame, A. Falconer, Clerk, and J. G. Cameron, and Messrs. J. Simpson, McNiven, McKenzie, and D. Laird, Elders. Commissions were read and sustained from the Sessions of Richmond Bay East and Summerside, Queen's Square, Charlottetown, Free Church, Charlottetown, Woodville, Cavendish, and Princetown, appointing Messrs. Roderick McLean, David Laird, Kenneth Henderson, Norman McKenzie, John Simpson, and James Bearsto, respectively their representative Elders for the current year. Rev. A. Cameron was appointed Moderator for the current year. It was moved and seconded that Rev. A. Falconer be Clerk for the current year. Mr. Falconer decidedly objected to such an appointment, on account of his onerous duties as one of the editors of the *Presbyterian*. On motion, Rev. R. Laird was appointed. The thanks of the Presbytery were very cordially given to Mr. Falconer for the impartial and very efficient discharge of his duties as Clerk for several years.

From the Free Church congregation, Charlottetown, Mr. George Walker presented papers in reference to steps taken to secure a pastor, with the request that the Presbytery appoint one of its number to moderate in a call, and appointing Mr. Walker commissioner to appear before Presbytery. After due inquiry, the moderation was granted, and Rev. A. Munro was appointed to preach in the church, and moderate in a call on Thursday, the 12th August, at 7½ o'clock, p. m., Rev. J. Allan to give intimation to the congregation on Sabbath first.

Rev. R. Laird having asked instructions relating to the colportage business, the Presbytery agreed to accept an offer made by Mr. D. Laird to conduct the business under the direction of Presbytery; and the agent was directed to transfer the books to him as soon as convenient.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Brown's Creek for the visitation of the congregation, on the third Wednesday of September, at 11 o'clock.

Presbytery of St. John.

This Court met at St. John Church, Moncton, on Wednesday, the 4th instant, at 2 o'clock, p. m. Present: Rev. J. D. Murray, Moderator; Revs. James Bennet, Lewis Jack, James Gray, Samuel Houston, and N. M. Kay, Ministers. The minutes of previous meetings having been read and approved, the Rev. James Gray was unanimously elected Moderator for the current year. A Commission from the Session of Calvin Church, in favour of Mr. Alexander Stewart, as ruling elder from said Church, was presented, read and sustained. Mr. McKay reported that on the second Sabbath of July, in the absence of Mr. Watt, he had preached in Carleton Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock, and intimated to the congregation that on the 22d of said month, Rev. Mr. Houston would preach at 7 o'clock, p. m., and moderate in a call. Rev. Mr. Houston reported that he had preached as appointed at Carleton, and moderated in a call which came out in favour of Mr. Alfred Dickie, preacher. Mr. Houston laid the call upon the table of the Presbytery duly certified. The call was sustained and ordered to be sent to Mr. Dickie for his consideration. The ministers in St. John were appointed a committee to correspond with Rev. Mr. Christie, and to arrange with him in order to the visitation of the congregations within the bounds of this Presbytery, in the interest of the Supplementary Fund, according to instructions of Synod. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to take place in St. John on the 2d Wednesday of September, at 1½, p. m. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet for the visitation of the Moncton congregation the same evening at 7½ o'clock.

At 7½ o'clock the Presbytery met accordingly, and after sermon by the Rev. Samuel Houston from Rom. vi. 23, was constituted as above.

The office-bearers being called for, there appeared the Rev. J. D. Murray, pastor, Messrs. Wier and McAllister, elders, and Messrs. McWilliams, Matthews, McKenzie, Sleeth, McCurdy, and Robb, and the two elders above named, committee of management. The prescribed formula of ques-

tions was then put to each class of office-bearers respectively, and were very promptly and satisfactorily answered. The Presbytery taking the whole state of this charge into their consideration, found as follows:

"In view of the statements now presented, the Presbytery find that this congregation has made very satisfactory progress since the settlement of the present Pastor, and that the state of the congregation spiritually and financially reflects much credit upon the Pastor, the Elders, the Managing Committee and the whole congregation."

This people have promptly met their obligations to the Pastor, and have paid off one half of the debt on the Church during the last year. There remains a debt of only \$275, and it is expected that \$100 of this sum will be raised within a month. It is fully expected that in another year the whole debt will be paid, and that the congregation will then be able so to increase their pastor's salary that all supplementary aid may be dispensed with.

Mr. McKay reported that he had made arrangements for visiting Richibucto and Bass River congregations on Sabbath and Monday next, and asked the Presbytery to arrange for the supply of his pulpit for next Sabbath. The Rev. J. K. Bearisto was appointed to supply St. David's Church on that day.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. David's Church, St. John, on the second Wednesday of September next at 1½ o'clock, p. m.

Presbytery of York.

This Presbytery held several meetings during Synod. Rev. Alex. Stirling tendered his demission of the congregation of Fredericton. Rev. Samuel Bernard was chosen moderator for the current year, and Rev. Samuel Johnson clerk. Mr. Alfred Dickie was appointed to supply the congregation of Jerusalem and Nerepis the first two Sabbaths of June, and afterward Fredericton until next meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery again met at Fredericton on the 6th August; present, Revs. S. Bernard, Moderator, S. Johnson, and J. Salmon, and A. Moody, D. S. Blair, and Dr. Simpson, elders. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Rev. Alex. Stirling being present was invited to take his seat as a corresponding member.—Read a report of Mr. A. Dickie's labours at Jerusalem and Nerepis, which was approved. Also a report of twelve weeks' labour performed by Mr. Charles Fraser in the Jerusalem and Nerepis congregation which was approved and ordered to be transmitted to the Home Mission Board. A call was then read from the Mission Station of Southampton to the

Rev. Charles G. Glass, and also an accompanying paper asking that he be inducted over them at the earliest possible date. Agreed that the matter be postponed indefinitely, and that in the meantime the clerk be appointed to visit Southampton and report at next meeting. Moderation in a call was then asked for through Mr. Stirling from the congregation of Jerusalem and Nerepis, which for the present was not granted. Mr. Charles Fraser was then examined and certified to the Theological Hall. Mr. Bearisto declined the call from Prince William. Mr. Dickie was appointed to continue his labours at Fredericton until end of August. Mr. Fraser was appointed to labour between the two congregations of Woodstock and Richmond and Prince William until the Hall opens. Rev. Alexander Stirling was appointed to supply Prince William for a time. Adjourned to meet again at Glassville on the first Wednesday of October.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met on Wednesday, 11th August, and was constituted by Rev. Edward A. McCurdy, Moderator, besides whom there were present, Revs. Dr. King, John Cameron, William Maxwell, Alexander Stuart, Professor McKnight, Allan Simpson, John Forrest, John B. Logan, Archibald Glendinning, John M. McLeod. Commissions were read and sustained from the Kirk Sessions of Chalmers' Church, St. John's Church, Halifax, Kentville, and Porter's Lake, appointing William Garvie, James Farquhar, George A. Blanchard, and Chas. Taylor, Esqs., respectively to represent them in Presbytery and Synod during the current year. Messrs. Garvie and Taylor being present took their seats as members of Presbytery.

Rev. John Forrest was appointed to preach and moderate in a call to Rev. Alexander Falconer, in St. James' Church, Dartmouth, on the 19th August, at 7 o'clock p.m.

The Clerk reported that he had preached and moderated in a call in the congregation of Kempt and Walton—that the call was very cordial and harmonious, and was in favour of Mr. Edward Grant—that it was signed by forty-three members and seventy adherents, and that the salary offered for the first year, is \$575, quarterly in advance, and that as soon as possible they intend to provide a manse for their minister. On motion it was agreed to sustain the call as a regular gospel call, and proceed with it according to the rules of the church.

Rev. John Cameron asked and obtained leave of absence from his congregation for eight weeks from the first of September.

Rev. Mr. Duff reported that he had moderated in a call to Rev. E. McNab from the congregation of Mahone Bay—that it was signed by forty-three members and adherents, and was very harmonious. This call having been sustained by the Presbytery and accepted by Mr. McNab, his induction was appointed to take place at Mahone Bay on 25th August. Rev. Peter M. Morrison to preach, Rev. William Duff to address the people, and Rev. Donald McMillan the minister.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Mahone Bay on Wednesday, 25th August.

J. McLEOD, *Ply. Clerk.*

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in New Glasgow on the 3rd inst., and was constituted by the Rev. George Patterson, moderator *pro tem.*, with whom were present the Revs. Dr. Roy, Geo. Walker, Dr. Bayne, A. P. Miller, D. B. Blair, John Mackinnon, Alex. Ross, K. J. Grant, and A. J. Movitt, ministers; and Messrs. Roderick McGregor, John Miller, Wm. Morton, Peter Ross, Alex. Grant, and Hugh Gunn, ruling elders. The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained. It was agreed that the names of the Revs. John Stewart and J. B. Watt be removed from the roll, and that the Revs. Dr. Roy and D. B. Blair be appointed a committee to draw out a minute in reference to Mr. Stewart's long services as a minister of the gospel, to be placed on the Records of Presbytery.

Commissions were read from the sessions of Salem Church, John Knox's Church, Knox's Church, Sharon Church, James' Church, and East Branch East River, appointing, as their respective representative elders in Presbyteries and in Synod during the ensuing year, Messrs. Charles Fraser, James Davison, Alex. Murray, Jas. Fraser, John Miller and Alex. Grant—sustained and their names added to the roll. The Rev. D. B. Blair reported that his session had appointed Mr. Peter Ross, and the Rev. Alex. Ross reported that the session of Earltown, West Branch River John, had appointed Mr. Hugh Gunn to be their representative elders in Presbytery and in Synod during the ensuing year. Their reports were sustained and the names of their elders added to the roll.

The Revs. Wm. Forlong and J. B. Watt being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The Rev. J. B. Watt asked for a Presbyterial certificate and an extract of his ordination and induction, which were accordingly granted.

Read reports from the Rev. Wm. Forlong, and from Mr. Edward Grant, of missionary

labour performed within the bounds of Presbytery, which were approved.

The Rev. George Roddick having arrived at this stage of the proceedings, took the moderator's chair.

The clerk was instructed to notify Messrs. Wm. Ross and Alex. Pollock, students receiving the "Mackenzie Bursary," to be present at the next meeting of Presbytery for examination.

It was agreed that since the Synod have appointed the Rev. D. B. Blair to visit Cape Breton in behalf of the Supplemental Fund, that the clerk be instructed to ask the Home Mission Board to send a probationer to supply his pulpit during his absence. It was also agreed that his pulpit be supplied on the first and second Sabbaths of August. Mr. Isaac S. Thompson, student, applied to be certified to the Divinity Hall. He presented a certificate of church membership from the session of Sharon Church, and also a Diploma of B. A. from Dalhousie College, and having satisfied the Presbytery as to his motives and desires in seeking to study for the gospel ministry, he was accordingly certified.

The Revs. Alexander Ross and John Mackinnon reported that they had, according to appointment, dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper both in Earlton Church and in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow. Their report was approved and their diligence highly commended.

The following supply of preaching was made:—

To John Knox's Church, New Glasgow—Rev. Mr. Forlong, 2nd and 3rd Sabbaths of August; Rev. Dr. Roy, 4th Sabbath, afternoon; Rev. Mr. Patterson, 5th Sabbath, 6½ P.M.; Mr. Burgess, 1st Sabbath of September.

To Wine Harbour and Goldenville—Mr. Samuel Archibald, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sabbaths of August.

To Earlton and West Branch River John—Rev. Simon Fraser, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sabbaths of August.

To Little Harbour and Fisher's Grant—Mr. Edward Grant, 2nd Sabbath of August; Mr. Howard Archibald, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sabbaths of August.

To Caledonia—Mr. Howard Archibald, 2nd Sabbath of August; Rev. J. T. Forbes, 5th Sabbath of August.

To Glenelg—Rev. John Campbell, 4th Sabbath of August.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Presbytery be held in James Church, New Glasgow, on the first Tuesday of September, (7th) at 11 A.M., for ordinary business.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

BRIDGETOWN.—The Presbyterians of Bridgetown have resolved to build a brick church in that town. They have the plans and specifications ready, but the building is not to be commenced till next spring. The congregation is small; but though weak in numbers it is strong in liberality and zeal. They will require aid in building their church, but they will not ask aid until they first show that they have themselves done all in their power.

BEDFORD.—A very neat Presbyterian church is now in course of erection at Bedford. It will probably be open for worship before winter sets in. The services at Bedford are largely attended—the school-house in which they are held being generally filled to excess. The new building will be a great comfort and convenience in all seasons of the year.

MOUNT UNIACKE.—This is one of the stations regularly supplied by the Presbytery of Halifax. A very comfortable hall, built by the Orangemen of the place, is freely given for our services. The people attend numerously and contribute liberally.

WOODSTOCK AND RICHMOND, N. B.—The two congregations here adhering to the Kirk and Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, are now endeavouring to effect a union among themselves. Should the movement be successful, there will then be two large Presbyterian congregations and two ministers of the respective bodies.

DIGBY GT.—The Lord's Supper was celebrated by the Presbyterians here in June. Rev. D. S. Gordon presided. Eight members were admitted besides three from other denominations, who sat with them. We trust that the little flock may be nurtured and increase.

YORK PRESBYTERY.—There are now four vacant congregations in this small Presbytery, viz., Jerusalem and Nerepis, Fredericton, Prince William, and Woodstock and Richmond. There are also some mission stations, which, if nurtured, would grow.

IN MEMORIAM.

"The Righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

The Rev. ANGUS MACGILLIVRAY was born December 25th, 1792, at Balmacnab, Abercaldy, in Invernessshire, Scotland. From the Gaelic-English school of his native village he was sent about the beginning of 1804 to the grammar school in Inverness. His general character as

boy is reflected in the remark of a neighbour of the family when tidings reached his native village that Angus MacGillivray was a minister in America. I always thought, said the old man, that he would come to something like that. In 1805, his father, Malcolm McGillivray, came out with his family to this country, in the ship "Annie Cook," Cook captain, bound from Greenock to Pictou. He settled at Middle River on the farm now owned by Mr John MacGillivray. As the education of the older sons was superior to that of the other settlers generally, two of them—first John, a younger brother, and afterwards Angus—were induced to teach schools. Angus followed school-teaching as his studying permitted up till the date of his licensure. After a few years' employment, he went to the Pictou Grammar School (the academy was not then in existence), with the intention of studying one or two branches which the interest of his calling required. Here he attracted the attention of the late Dr. McCulloch, who was always on the alert in the interests of the church, and who urged him to prosecute his studies with a view to the ministry. This was a higher aim than he had contemplated, and, not thinking that he possessed the gifts which such a work in his judgment required, he, for a long time, declined. He, however, consented to prosecute his studies beyond his original attention. Afterwards, as the result shows, he followed the doctor's counsels. After the usual studies, he was licensed to preach the glorious Gospel of the blessed God by the Presbytery of Pictou, in 1824, and on September 1st of the same year was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of East Branch, (Upper Settlement,) West Branch, and Middle River. A call from Pugwash (then called Ramseg) and Wallace Shore to which he was personally more favorably inclined, was discouraged, or declined, mainly to believe out of deference to the wishes and counsels of Dr. McGregor. At the date of his settlement, East Branch was to have one half of his services and the remaining sections the other half. After a number of years he was freed by Presbytery from the obligations to preach at Middle River, and his congregation was reported in the statistical tables as Upper Settlement, Churchville, and West Branch. This charge was still very extensive and laborious, and about 1854 West Branch was struck off and formed into a separate congregation. About the same time a central meeting-house was erected at Spring-

ville and preaching discontinued at Churchville.

The ministerial labour required in such a charge as was committed to him, and the difficulties and discouragements in the way of the faithful and persevering discharge of duty, were such as no one can form a definite idea of who has not had personal experience in such a field, or been the companion in tribulation of such a one. The labour connected with the preaching was increased by the necessity of regularly maintaining services in both the Gaelic and English languages. The family visitation alone as he performed it, and as the result in the universal observances of family ordinances shows it to have been performed, was enough for two or three men. His labour was still further increased on account of the extent of the Presbytery and the paucity of Gaelic-speaking ministers. He made it a strict matter of conscience to keep every appointment, at home or abroad, and very few failures (through sickness and the utterly impassable state of the roads) can be reported from the whole course of his ministry. Notwithstanding all the other claims on his time and energies, he did not excuse himself from attendance on Presbytery or Synod meetings. Until within the last few years of his public ministry, when the infirmities of age pressed heavily on him, we believe his seat was never vacant.

Difficulties and annoyance from inadequate support, impunctually and irregularly contributed, continued up to the close of his ministry. Though compelled to rely in a large measure on a farm for the means of support for his family, his soul was bound up in his congregation. He was affected by its condition as if it were a part of himself, and sought to hide its shortcomings towards himself from the church at large as if they were his own. When matters progressed harmoniously there, he was cheerful and happy. When anything occurred to disturb its harmony, hinder the progress of the cause in it, or his own friendly intercourse with any of its active members, it preyed upon him. Though physically strong and full of energy for the work of his Master, his temperament was such that trouble in which in any way he was personally or officially concerned, took a deep hold of him. Besides by the very thoroughness of his devotion to his congregation, he placed himself all the more at its mercy. Accordingly when, after the labours and trials of 30 years of ministerial life were already beginning to tell on a naturally strong constitution, and domestic affliction resulting in the death of two of the older members of his family within six weeks in the autumn of 1856, sorely tried his affectionate heart, unusual and unexpected trouble arose

and continued for a considerable time, he seemed almost at once to become an old man. The bright, cheerful eye remained, for it was fed from a fountain from which earthly trouble cannot cut off the supply, and the kindly expression of his countenance which was always so marked as to arrest the attention of all who saw him, increased with the mellowing influence upon his heart of that communion with the Unseen and the Eternal on which he was now all the more thrown back for support and comfort; but the elasticity of former years was gone. Only on occasions would indications of his former buoyancy manifest itself. He had indeed the deep sympathies of his brethren in the Presbytery, and of the great body of the congregations; but when will congregations thoroughly awake to the fact that sympathy without the discharge of those duties which the pastoral relation necessarily imposes, especially in churches such as ours in which the minister's peace and comfort are placed in so large a measure in their hands, utterly fail in imparting that support which the hour of trial and the trials of ministerial life generally call for. He still, however, continued to discharge his ministerial duties as in previous years, visiting and catechizing his whole congregation in alternate years, attending prayer-meetings and Bible classes, and as far as possible attending church courts. This continuance in the discharge of his duties as in the past in his trying circumstances and failing health, and especially in view of the growing failure of his people to fulfil their obligations to him, was a matter of oft-expressed astonishment on the part of his brethren in the Presbytery. In public and private they often acknowledged: We did not expect it of him, and we have come, or gone, time after time to his congregation saying among ourselves, there must be some growing disregard of duty of visiting or catechizing, of maintaining prayer-meetings or Sabbath schools; but no, there is not one of our congregation, so far as circumstances permit where all these matters are more faithfully attended to. But, for the secret of such abounding in the work of the Lord, we have not far to go. He expressed it himself in his oft-repeated remark in private: "If it was not for the Master's sake whom I serve I think I would do no more." His was the service of the unseen; and as he was more and more driven from the comparatively unfruitful regard and sympathy of those among whom he labored, to communion with the Master whom he loved and trusted, the greatness of the claims of that service came more and more forcibly home to him. He felt therefore he could not relax so long as he professed to occupy the ground. The work was, however, be-

yond his strength, and with the accidents to which his increasing infirmities rendered him more liable, only hastened the end.

About the beginning of 1862 he came before the Presbytery acknowledging his inability to discharge as heretofore the pastoral work of the congregation. He must either resign altogether, or some other arrangement be made relieving him from part of the work. The Presbytery had all along been urging the congregation to a more Christian discharge of its obligations; and while waiting its action this year relieved him from the obligation of visiting the families generally. During summer or autumn he was laid up for several weeks by an attack of sciatica, the Presbytery kindly supplying his pulpit. In 1863 he was still farther relieved from public duty, and his salary fixed at £50. The congregation were now to apply to Presbytery for supplemental service from probationers with the view to securing an assistant. But in the spring of 1864, in accordance with the advice of a deputation from Presbytery, sent to examine into the state of affairs, he sent in his resignation accompanied by a statement of arrears for the last few years, which was accepted after the meeting of Synod, to take effect the first of September, the 40th anniversary of his ordination. It is due to the congregation to state that they agreed to grant a retiring allowance, and by the efforts of Presbytery, instead of an annual contribution, £100 were in the course of the year secured for this object. He was now relieved from the formal charge of the congregation, and with beneficial results to his health; but his heart was still in the work, and although he did not after this date preach very often, either at home or abroad, he continued to attend prayer-meetings and visit the sick as occasion required. To many, particularly the aged, he was still "the minister," and when sent for by them often went at great inconvenience and risk. "The week of Prayer" was something in which from the first he took a special interest; and notwithstanding the inclement season of the year at which it occurs he continued to attend its meetings in the different sections of the congregation.

From the date of the attack of sciatica in 1862 he had scarcely a day of freedom from Rheumatic pains. Head and body were assailed by this torturing disease.

At the usual family gathering at the beginning of the present year, it was observed that he was thinner in flesh than ever before; and it was painfully evident that causes were at work which, unless soon checked, would result in his speedy removal from us. Through the winter he often spoke of experiencing an unusual sensation about his heart, and acute pain

in his side. A medical examination in April resulted in the discovery of a tumor in the stomach. Rapidly it grew and did its work. His sufferings were constant and often excruciating, but he never repined. He saw the end was approaching, and girded himself for it. Ever diligent in urging his people to preparation for death and judgment, although speaking was distressful and painful, when not utterly prostrated with pain and weakness, he was now still more pressing. Few were permitted to leave him without admonition or blessing.

One of his chief sources of pleasure throughout life was the company of his brethren in the ministry. It was a source of satisfaction to him in his last illness that with none of them had he ever "a falling out by the way." For a time he spoke of the nearness of Synod this year, and hoped to be able once more to meet with them; but he could only send his earnest request to be remembered by them in prayer. He was refreshed by the tidings of their kind remembrance of him, and frequent petitions on his behalf.

During the week of Synod, on Friday night, he had an unusually severe attack of pain, and never after seemed able to realize that he was at home. At times when his mind wandered on this subject, he was greatly troubled about how he was to meet his expenses and that of so many of the family as he saw about him, particularly as he remembered that the arrears due him from the congregation were not being paid in, and he felt he could not now rely on them. But he readily submitted his mind to be led to other topics; too often, however, to return to the same distressing subject. On such occasions he used to ask if the Synod had done anything at its meeting for aged ministers.

As the disease advanced speaking became more difficult; and sometimes as he lay in silence his countenance lighted up with a glow which lent it more than the freshness of health, and which, notwithstanding the severity of his sufferings, continued for hours. But he began to long for the end. He was never in the habit of talking much of his own inward experience, or giving expression to the doubts and fears or hopes which he may have entertained. He did not incline to do so in his last illness. But occasionally his state of mind found expression in passages of Scripture or quotations from the metrical version of the psalms or from the paraphrases. One occasion, about a fortnight before his death, after his mind was turned away from that oft recurring subject of anxiety above referred to, to God's goodness and care in the past, and his promises covering the whole future, he

fully assented. Then after a brief silence slowly from the difficulty of speaking, and abstractedly and solemnly, as if away in the very Presence Chamber, he repeated the verses,—

"Great God! afflict not in Thy wrath
The short allotted span,
That bounds the few and weary days
Of pilgrimage to man.

O do not cast me off, when as
Old age doth overtake me;
And when my strength decayed is,
Then do not Thou forsake me.

Oh may the grave become to me
The bed of peaceful rest,
Whence I shall gladly rise at length,
And mingle with the best!

Cheered by this hope, with patient mind,
I'll wait Heaven's high decree,
Till the appointed period come,
When death shall let me free."

On the evening of Tuesday, July 20th, at half-past eight o'clock, the summons at last came, and the wearied spirit was freed to join the ransomed souls that await in glory the resurrection morning. His remains were carried forth to "the bed of peaceful rest," followed by a company extending along for three quarters of a mile.

Rev. Dr. Roy, New Glasgow, speaking as one who knew him for nearly 40 years, and a brother Presbyter for over 30 years, at the close of his forenoon sermon to the Springville congregation on the following Lord's day, sketched the leading features in the character of the man and the minister, kind and obliging, gentle and peaceable, cheerful and affable, humble and unassuming, diligent, earnest, prompt, and in the interests of his Master fearless. His preaching was grave, earnest, simple, evangelical, and perseveringly doctrinal. Regarding the minister as the messenger of God, with the word of reconciliation, levity in the pulpit and that wisdom of words which tended to interfere with the efficacy of the cross, grieved him. As a pastor he was active, faithful and prudent. In this work he excelled. His visits to the family and sickbed were longed for. He was a valuable, practical, Christian counsellor. He sought the peace of the church. He was a friend of Union, and his services were always attended, and his friendship sought by the members of the other branch of the Presbyterian church in the community. He cherished a deep respect for religious ordinances, and earnestly recommended them to others, particularly the young. Now that he has been called to his account and reward, let us examine ourselves and prepare. The summons of the servant home should lead both his brethren and his people to deep searchings of heart. With this summary of the venerable doctor's remarks we close our article *In Memoriam*.

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

LOCALITY OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Length and Breadth of Con. in miles.	No. of adherents, including children.	No. of families.	No. of churches.	No. of sittings in these.	No. preach'g stations.	Average attendance in churches & stations.
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PRESBYTERY OF TATANAGOUCHE.

1 New Annan,	James Watson,	7 x 11	566	90	1	315	2	260
2 Wentworth,		12 x 3	70	15	1	200	2	50
3 Wallace,	John Munro,	30 x 10	651	121	4	1000	2	400
4 Goose River & Shiminicas,	W. S. Darragh,	50 x 20	400	47	1	300	7	200
5 River John,	H. B. Mackay,	7 x 7	680	130	1	400	1	400
6 Tatanagouche,	Thomas Sedgwick,	10 x 6	1000	160	2	650	3	400

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1 Bedeque,	R. S. Patterson,	10 x 10	600	90	1	360	5	300
2 Strathalbyn,	Alexander Campbell,	13 x 8	1000	200	1	530	1	420
3 Covehead,	James Allan,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4 Cavendish & N. Glasgow,	Isaac Murray,	10 x 10	400	96	2	850	3	300
5 Brown's Creek,	Alexander Munro,	12 x 5	1260	150	2	600	4	750
6 St. Peter's Bay,	Henry Crawford,	9 x 5	432	92	2	700	1	310
7 Bay Fortune,		16 x 5	420	90	3	600	2	350
8 Alberton and Tignish,	Alan Fraser,	20 x 5	820	150	2	600	2	500
9 Woodville & Little Sands,	Donald McNeill,	18 x 7	822	137	2	600	1	300
10 N. New London and Sum-	Alexander Cameron,	15 x 11	640	110	2	580	2	400
11 Princetown, [merficht]	Robert Laird,	10 x 10	912	150	1	550	2	500
12 West River & Brookfield,	W. Ross,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13 Dundas, [mer-side]	Allan McLean,	7 x 6	300	63	1	250	3	200
14 Richmond Bay E. & Sum-	W. R. Frame,	10 x 4	450	90	2	550	1	450
15 Charlottetown, Queen Sq.	Alexander Falconer,	10 x 2	350	57	2	650	1	280
16 W. Point, Camp'n & Brae	Wm. Stuart,	30 x 15	529	95	2	400	5	350
17 Tryon and Bonshaw,	John G. Cameron,	20 x 5	500	100	2	420	3	250
18 West St. Peter's,	Vacant,	14 x 5	500	90	2	550	1	400
19 Free Ch., Charlottetown,	Vacant,	City.	.....	40	1	500	3	.....
20 Murray Harbor,*	Stephen G. Lawson,	13 x 15	580	116	3	1000	7	.....
21 N. London S., & Granville	Vacant,	10 x 6	500	100	2	550	1	350
22 Richmond Bay West,*	Robert Cumming,	14 x 8	300	25	2	380	2	250

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

1 Maitland and Noel, 1st,	T. S. Crow & J. McEllan,	30	850	140	4	1300	6	500
2 Stewiacke,	James Smith, D. D.	6 x 7	750	150	1	1000	2	400
3 Onslow,	J. I. Baxter,	11 x 9	700	125	3	900	1	350
4 Truro,	W. McCulloch, D. D.	18 x 7	1190	240	1	1350	7	1200
5 Clifton,	J. Byers,	15 x 4	900	140	3	900	1	400
6 Upper Londonderry,	E. Ross,	10 x 8	722	120	3	900	1	600
7 Lower Londonderry,	A. L. Willie,	13 x 8	1166	216	3	1700	2	900
8 Economy & Five Islands,	J. McG. McKay,	18 x 5	850	170	2	850	1	500
9 Maitland and Noel, 2nd,	J. Currie,	25	685	126	2	600	5	700
10 Farnsboro' and Maccan,	D. McKinnon,	24 x 20	200	50	3	200	5	100
11 M. Stewiacke & Brookfield	J. D. McGillivray,	16 x 9	771	135	2	800	3	405
12 Acadia,	D. Stewart,	17 x 3	210	42	2	300	1	100
13 Springside,	J. Sinclair,	9 x 8	600	100	1	700	1	450

* These Congregations recently settled.

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

No. of baptisms.	No. communicants.	No. accessions.	No. renewals.	No. of Elders.	Diets of worship each Sabbath.	Communion services.	Families observing family worship.	No. Sabbath schools.	No. teachers.	No. pupils.	Vols. in Library.	Prayer meetings each week.	Average attendance at each.	Bible classes.	Attendance at do.	No. of Managers.
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PRESBYTERY OF TATAMAGOUCHE.

24	138	1	2	8	2	3	79	2	14	96	150	3	32	1	17	4	1
3	27	1	2	2	2	1	general.	5	12	110	250	3	20	4	50	17	2
15	114	11	25	7	3	3	one-half.	16	2	9	75	70	2	2	2	4	3
6	65	2	1	4	2	1	16	2	9	75	70	2	2	2	2	4	4
12	209	14	10	6	2	2	80	4	10	108	260	2	60	1	40	8	5
25	200	12	7	6	3	2	.....	4	25	200	300	3	55	1	100	6	6

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

10	130	3	11	6	2	3	35	3	8	60	120	1	30	5	60	6	1
20	63	5	1	4	2	1	190	5	10	100	150	4	100	...	...	8	2
12	127	7	3	9	2	2	50	4	18	130	300	3	1	50	4	5	3
26	65	4	4	4	2	3	nearly all.	5	21	200	...	2	65	...	13	5	4
14	124	4	5	3	1	2	25	4	16	200	200	2	2	25	7	6	2
16	112	2	3	5	3	2	20	2	6	40	100	...	3	25	6	7	8
18	218	12	6	9	2	3	65	4	20	100	...	4	25	5	60	7	8
35	54	4	5	6	2	1	70	3	7	64	139	2	50	2	60	7	9
19	109	8	2	6	2	3	40	2	5	50	100	...	2	60	5	10	2
16	291	6	11	7	2	2	60	6	22	165	550	1	30	5	100	3	11
14	40	3	2	3	1	1	nearly all.	2	2	40	...	1	...	...	5	13	2
19	228	16	10	6	2	2	45	2	9	100	200	1	60	2	60	11	14
9	73	13	3	4	3	3	20	2	9	80	250	1	25	...	5	15	3
17	103	4	9	6	3	3	...	5	50	100	100	1	2	30	4	16	4
41	47	14	4	2	2	2	40	3	16	125	220	3	20	2	28	10	17
3	140	2	10	2	...	...	40	2	6	40	...	5	...	...	5	18	2
2	60	6	4	2	...	...	...	1	4	60	...	1	30	1	30	9	19
3	30	3	10	3	1	1	good.	4	...	...	250	5	2	2	5	20	2
12	32	2	4	4	3	1	majority.	1	4	40	...	...	2	40	6	21	6
10	110	7	7	2	1	1	30	2	4	30	80	...	2	...	5	22	5

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

6	234	3	2	12	2	3	79	5	12	...	130	variable.	...	1	16	12	1
43	150	17	4	8	2	2	165	2	10	24	...	2	...	1	16	5	2
9	207	4	4	8	2	5	80	6	18	130	190	4	35	...	12	3	4
22	352	40	10	13	2	3	130	6	33	290	500	2	120	3	210	11	4
11	140	10	3	6	2	3	40	2	7	70	200	1	35	2	20	7	5
13	180	14	3	8	2	4	...	1	5	50	...	1	45	1	38	5	6
44	285	19	8	13	2	4	118	4	27	198	350	2	55	2	55	10	7
15	230	4	4	12	2	4	60	3	13	70	100	2	25	1	20	7	8
26	166	15	8	9	2	3	66	3	19	140	...	2	40	8	125	7	9
7	72	2	6	7	2	3	20	1	3	30	100	1	20	...	7	10	2
12	217	7	8	7	2	4	85	5	19	136	170	2	25	...	8	11	1
5	57	4	4	2	2	3	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	5	12	2
13	183	20	4	9	2	2	81	4	25	150	220	4	50	1	60	5	13

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

LOCALITY OF CONGREGATION.	Method of raising stipend.	Terms and mode of payment.	Annual value of manse and glebe.	Supplement received.	Debt on Congregational property.	Balance due the pastor.
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PRESBYTERY OF TATAMAGOUCHE.

1 New Annan,	P. R. & V. sub.	Cash quarterly.	\$40	\$100	\$40
2 Wentworth,	Voluntary sub.	Cash annually.
3 Wallace,	Sub. and col.	Cash & produce.	.....	.....	.....	.....
4 Goose River & Shinimicas,	Subscription.	.....	.....	\$80	.....	.....
5 River John,	Subscription.	Cash quarterly.	60	.....	.....	.....
6 Tatamagouche,	Voluntary sub.	Cash quarterly.	.....	.....	600	.....

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1 Bedeque,	P. R. and sub.	Cash half-yearly.	.....	.....	.....	\$40
2 Strathalbyn,	Subscription.	Half-yearly.	\$66	.....	.....	.....
3 Covehead,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4 Cavendish & N. Glasgow.	P. R. and sub.	Half-yearly.	12	.....	\$125	.....
5 Brown's Creek,	P. R. and sub.	Cash yearly.	66 66	.....	433 33	60
6 St. Peter's Bay,	Voluntary sub.	Cash half-yearly.	.....	.....	.....	.....
7 Bay Fortune,	Voluntary sub.	Cash half-yearly.	.....	.....	.....	30
8 Alberton and Tignish.	Subscription.	Cash quarterly.	.....	.....	.....	.....
9 Woodville & Little Sands,	P. R. and sub.	Cash half-yearly.	60	\$80	.....	1128
10 N. New London and Sum-	P. R. & V. sub.	Cash half-yearly.	.....	.....	.....	167
11 Princetown, [merfield.	Voluntary ack.	Cash in advance.	10	.....	.....	.....
12 West River & Brookfield.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13 Dundas, [merside.	Subscription.	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
14 Richmond Bay E. & Sum-	P. R. & V. sub.	Cash half-yearly.	.....	.....	.....	53 33
15 Charlottetown, Queen Sq.	P. R. and sub.	Cash quarterly.	.....	.....	.....	.....
16 W. Point, Campt'n & Brae	Subscription.	Cash quarterly.	.....	73 33	70	273 48
17 Tryon and Bonshaw,	Voluntary sub.	Cash half-yearly.	.....	100	.....	100
18 West St. Peter's,	Voluntary sub	.....	.....	.....	500	.....
19 Free Ch., Charlottetown,	P. R. and sub.	Cash quarterly,	43 33	.....	1333	.....
20 Murray Harbor,	Subscription.	Half-yearly.	50	.....	.....	.....
21 N. London S. & Granville.	Pew Rent.	Cash half-yearly.	50	.....	.....	.....
22 Richmond Bay West,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

1 Maitland and Noel, 1st,	Subscription,	Cash weekly,	.....	.....	.....	685 87
2 Stewiacke,	Subscription,	Cash quarterly,	.....	.....	.....	\$88
3 Onslow,	Subscription,	Cash half-yearly,	.....	.....	\$300	.....
4 Truro,	Subscription,	Cash quarterly,	\$40	.....	140	.....
5 Clifton,	Subscription,	Cash quarterly,	16	.....	800	267
6 Upper Londonderry,	Subscription,	Cash half-yearly,	40	.....	.....	.....
7 Lower Londonderry,	Subscription,	Cash quarterly,	.....	.....	420	.....
8 Economy & Five Islands,	Subscription,	Cash quarterly,	.....	.....	.....	.....
9 Maitland and Noel, 2d,	Subscription,	Cash quarterly,	.....	.....	.....	25 ⁵ 700
10 Parrsboro' and Maccan,	Subscription,	Cash quarterly,	.....	\$80	.....	75 ¹ 100
11 M. Stewiacke & Brookfield,	Subscription,	Cash qtrly. in adv.	.....	.....	.....	3 405
12 Acadia,	Subscription,	Cash quarterly,	.....	100	300	1 100
13 Springside,	Subscription,	Cash quarterly,	.....	.....	700	450

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

Stipend promised.	Stipend paid.	Widow's Fund.	Synod Fund.	Ministerial education	Home Missions.	Foreign Miss.		Building and repairs.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Rate per family.
						Cash.	Produce.				

PRESBYTERY OF TATAMAGOCHE.

\$360	\$340	.....	\$4	.....	\$8	\$8	.....	\$10	.....	\$370	\$4 11	1
64	64	.....	1	.....	8	8	.....	10	.....	65	4 33	2
400	400	.....	6 40	\$7 95	12 51	25 83	\$29 65	100	\$48 37	630 71	5 68	3
223	223	.....	1	.....	14	2	.....	2	.....	242	5 15	4
560	560	.....	12 54	10 40	18	12 45	.....	600	40	1253 39	9 64	5
500	476 60	.....	12	.....	21 97	30 40	.....	.....	110	650 97	4 07	6

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

\$486	\$465	\$1 50	\$5	\$16 50	41 50	\$93 80	\$40	.....	\$40	\$703 30	\$7 81	1
500	500	.....	4	.....	15	3	.....	.....	48	570	2 85	2
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
500	500	.....	6	17	18 33	18 50	.....	\$167	56	782 83	8 15	4
420	380	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 33	.....	433 33	2 89	5
250	300	.....	4	8 33	10	10	.....	.....	20	352 33	3 83	6
250	255	.....	4	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	30	299	3 32	7
583 33	583 33	.....	3	20	63	66 67	.....	.....	263 90	999 90	6 66	8
366 40	338 13	.....	8	3	4	16	.....	145	28	542 13	3 96	9
466 66	466 66	.....	7	3 25	57 25	53 45	.....	.....	10	597 61	5 43	10
500	500	.....	12 72	26 32	40	101 20	.....	162 23	178	1020 47	6 80	11
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
333	331	.....	2	.....	4	3	.....	120	.....	460	7 30	13
583 50	495 33	.....	2	12 66	11	53 16	.....	.....	175	749 15	8 32	14
500	517	.....	4	.....	19 25	15	.....	45	105	705 25	12 37	15
352	225 75	.....	2 30	5	5	5	19 66	130	.....	392 71	4 13	16
333 66	233 66	.....	.....	.....	23 49	23 70	.....	.....	.....	280 85	2 81	17
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
.....	.....	.....	4	.....	3 40	21	.....	16 66	166 66	211 72	.....	19
366 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	240	.....	240	.....	20
.....	133 33	.....	.....	.....	11 10	30	.....	.....	40	214 43	.....	21
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	8	.....	.....	.....	89	.....	22

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

\$600	\$364 13	\$20	\$8	\$18	\$28	\$28	.....	.....	\$68	\$364 13	\$2 60	1
800	712	.....	8	14	27	31	.....	.....	72	882	5 88	2
444	230 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	382 50	3 06	3
800	880 90	20	.....	70 53	339 54	149 36	.....	.....	633 94	2064 27	8 60	4
560	293	.....	10	.....	20	22	.....	\$800	30	1175	8 39	5
600	750	.....	4	20	20	20	.....	.....	50	864	7 20	6
720	720	.....	8	55 70	83 56	112 20	.....	324	178 13	1481 59	6 86	7
1800	600	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	644	3 79	8
2600	003 75	.....	14 97	.....	78 73	152 20	\$25	.....	110 95	985 60	7 82	9
.....	282	.....	4	.....	3	9 95	.....	.....	.....	298 95	5 98	10
12	217	.....	20	15 10	95 65	42 23	.....	.....	40	812 98	6 19	11
5	57	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	403	9 59	12
13	183 20	.....	12	.....	51	59 45	.....	54	269 50	925 95	9 26	13

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

LOCALITY OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Length and breadth of Con. in miles.	No. of adherents, including children.	No. of families.	No. of churches.	No. of sittings in these.	No. preach'g stations.	Average attendance in churches & stations.
1 New Glasgow,	David Roy,	9 x 6	824	148	1	800	..	550
2 do.	J. Stewart & J. B. Watt,	14 x 7	550	115	1	500	1	350
3 Sherbrooke,	John Campbell,	14 x 2	650	100	1	400	2	450
4 New Glasgow,	George Walker,	6 x 6	...	76	1	420	..	340
5 Pictou and vicinity,	James Bayne, D.D.	5 x 5	824	163	1	750	2	600
6 French River,	A. P. Miller,	8 x 8	400	45	2	320	..	300
7 Scotsburn and Saltsprings	Alex. Sutherland,	25 x 8	400	65	2	850	..	350
8 Blue Mountain,	D. B. Blair,	12 x 8	500	90	2	550	..	300
9 Barney's River,		10 x 8	400	70	1	330	..	200
10 Green Hill,	George Patterson,	10 x 7	600	100	2	900	..	500
11 West River,	James Thompson,	8 x 10	520	85	1	600	..	300
12 West River,	George Roddick,	10 x 10	750	130	2	1150	2	400
13 Hopewell,	John McKinnon,	8 x 8	650	120	1	800	..	600
14 Pictou and vicinity,	Alex. Ross,	16 x 12	750	130	2	700	..	600
15 Merigom'sh,	K. J. Grant,	12 x 14	800	145	1	350	..	300
16 Glenelg, Caledonia, East River, St. Mary's,	C. B. Pitblado,	50 x 12	1100	200	3	1350	7	1000
17 Albion Mines,	A. J. Mowitt,	3 x 3	570	107	1	520	..	300
18 East Branch, East River,	A. McL. Sinclair,	21 x 7	850	152	2	1000	..	400
19 Antigonish,	J. D. Murray,	30 x 14	700	140	3	900	..	350
20 Lochaber and Goshen,	J. F. Forbes,	20 x 10	700	135	2	1000	2	600
21 Little Harbour,	J. A. F. Sutherland,	7 x 3	388	70	1	300	1	220
22 Earltown,	Vacant.	22 x 8	600	119	2	108	1	250

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

1 Annapolis & Bridgetown,	D. S. Gordon,	22 x 4	130	24	1	240	3	200
2 Barrington and Clyde,	M. G. Henry,	25 x 25	320	60	4	700	6	600
3 Bermuda,	Walter Thorburn,	21 x 37	571	...	2	600	..	450
4 Bridgewater,	P. M. Morrison,	15 x 8	500	80	4	900	5	300
5 Cornwallis, North,*	Joseph Hogg,	10 x 8	346	80	1	400	3	150
6 do. West & South*	J. B. Logan, M.A.	30 x 6	300	60	3	750	..	150
7 Dartmouth,	Alex. McKnight,	7 x 6	...	50	1	200	..	150
8 Halifax, Chalmers',	Wm. Maxwell,	City.	700	125	1	600	..	550
9 do. Poplar Grove,	Allan Simpson,	City.	600	135	1	500	..	350
10 do. St. John's,	John Forrest,	City.	500	90	1	700	..	300
11 Harbor Grace, Nfld.	Alex. Ross,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12 Kent'k, Gore & Rawdon*	Arch. Glendinning,	25 x 8	530	92	4	700	1	350
13 LaHave,	D. McMillan,	12 x 5	720	132	3	..	..	300
14 Lawrencetown,	Alex. Stuart,	25 x 10	380	61	3	300	1	150
15 Lunenburg & Mahone B.	William Duff,	5 x 6	...	70	1	700	3	650
16 Musquodoboit,	Robt. Sedgewick,	28 x 6	1300	311	2	800	1	600
17 Musquodoboit Harbor,	E. A. McCurdy,	38 x 12	420	80	3	550	3	300
18 Newport,	J. M. McLeod,	12 x 10	814	150	1	700	8	730
19 Nine Mile River,	John Cameron.	17 x 15	800	120	2	600	2	180
20 Sheet Harbour,	Vacant.	37 x 6	...	60	1	...	...	600
21 Shelburne,	G. M. Clark,	4 x 8	500	106	3	650	6	600
22 Shubenacadie, &c,	James McLean,	25 x 17	2000	238	4	1350	1	800
23 St. John's, Nfld.	Moses Harvey,	.....	400	80	1	450	1	...
24 Walton and Kempt,	Vacant.	23 x 3	320	60	2	500	3	300
25 Windsor,	J.L. Murdoch & E. Annand	4 x 12	750	110	2	800	1	500
26 Yarmouth,	George Christie,	26 x 24	556	116	3	850	2	450

*Not one year settled.

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

No. of baptisms.	No. communicants.	No. accessions.	No. removals.	No. of elders.	Diets of worship each Sabbath.	Communion services.	Families observing family worship.	No. Sabbath schools.	No. teachers.	No. pupils.	Vols. in Library.	Prayer meetings each week.	Average attendance at each.	Bible classes.	Attendance at do.	No. of Managers.	
28	242	20	6	7	2	3	130	1	17	160	358	1	50	1	20	3	1
15	152	11	6	10	2	2	110	3	24	130	250	1	30	1	20	3	2
23	206	40	16	7	2	3	83	3	20	150	300	3	30	2	20	3	3
15	146	8	9	6	2	2	76	1	19	95	310	1	80	1	52	3	4
20	292	26	22	10	2	3	73	2	27	220	1200	2	70	2	50	4	5
12	108	6	..	8	2	3	42	4	4	55	70	1	70	1	40	5	6
20	95	6	..	8	2	2	65	4	8	60	.....	7	15	1	.....	7	7
..	130	7	3	11	2	2	90	4	8	80	200	1	20	.....	.....	9	8
..	119	8	5	7	2	1	70	3	6	60	150	1	12	.....	.....	9	9
12	208	8	9	10	2	3	100	4	16	180	400	1	25	.....	.....	9	10
9	215	11	7	6	2	2	83	3	13	140	240	5	30	5	60	5	11
15	270	12	8	12	2	2	120	5	20	150	200	1	50	1	30	3	12
17	222	8	6	8	2	2	120	5	15	150	200	2	30	5	30	7	13
16	160	8	4	8	3	2	120	3	16	140	600	4	50	1	10	5	14
17	288	32	9	11	2	3	110	5	33	260	450	2	70	.....	.....	7	15
30	403	46	8	15	2	3	200	11	47	335	600	4	40	4	180	15	16
23	135	10	4	8	2	2	85	4	25	170	300	1½	35	1	40	5	17
21	275	22	6	9	2	2	152	6	16	160	120	1½	16	1	50	6	18
33	150	17	12	9	2	5	100	4	11	100	120	1	50	2	20	15	19
28	130	27	7	6	2	3	120	6	18	160	.....	2	30	.....	.....	9	20
10	150	4	..	7	2	2	65	2	14	100	100	2	20	3	84	3	21
29	120	3	3	11	2	.....	119	2	6	80	.....	2	30	.....	.....	7	22

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

28	242	20	6	7	2	3	130	1	17	160	358	1	50	1	20	3	1
15	152	11	6	10	2	2	110	3	24	130	250	1	30	1	20	3	2
23	206	40	16	7	2	3	83	3	20	150	300	3	30	2	20	3	3
15	146	8	9	6	2	2	76	1	19	95	310	1	80	1	52	3	4
20	292	26	22	10	2	3	73	2	27	220	1200	2	70	2	50	4	5
12	108	6	..	8	2	3	42	4	4	55	70	1	70	1	40	5	6
20	95	6	..	8	2	2	65	4	8	60	.....	7	15	1	.....	7	7
..	130	7	3	11	2	2	90	4	8	80	200	1	20	.....	.....	9	8
..	119	8	5	7	2	1	70	3	6	60	150	1	12	.....	.....	9	9
12	208	8	9	10	2	3	100	4	16	180	400	1	25	.....	.....	9	10
9	215	11	7	6	2	2	83	3	13	140	240	5	30	5	60	5	11
15	270	12	8	12	2	2	120	5	20	150	200	1	50	1	30	3	12
17	222	8	6	8	2	2	120	5	15	150	200	2	30	5	30	7	13
16	160	8	4	8	3	2	120	3	16	140	600	4	50	1	10	5	14
17	288	32	9	11	2	3	110	5	33	260	450	2	70	.....	.....	7	15
30	403	46	8	15	2	3	200	11	47	335	600	4	40	4	180	15	16
23	135	10	4	8	2	2	85	4	25	170	300	1½	35	1	40	5	17
21	275	22	6	9	2	2	152	6	16	160	120	1½	16	1	50	6	18
33	150	17	12	9	2	5	100	4	11	100	120	1	50	2	20	15	19
28	130	27	7	6	2	3	120	6	18	160	.....	2	30	.....	.....	9	20
10	150	4	..	7	2	2	65	2	14	100	100	2	20	3	84	3	21
29	120	3	3	11	2	.....	119	2	6	80	.....	2	30	.....	.....	7	22

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

5	44	4	8	3	2	3	2	11	1	2	12	150	1	10	1	15	2	1
5	89	1	6	5	2	3	3	.....	2	16	60	150	2	50	2	50	11	2
12	168	14	6	5	2	4	8	.....	2	21	130	1000	4	35	1	13	3	3
6	..	4	..	5	2	3	2	.....	1	9	60	300	2	50	3	80	3	4
..	53	2	2	4	2	1	30	.....	2	7	39	.....	2	30	2	25	5	5
5	80	..	2	7	2	3	24	.....	2	7	39	.....	2	15	2	30	5	6
6	60	5	2	3	2	2	.....	.....	3	8	60	400	.....	.....	.....	3	7	
15	213	32	27	6	2	4	.....	.....	1	25	180	500	1	80	3	40	8	8
15	230	25	17	7	2	4	.....	.....	1	25	183	.....	1	100	2	45	5	9
13	126	24	7	4	2	2	.....	.....	1	18	140	360	1	60	1	30	12	10
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
2	130	..	1	7	2	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40	3	80	8	12
18	70	10	6	4	2	4	.....	3	10	140	100	2	60	2	90	15	13	.....
14	61	..	6	4	2	3	14	.....	2	6	46	30	2	24	.....	4	14	.....
8	45	1	..	4	2	2	.....	.....	1	7	65	.....	1	45	3	53	.....	15
53	429	15	10	16	2	4	200	8	24	200	200	4	120	4	120	16	16	.....
15	137	26	7	11	2	6	.....	.....	3	13	100	152	1	50	3	75	3	17
13	185	10	2	8	2	3	88	4	15	127	400	1	25	.....	5	13	.....
7	162	6	1	7	3	3	80	2	14	80	250	2	40	.....	7	19	.....
7	105	7	2	2	3	2	.....	.....	5	15	125	550	occasional.	30	.....	8	20	.....
7	91	8	..	2	2	3	.....	.....	3	10	82	200	1	35	1	20	7	21
35	340	31	14	10	2	4	70	6	22	220	400	2	35	5	175	9	22	.....
12	130	16	10	5	2	4	.....	.....	1	9	70	500	1	250	1	6	23	.....
4	50	1	..	2	.....	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....	24	.....
7	130	21	5	4	2	3	33	2	12	130	200	1½	45	1	15	4	25	.....
11	172	6	5	8	3	4	40	3	18	130	550	2	35	1	30	5	26	.....

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

LOCALITY OF CONGREGATION.	Method of raising stipend.	Terms and mode of payment.	Annual value of manse and glebe.	Supplement received.	Debt on Congregational property.	Balance due the pastor.
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PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

1 New Glasgow,	Col. quarterly,	Cash, half-yearly,				
2 do.	Subscription,	Cash, quarterly,			\$76	
3 Sherbrooke,	Voluntary sub.	Cash, quarterly,				
4 New Glasgow,	Weekly col.	Cash, qtl'y in adv				
5 Pictou and vicinity,	P. R. and sub.	Cash, qtl'y in adv			1200	
6 French River.	Voluntary sub.	Cash, quarterly,		\$40	100	\$100
7 Scotsburn and Saltsprings	Subscription,	Cash, half-yearly,				
8 Blue Mountain,	Voluntary sub	Cash, quarterly,				
9 Barney's River,	Voluntary sub.	Cash, yearly,				
10 Green Hill,	Voluntary sub	Cash, qtl'y in adv				
11 West River,	Voluntary sub.	Cash, qtl'y in adv				
12 do.	Voluntary sub.	Cash, qtl'y in adv				
13 Hopewell,	Voluntary sub.	Cash, qtl'y in adv				
14 Pictou and vicinity,	Voluntary sub.	Quarterly,				
15 Merigomish.	Voluntary sub.	Quarterly, in adv	\$60			
16 Glenelg, Caledonia, East } River, St. Mary's,	Voluntary sub.	Quarterly, in adv				
17 Albion Mines.	Voluntary sub	Quarterly, in adv	80		1800	
18 East Branch, East River,	Voluntary sub	Quarterly, in adv			750	
19 Antigonish,	Voluntary sub.	Quarterly, in adv	100			
20 Lochaber and Goshen,	Voluntary sub.	Quarterly, in adv			2000	
21 Little Harbour,	Voluntary sub	Quarterly, in adv		80		
22 Earltown,	Voluntary sub.	Cash, half-yearly,	40			

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

1 Annapolis & Bridgetown,	Sub. and P. R.	Cash, quarterly,		\$200	\$250	
2 Barrington and Clyde,	Subscription,	Cash, quarterly,	\$60	100	60	\$17
3 Bermuda,	P. R. & grant,	Cash, quarterly,	125			
4 Bridgewater,	Sub. and col.	Cash, half-yearly,	80			30
5 Cornwallis, North,	Subscription,	Half-yearly,	60			
6 do. West & South,	Sub. and rents,	Half-yearly. Cash,	100		200	
7 Dartmouth,	P. R. and sub	Half-yearly,	12		1020	
8 Halifax, Chalmers',	P. R. and col.	Quarterly, in adv				
9 do. Poplar Grove,	Sab. collection,	Quarterly,			4406	
10 do. St. John's,	P. R. and col.	Quarterly, in adv			5200	
11 Harbor Grace, Nfld.						
12 Kent's, Gore, & Rawdon,	Voluntary sub.	Half-yearly,				
13 LaHave,	Voluntary sub	Annually,	60			100
14 Lawrence town,	Subscription,	Cash, quarterly,		120	88	181 44
15 Lunenburg & Mahone B.	Subscription,	Yearly,				
16 Musquodoboit,	Col. and sub.	Cash, quarterly,	40		200	
17 Musquodoboit Harbor,	Voluntary sub.	Half-yearly col.		120	200	70 67
18 Newport,	Voluntary sub.	Cash, quarterly,	100		200	194
19 Nine Mile River,	Voluntary sub.	Cash, quarterly,				
20 Sheet Harbour,	Sub. and col.	Cash, quarterly,		120		
21 Shelburne,	Subscription,	Half-yearly,				
22 Shubenacadie.	Voluntary sub.	Cash, quarterly,				
23 St. John's, Nfld.	P.R., col. & sub	Cash, quarterly,	160		400	
24 Walton and Kempt,						
25 Windsor,	Sub. and P. R.	Cash, quarterly,	130			320*
26 Yarmouth,	Voluntary sub.	Cash, quarterly,				241

* Arrears of a dozen years standing, which Mr. Murdoch claims, and which the congregation repudiates.

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

Stipend promised.	Stipend paid.	Widow's Fund.	Synod Fund.	Ministerial education.	Home missions.	Foreign Miss.		Building and repairs.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Rate per family.
						Cash.	Produce.				

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

\$480	\$480	.....	\$12	\$20	\$63	107 65	.....	.....	452	\$1134 65	7 66	1
580	580	.....	8	12	33 57	25	.....	.....	258	916 57	7 97	2
800	800	.....	16	28 62	37 70	135 62	.....	\$300	570	1887 95	18 88	3
720	720	.....	14	42 50	122 46	172 65	.....	229 70	150	1451 31	19 09	4
800	1000	\$20	22 15	17 85	27 75	65 93	.....	.....	356 80	1510 43	9 26	5
300	200	.....	2 42	.....	6	4	.....	.....	23 52	235 94	5 24	6
500	500	.....	5	.....	.....	25 31	.....	.....	90	620 31	9 54	7
314	314	.....	7	.....	22 50	22 50	.....	.....	44	410	4 55	8
264	268	.....	6 70	.....	4 63	4 63	.....	.....	37	320 96	4 71	9
700	700	.....	12	25	40	100	.....	.....	115	992	9 92	10
600	600	.....	4	14 69	52 08	69 22	.....	70	118 14	928 14	10 92	11
600	600	20	8	14	24	27	.....	.....	250	943	7 27	12
600	600	.....	4	26	32	15	.....	.....	145 41	822 41	6 85	13
700	750	20	11	20	59	57	.....	.....	300	1217	9 36	14
520	520	.....	10	15	28	20	.....	.....	92 42	635 42	4 72	15
800	844	.....	15	30	44	53 45	.....	.....	230 51	1216 96	6 08	16
600	600	20	12	2	32	81 60	.....	250	24 50	1022 10	9 55	17
600	600	.....	4	.....	38	60	.....	330	50	1082	7 12	18
600	620	.....	7	3	39	22 53	.....	130	764 94	1586 47	11 33	19
800	800	.....	10	.....	20	29	.....	40 00	40	4899	36 29	20
420	420	.....	4 20	4	5	9	.....	.....	30	472 20	6 74	21
500	164	.....	5 32	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	193 32	.....	22

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

\$400	400	.....	\$6 77	\$8 25	\$19 25	\$17 23	.....	\$34	\$20	\$505 50	21 06	.....
400	383	.....	9	.....	46 25	32 50	.....	200	20	690 75	11 51	2
1000	1100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350	1450	.....	3
500	470	2 50	5	11	12	11	.....	15	15	541 50	6 77	4
600	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	.....	5
600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
313 30	3 3 30	20	8	9 33	8 90	2	.....	700	198 91	1260 44	25 25	7
1200	1210	.....	.....	19 87	219 75	129 04	.....	.....	1587 49	3156 15	25 25	8
1000	1000	.....	.....	36 00	74	20	.....	\$60	2781	3971	29 41	9
700	790	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 89	.....	.....	1556 75	2364 55	26 27	10
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
600	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	409 00	.....	12
500	400	.....	4	12	12	12	.....	40	20	500	3 86	13
416	346 62	.....	4	3 55	6	6	.....	20 90	.....	386 82	6 34	14
600	600	.....	11 77	16	26	10	.....	.....	.....	673 77	9 62	15
600	600	.....	12	.....	16	15 54	.....	.....	20	663 54	2 13	16
440	463 32	.....	3 70	3 70	14 60	17 19	.....	229	60	791 51	9 89	17
600	406	.....	4	12	27 77	24 48	.....	.....	179	653 25	4 35	18
740	784	.....	16	20	35 50	35 50	.....	.....	103	991	8 26	19
400	420 17	.....	.....	.....	4 62	5 69	.....	.....	32 35	462 84	7 71	20
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
800	800	.....	7	17 37	58 15	46 30	.....	6500	360	7888 82	33 15	22
1200	1200	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	.....	320	602	2200	27 50	23
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
1000	1000	.....	14 25	.....	70 82	66 82	.....	1350	363	2809 89	7 30	25
700	782	.....	11 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	993 25	8 56	26

†\$192 of this sum paid to junior Pastor.

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

LOCALITY OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Length and breadth of Con. in miles.	No. of adherents, including children.	No. of families.	No. of churches.	No. of sittings in these.	No. preach'g stations.	Average attendance in churches & stations.
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PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON.

1	Sydney, &c.,	Hugh McLeod, D.D.	15 x 25	2050	350	4 2000	2	1000
2	Sydney Mines,	Matthew Wilson,	7 x 10	830	146	3 700	..	600
3	Boularderie,	James Fraser,	25 x 8	....	120	2 900	..	800
4	Grand R. & Loch Lomond,	James Ross,	3 x 10	1180	197	2 880	2	800
5	St. Ann's & North Shore,	Abraham McIntosh,	30 x 5	2200	290	4 2000	..	1200
6	Glace Bay Mines,	Alex. Farquharson,	1 x 9	500	100	2 400	1	400
7	Cow Bay Mines,	D. McDougall,	.....	600	120	1 500	1	400
8	Cape North,	Vacant,	12 x 20	360	60	1 300	2	250
9	Gabarus and Framboise,	Vacant,	30 x 8	627	132	2 200	..	200
10	Leitch's Creek,	Vacant,	10 x 5	437	70	2 300	..	300

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

1	Baddeck,	K. McKenzie,	14 x 7	726	121	3 950	6	260
2	Mabou,	William Sinclair,	20 x 6	300	50	1 500	2	180
3	Middle Riv. & L. Ainslie,	D. Mackenzie,	17 x 12	800	140	2 700	2	300
4	Plaister Cove,	William G. Forbes,	20 x 10	600	120	2 500	3	500
5	Whyecocomagh,	Murdoch Stewart,	15 x 12	1300	245	1 800	1	750
6	West Bay,	Vacant,	35 x 5	920	170	2 500	..	250

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

1	St. John Ch., St. John,	James Bennet,	Cy & Port'ld	....	140	1 750	..	450
2	St. David's Ch., do.	N. McKay,	do.	800	140	1 900	..	530
3	Calvin Church, do.	Saml. Houston, A.M.	do.	540	125	1 700	..	224
4	Sussex and Union.	James Gray, A.M.	28 x 8	275	55	2 340	2	360
5	Springfield & English Set.	Lewis Jack,	13 x 8	260	55	2 400	2	360
6	Campbell Set. & Lond'ry.	Andrew Donald,	38 x 7	347	72	1 140	7	300
7	Carlton Pres Church,	Vacant,	.....	....	2	.....	.....	.....
8	Moncton and Scotch Sett.	John D. Murray,	18 x 7	200	30	1 300	3	150
9	Shediac and Cocagne,	Sup. by Mr. Murray,	10 x 4	....	28	0	..	80

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

1	Restigouche,	Angus McMaster,	30	....	56	1 200	1	100
2	Richibucto,	James Law,	.....	....	..	.....	..	..
3	Kouchibouguac,	James Fowler,	12 x 1	150	31	..	2	80
4	Bass River, &c.,		18 x 5	450	75	2 340	1	230
5	Chatham,	A. R. Garvie,	10 x 10	500	108	1 500	2	300
6	Blackville and Derby,	T. G. Johnstone,	20 x 1	390	65	3 650	2	330
7	River Charlo,	Thomas Nicholson,	30 x 6	750	130	4 600	2	350

PRESBYTERY OF YORK.

1	Fredericton,	Alexander Stirling,	60 x 6	....	45	..	7	....
2	Salmon River,	James Salmon,	30 x 17	....	60	1 200	5	60
3	Harvey,	Samuel Johnson,	20 x 7	760	104	1 230	3	200
4	Florenceville & Glassville,	Samuel Bernard,	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....

PRESBYTERY OF ST. STEPHEN.

1	Saint Stephen,	Vacant,	4 x 4	398	101	1 279	..	200
2	Saint James,	John Turnbull,	16 x 4	416	100	3 600	2	300
3	Bocabec and Waweig,	William Millen,	18 x 18	430	82	2 360	2	....

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

No. of baptisms.	No. communicants.	No. accessions.	No. removals.	No. of elders.	Diets of worship each Sabbath.	Communion services.	Families observing family worship.	No. Sabbath schools.	No. Teachers.	No. pupils.	Vols. in Library.	Prayer Meetings each week.	Average attendance at each.	Bible class.	Attendance at do.	No of Managers.
10	2	1	all.	1	5	70	250	6	1	60	20	1	6	2	20	1
58	64	3	5	2	2	1	nearly all.	1	5	70	250	6	1	60	20	1
35	70	3	2	5	2	1	100	3	8	74	300	4	1	6	10	4
53	51	3	7	7	1	1	nearly all.	2	6	50	200	1	1	25	15	5
17	33	3	3	2	3	1	few.	2	9	80	200	1	1	70	25	6
8	20	10	2	2	3	1	50	1	25	175	2	2	30	1	25	7
15	2	4	2	2	2	2	40	4	6	100	2	2	10	1	6	8
12	7	7	8	8	2	2	40	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	13	9
8	22	5	3	2	2	2	40	3	6	80	1	1	30	1	40	11

PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON.

14	28	8	3	1	75	1	6	35	130	3	20	1	20	11	1
8	48	1	3	6	1	2	23	1	3	45	150	1	2	36	3
28	50	5	1	5	2	1	70	1	3	30	2	2	40	8	3
56	79	5	7	5	3	1	majority.	3	10	40	100	3	3	12	4
43	65	2	2	4	2	1	nearly all.	2	11	90	1	1	40	5	5
4	46	1	1	6	1	1	115	2	11	90	300	1	1	6	6

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

20	120	5	7	4	2	2	generally.	1	12	150	400	1	36	1	30	9
27	180	27	16	8	2	4	generally.	1	18	150	433	1	50	1	12	7
110	110	3	2	2	2	1	generally.	1	16	118	550	1	60	1	9	3
27	60	5	1	2	2	3	generally.	2	9	145	270	1	40	1	15	12
12	115	3	5	11	2	2	34	3	8	80	3	3	30	1	20	14
20	104	3	4	7	2	4	21	2	5	50	160	1	24	1	8	8
18	34	20	5	3	3	2	10	2	9	65	130	1	20	1	12	9
6	18	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	3	15	24	1	25	1	6	9

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

18	60	2	3	3	1	1	generally.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1
6	18	1	1	1	2	1	generally.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2
26	42	1	1	2	2	1	generally.	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	4	3
35	140	19	12	3	2	2	generally.	2	12	50	200	1	30	1	35	9
17	46	3	1	3	2	2	generally.	1	2	16	50	1	35	2	60	4
21	100	2	4	8	2	3	generally.	2	2	60	260	1	35	2	60	13

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

10	10	5	2	3	4	1	5	3	20	1	15	4	1
10	10	5	2	3	4	1	5	3	20	1	15	4	1
212	212	6	2	2	4	8	120	200	2	30	7	3	4

PRESBYTERY OF YORK.

15	60	5	20	7	2	2	60	4	17	150	200	1	25	1	30	5
21	55	5	20	3	2	2	60	4	17	150	200	1	25	1	30	5
21	55	5	20	3	2	2	60	4	17	150	200	1	25	1	30	5

PRESBYTERY OF ST. STEPHEN.

15	60	5	20	7	2	2	60	4	17	150	200	1	25	1	30	5
21	55	5	20	3	2	2	60	4	17	150	200	1	25	1	30	5
21	55	5	20	3	2	2	60	4	17	150	200	1	25	1	30	5

STATISTICS OF SYNOD.

LOCALITY OF CONGREGATION.	Method of raising stipend.	Terms and mode of payment.	Annual value of manse and glebe.	Supplement received.	Debt on Congregational property.	Balance due the pastor.
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PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON.

1 Sydney, &c.,	Subscription,	January. Cash,				
2 Sydney Mines,	Subscription,	Yearly. Cash,	\$60		None.	
3| Boularderie,	Subscription,	Yearly. Cash,				\$1200
4| Grand R. & Loch Lomond.	Sub. and P. R.,	Cash,			\$184	2098
5| St. Ann's and N. Shore,	Subscription,	Yly. cash & prod.,			36	920
6| Glace Bay Mines,	Subscription,	Monthly. Cash,			600	
7| Cow Bay Mines,	Subscription,					
8| Cape North,					120	
9| Gabarus and Framboise,	Subscription,	Yearly,				56
10| Leitch's Creek,						

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

1| Baddeck,	Subscription,	Cash & pro. q'ly.,	\$80	\$178 51	291 37
2| Mabou,	Subscription,	Cash,	60		40
3| Middle River & L. Ainslie,	Subscription,	Cash & p. hf-y'ly.,	\$40	30	600
4| Plaister Cove,	Subscription,	C. and produce,	80		371 23
5| Whyecomagah,	Subscription,	Cash & p. hf-y'ly.,			226 60
6| West Bay,	Subscription,				

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

1| St. John Ch., St. John.	Pew Rents,	Cash,	\$250		\$5000
2| St. David's, do	P. R. and col.,	Cash, quarterly,	4		4400
3| Calvin do	P. R. and col.,	Cash, quarterly,			4400
4| Sussex and Union,	Subscription,	Cash, half-yearly,		\$80	44
5| Springfield & English Set.	Subscription,	Cash, half-yearly,	40	80	50 600
6| Campbell Set. & Lond'ry.,	Subscription,	C. half-y'ly & pro.		80	
7| Carlton Pres. Church.					
8| Moncton and Scotch Sett.,	Subscription,	Cash, quarterly,		75	200
9| Shediac and Cocagne,	Subscription,				

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

1| Restigouche,	Subscription,	Cash half-yearly,		\$60	
2| Richibucto,				80	
3| Kouchibouguac,	Subscription,	Half-yearly,			
4| Bass River, &c.,	Subscription,	Half-yearly,	\$40		
5| Clatham,	Seat Rent,	Quarterly,			140
6| Blackville and Derby.	Subscription,	Half-yearly,	40	80	
7| River Charlo,	Subscription,	Half-yearly,		80	128

PRESBYTERY OF YORK.

1| Fredericton,	Subscription,	Quarterly,		\$200	
2| Salmon River,	Subscription,	Yearly,		80	
3| Harvey,	Pew Rents,	Monthly,			
4| Florenceville & Glassville.				200	

PRESBYTERY OF ST. STEPHEN.

1| Saint Stephen,	P. R. & sub.	Cash quarterly,		\$220	
2| Saint James,	Pew Rent,	Cash,	\$120		\$663
3| Bocabec and Waveig;	P. R. & sub.,	Cash half-yearly,		\$60	

Statistical Summary for Year ending 31st December, 1868.

	Inflax.	Pictou.	Tatama. gouche.	P. E. Island.	Turo.	Cape Breton.	Victoria & Richm'nd.	St. John.	Miramichi.	St. Stephen.	York.	Total.
Adherents.....	13457	13536	3367	11315	9594	8784	4646	2122	2240	1244	760	71365
Families.....	2480	2605	653	2041	1754	1585	846	645	465	285	209	13366
Churches.....	541	35	10	37	304	23	11	11	11	6	2	2311
Sittings.....	14540	15298	2865	11220	11500	7280	3450	3530	2290	1239	430	73912
Preaching Stations.....	56	18	17	40	33	8	14	11	10	4	15	223
Av. attendance in Churches and Stations.....	6410	9260	1710	6680	6665	5950	2240	2154	1390	500	260	46369
Baptisms.....	205	383	85	316	226	261	149	130	123	36	10	2034
Communicants.....	3300	4816	753	2206	2473	282	316	741	406	245	212	15450
Accessions.....	269	350	41	104	159	9	13	63	26	10	10	1054
Renovals.....	146	150	47	98	62	29	14	30	22	40	5	652
Elders.....	145	196	33	119	113	47	34	33	19	12	7	706
Sabbath Schools.....	300	385	17	59	44	16	8	13	5	7	7	319
Teachers.....	297	327	68	157	128	63	240	77	126	36	13	1379
Pupils.....	6392	6160	970	2750	1900	750	680	1967	510	270	180	11283
Volunteers in Libraries.....	391	47	13	35	243	191	11	104	3	41	4	2111
Prayer Meetings each week.....	1790	1656	441	988	1017	469	180	350	65	85	90	7022
Bible Classes.....	41	33	7	36	20	4	3	6	4	1	3	158
Attendance.....	986	706	207	628	560	96	56	97	135	30	45	3546
Deacons and Ministers.....	151	142	57	131	101	98	40	74	34	19	22	852
Financial Abstract.												
Stipend received, Under \$100.....	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	17
Manse and Supplement included, Up to \$100, but under \$500.....	3	1	3	6	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	24
Average amount.....	728 40	\$638 85	\$448 72	\$485 87	\$553 25	\$592 57	\$498 43	\$686 27	\$415 40	\$420 17	\$460 00	\$303 64
Annual value of Manses and Glebes.....	927 00	980 00	100 00	358 00	66 00	00 00	40 00	294 00	80 00	120 00	00 00	2555 00
Supplement received.....	650 00	120 00	80 00	353 33	180 00	00 00	250 00	315 00	300 00	60 00	40 00	2798 33
Debt on Congregational property.....	1224 00	5826 00	700 00	2461 33	1660 00	940 00	178 51	14094 00	220 00	220 00	00 00	38303 84
Balance due the Pastor.....	1154 12	1100 00	40 00	1851 81	1414 20	4274 00	1529 20	600 00	268 00	563 00	00 00	11794 38
Stipend promised.....	45909 30	13198 00	2107 00	6740 88	7704 00	4600 00	2806 00	4257 00	2484 00	796 00	700 00	60792 18
Stipend paid.....	13618 361	12680 00	2063 00	6224 10	6916 28	3188 00	2202 17	4164 33	1697 37	660 34	720 00	51664 87
Widows' Fund.....	23 50	80 00	00 00	1 50	40 00	20 00	00 00	27 58	12 37	00 00	00 00	203 95
Synod Fund.....	168 74	199 70	36 94	68 02	105 07	61 82	96 60	63 92	29 87	5 27	3 00	717 44
Ministerial education.....	168 88	274 65	18 25	112 05	193 33	30 00	21 23	3 00	4 09	00 00	9 40	834 62
Home Missions.....	685 61	754 63	74 48	417 32	746 48	229 80	59 23	220 12	50 70	70 40	9 70	3328 46
Foreign Missions—Cash.....	637 09	1107 40	78 68	521 48	596 39	256 54	77 06	82 74	43 68	67 81	23 10	3491 67
do Produce.....	69 00	00 00	25 65	59 66	25 00	20 00	00 00	30 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	224 31
Buildings and repairs.....	9508 00	5300 70	712 00	1079 22	1178 00	1889 63	703 23	1121 56	280 00	00 00	00 00	21782 24
Miscellaneous.....	8569 50	4142 25	198 37	1160 55	1482 52	300 73	437 78	1494 49	81 47	51 80	135 64	17995 11
Amount of Contribution for each family.....	13 46	9 80	5 81	4 24	6 43	3 80	4 15	11 11	4 73	4 70	6 04	8 40
Total.....	\$33387 00	\$24548 20	\$3212 07	\$9644 01	\$11293 97	\$6026 54	\$3507 82	7178 34	\$2109 09	\$835 62	\$899 94	102743 19

REMARKS ON THE STATISTICAL TABLE.

The Table now presented exhibits returns from 117 pastoral charges, and 6 blanks. Another return has just been received, too late for insertion; but the leading features of it will be noticed at the close of the present article.

Of the 117 charges, 18 were vacant during the whole or some part of the year 1868—leaving 99 returns on which to base our calculations respecting the average rate of stipend. In one of these, that from Bermuda, the sum contributed by the people is not distinguished from the Government grant, which provides the greater part of the salary; so that in estimating the average rate of contribution per family, this return also has been excluded.

In comparing the rates of contribution in different parts of the church, various circumstances have to be taken into account. An exceptionally high rate is due, in some instances, to a special effort in church building, which recurs, in the history of a congregation, only twice or three times in a century. Then regard must be had to the difference between town and country.—In a city money is cheaper, relatively to the labour that earns it, than in a rural district, and passes more freely through the hands of the people. Hence the rate of contribution is naturally higher in cities than in the country; whilst a congregation in a small town, consisting partly of a mercantile and artisan and partly of an agricultural population, occupies an intermediate position between the two extremes.—There is, no doubt, some difficulty in drawing the line of demarcation between one class of congregations and another; but it is better to attempt the classification, though it should be done somewhat roughly, than to ignore the subject altogether.

Let us, then, call Halifax, St. John, N.B. and St. John, Nfld., cities; and Picton, New Glasgow, Antigonish, Sherbrooke, Annapolis, Dartmouth, Windsor, Yarmouth, Charlottetown, Truro and Fredericton, towns. Our 98 returns, distributed into three classes, will yield the following results:—

No. charges.	No. fam.	Contributed.	Rate per fam.
7 city.....	835	\$16929 44	\$20 27
14 town.....	1514	18477 03	12 20
77 rural.....	9388	64216 53	6 84
98	11737	\$90623 00	\$8 49

Let us now look at the supplemented congregations. The rates of contribution vary widely, from \$1.90 at Plaister Cove to over \$21 at Moncton and Annapolis; but the average falls slightly under the general average of rural congregations. The figures stand thus:—28 congregations, comprising 2061 families, contribute \$12740.17, rate \$6.13 per family. This result may reasonably be accepted as on the whole satisfactory, for some of the supplemented congregations are in districts where the population are suffering from deep poverty. Still it would be well if congregations whose rate is far below average, would consider whether they might not, by a more sedulous culture of the grace of liberality, and by a more efficient organization, rise to a higher position in this matter than they at present occupy.

Let us turn from the weak to the strong congregations, and observe the effect of having large numbers aggregated together in one pastoral charge. There are 30 congregations which consist of 140 families and upwards.

I. Two city charges in St. John, N.B., families 280—contributions \$3321.09—rate \$11.86—far below the average of their class.

II. Four town charges, in New Glasgow, Pictou, Antigonish and Truro—families 691—contributions \$6295.87—rate \$9.11—also under the average of their class.

III. Twenty-four rural charges—families 4532—contributions \$26931.57—rate \$5.94—still under the average of their class. We may remark, however, that the average of this class is raised by the exceptional expenditure of \$6600 on church building at Shubenacadie. If this item be deducted, it will reduce the general average of the rural congregations to \$6.14, and that of the large rural congregations to \$4.49, being \$1.65 per family below average of the class.

Let us now limit our attention to congregations of 200 families and upwards.—

There are nine in all—of course included in the enumeration already given.

One town congregation—families 240—rate \$8.60—as compared with \$12.20, the average of town congregations.

Eight rural congregations—families 2050—contributions \$8142.81—rate \$3.97 per family, as compared with \$6.14, the average of the class.

It appears from these calculations that our largest congregations are not contributing for the support and extension of the gospel in the same proportion as the rest of the church. It is one of the advantages of the sustentation fund system, that it calls forth the liberality of large and wealthy congregations altogether independently of the question whether it is easy or otherwise to provide for the support of ordinances among themselves. And although it might be difficult to work a system of that kind amongst us, there need be no difficulty in accomplishing substantially the same object by means of the supplementary fund, if only the members of our large congregations would make conscience of contributing as liberally as they would have done if they had been connected with congregations of average extent. It is easy to calculate what an accession would be made to the funds of the church if this simple rule were adopted. Passing over the city charges, there remain 4 town and 24 rural charges.

\$3.09 additional from 691 families = \$2135.19
\$1.65 from 4332 " = 7477.80

\$9612.99

This sum thrown into the supplementary fund would enable the Synod to quadruple the amount now expended in the aid of weak charges.

The additional return is from Harbor Grace—50 families—salary, with value of manse, \$760, being \$166.35½ above the average given in the Abstract, and raising that average to \$595.30—total contributions \$887.68, being at the rate of \$29.59 per family, and raising the average contribution from \$8.49 to \$8.54½ per family.

The Table for the year now current will have to be put into the printer's hands early in May, so as to appear in the June Record, in accordance with the injunction of last Synod. As some time must be allowed to Presbytery Clerks to tabulate the returns and sum up the columns, and thereafter to the Committee to review the whole, make up the Abstract, and calculate the average rates of ministerial stipend, family contribution, &c., it is to be hoped that ministers, and, in the case of vacant congregations, session clerks or treasurers will take care to have their returns forwarded to their respective Presbytery clerks by the 1st of March at the very latest.

We should have mentioned that in the present Table a few items have been inserted conjecturally, or rather inferentially.—As a general rule, when we discovered that the total given in a return was not the correct sum of the items, we corrected it. But in several cases the stipend paid was omitted altogether, but the amount of stipend promised was included in the sum total. Assuming in such cases that the omission was a mere oversight, we have supplied it. In one of these the sum required was a trifle less than the stipend promised; and instead of altering the reported total we inserted the sum necessary to make it correct. In another return the Synod fund collection was given as so many dollars *besides expenses*. As a few dollars were wanted to make the sum total correct, we inferred that this was the column to which they belonged, and added them to the entry in it accordingly. Contributions to the *Day-spring*, when reported separately, were added to the contributions for Foreign Missions. Contributions to the Supplementary fund, in like manner, must for the present be included under the head of Home Missions. All contributions not fairly referable to a special column in the schedule, should be comprised under the heading for miscellaneous objects.

We should also have explained that in comparing the rates of contribution that prevail in different parts of the church, the number of *families* is taken as the basis of calculation, because the *membership* bears no fixed proportion to the strength of a congregation. Generally speaking the number of communicants is larger than that of families; in the Presbytery of Pictou it is almost double; but in the Presbytery of Cape Breton there is only one communicant to five or six families. The average rate of contribution per member would be about one-seventh or one-eighth less than that per family—say about \$7.

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