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OF THE

Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,
That th' earth thy way, and nations all may know thy saving grace.—Ps. lxxvii 1, 2.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

To the Rev'd The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the Committee of Colportage beg leave to report it.

That, the fourth year of our labour having terminated, we submit the following epitome of our proceedings.

Since last report as well as before we have been endeavouring to occupy every part of the field, within the bounds of our own Church, and even to extend a little beyond, in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, but especially in Cape Breton. Last fall Mr Miller made another trip round the Western end of the Province, via Cornwallis, Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth; where a supply of books had been ordered to meet him. These, numbering nearly 2,000 vols. valued at nearly £150, he circulated chiefly in that quarter, and on his way home, via Barrington, Shelburne, Liverpool and Lunenburg. Since then he has been employed chiefly in the Eastern circuit of the Province and within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou.

Mr Falkoner has during the same period, very efficiently supplied the middle circuit within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Truro and Halifax. Several visits also have been paid and with some degree of success to the laborers on the Railway.

As Mr Baird had met with considerable success in P. E. Island, as well as some opposition, from private adventurers by whom he had been obliged to take out a license for a year, we thought it

expedient to take advantage of this circumstance and send a large supply there in order to keep him employed during the winter; where he has consequently been up to the present time, where he has circulated over 3000 vols., valued at £300.

Having our eye still upon Cape Breton as an appropriate field for our operations, as well as some other Highland settlements, such as Earltown, New Larig, and Barney's River; to which we had not been able to do justice for want of a Colporteur having the Gaelic language, since the demise of Mr McLeod; we concluded to employ one of this class. Mr James Gordon, a man of sterling piety, and zeal in the good cause, and otherwise well qualified and highly recommended by ministers of the Established and Free Churches, having offered his services was readily excepted for this field of labour. After being initiated to the work in some of the above mentioned contiguous settlements he was last fall sent to Cape Breton. He met with some difficulty both in his travels and in his labours; but yet with so much encouragement and success as to induce us to send him again in that direction, earlier in the season, which, with his previous experience, we hope will modify his labours and trials.

On the whole, therefore, on reviewing the labor of our four Colporteurs, in their fields of operation; notwithstanding their difficulties and trials, their success and encouragement have been such as to induce us "to thank God and take courage" and go forward in the noble work in which

we are engaged. We are using as we believe one of the principal means predicted as introducing "the latter day glory," of which it is said "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

During the year we have imported 12,000 vols, which together with a portion of Bibles, Testaments, Psalm-books and Tracts, have been put into circulation excepting, of course, those on hand. These have added to our liabilities to the Board of Publication, the sum of £915 15s. But during the same time we have remitted and paid expenses to the amount of £650, which including the former balance leaves £335 still due, and to be met by the books on hand. These may be about 5000 vols. and they are all that remain of 35,579 imported since 1852.

We cannot conclude without acknowi-

ledging our obligations to the Board of Publication for their liberality in enabling us to carry on this good work to such an extent! . And though we have been told that our intercourse may be affected by propositions now under consideration from another quarter; we hope that the Synod and the whole Church will see the necessity of making some effort to continue the stream of religious intelligence which has thus been flowing into our land; preparing the way as we trust for the latter day glory, "when none shall say to his brother know thou the Lord but all shall know Him from the least unto the greatest."

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN I. BAXTER,
Con. Com. Col.

Onslow, June 1856.

Foreign Missions.

DEPARTURE OF THE "JOHN WILLIAMS."

We are happy to announce that the John Williams has at length sailed for the South Seas, with the Rev G. N. Gordon, and lady on board. On her arrival in Britain in 1855, it was found indispensable that before entering upon another voyage, she should undergo extensive repairs. These have been found to occupy more time than was expected, so that she was not ready to leave dock till the 20th of July last. To meet the cost of such repairs, the Directors of the London Missionary Society appealed to the children of Britain. The appeal has been so successful that they have been enabled to put the ship in a state of complete equipment. The Directors have accepted the resignation of Capt Morgan, who after a faithful service of seventeen years, has been compelled by failure of health to decline another voyage. In his place the directors have engaged Mr Wm. Williams late chief officer, of whose christian character and professional qualifications, the most unexceptionable testimonials have been received.

Mr Gordon after leaving this country spent most of his time in London in the study of medicine, for which he had excellent opportunities, which we have every reason to believe, he has faithfully improved. His sabbaths, however, were

spent in efforts to reclaim the sabbath-breakers of London. Mr Gordon paid a short visit to Scotland, where he was cordially welcomed by all bodies of Presbyterians. He also, in company with Mrs. Gordon (for we presume that our readers are aware, that he has been married to an English lady a few weeks before his departure), visited Paris, with the view of visiting the Ophthalmic Institutions there. This was an object of importance as disease or weakness of the eye is prevalent in the South Seas. They are now on the stormy deep, and we trust many prayers will ascend from our readers that he who has the winds in the hollow of his hand and sets bounds to the raging of the sea, will give them a prosperous voyage to their destination.

ANEITEUM, NEW HEBRIDES.

Oct. 25th, 1855.

REV AND DEAR SIR,—

In a letter which I received from the Rev James Waddell he mentioned your visit to Scotland, for the benefit of your health. I trust that the object of your visit has been realized, and that you have long ere this time returned to your dear family and flock. Beware of over-taxing your physical energies and thus impairing and abridging your usefulness in the cause of Christ.

As you see my letters to the Board of

Missions. I need not fill my sheet with details about the missionary work on this island. I am sure your heart unites with ours in thankfulness to God, that he has inclined these poor islanders to receive his word. We hope that not a few have believed and embraced the gospel, into the salvation of their souls; whilst its indirect influence has humanized and improved society at large.

The gospel has been an unspeakably precious boon to the poor Aneiteumese. It is difficult for persons living in a christian land to conceive the state of degradation and misery in which it found them.

The crimes of heathenism must be witnessed to be known. After all that has been written about the heathen truth has not, and I think scarcely can be fully told. I never saw the effects of the fall in all its unmitigated horrors, until I landed on this island.

Many of the natives are I believe truly thankful to God for the gospel, and feel grateful to the Church by whose instrumentality it has been sent to them. They cannot look back on the dark and awful abyss of heathenism from which they have been rescued, without feelings of thankfulness for the means of their deliverance. Not a few give hopeful evidence that they value the "pearl of great price" which they have found, and that they would not part with it for any earthly consideration.

I think I may say that I never have repented and never will regret my devotion to the missionary work. If I feel uncomfortable at any time, this feeling arises from a consciousness of my utter unworthiness and unfitnes for it. I love the work in which I am engaged, and while health is spared to me I shall never relinquish it.

The greatest disadvantage we have to contend with here is climate. For reasons not yet understood these islands are unhealthy. Fevers, remittent and intermittent, are common on them, and even the natives do not escape. Were the climate more salubrious it would be agreeable. After years of observation I find the highest range of the Thermometer to be 98° , the lowest range 58° , and the mean range 80° . We require to be cautious and attend to the laws of health, otherwise we could not remain long on these islands. But if the climate is unhealthy this has been advantageous to the cause. It was sickness I believe that caused the breaking up of the Roman

Catholic Mission on this island, for those engaged in it suffered almost constantly from fever and ague; and if our little island were more healthy it is almost certain that it would soon be overrun with a class of white men, whose presence would be injurious to religion and morality. All things considered I feel thankful that we have such a climate to labour in.

I beg to thank you for the interest you have taken in raising a marine fund. You will see by the paper sent by Mr Inglis and myself to the "Board of Foreign Missions," that more help is wanted in this department. We require a small vessel to enable us to keep up frequent and safe communication with the neighbouring island. I hope this object will meet with the approbation of the "Board" and the support of the friends of the cause.

It would give me much pleasure to hear from you. Mrs Geddie and the children are well. She unites with me in affectionate remembrance to Mrs Baxter, yourself and family.

I remain,
ever yours, &c.,
JOHN GEDDIE.

Rev J. Baxter.

EXTRACTS FROM JOURNAL OF REV. J. GEDDIE.

(Continued.)

Jan. 1st, 1855.—By the goodness of God we have been brought to the commencement of another year. In reviewing the past what cause for thankfulness in relation to our work. Our trials have been few and our mercies great. The sacred cause in which we labour has made some progress and Satan's kingdom trembles. Some hopeful deaths have occurred during the past year.

I gave all my scholars new books this morning. We have recently printed a new school book, which I have been keeping in reserve for this occasion. I also presented my teachers and most advanced scholars with a small *Almanack* for 1855 in addition, which has been compiled to assist the natives in computing time. I need not say that these poor natives were delighted with their books.

Jan. 3rd.—Visited Itug to-day and settled *Nahran-hat-aiheug* and wife as teachers. The settlement is in the interior, about six miles from the sea. The way to it leads through a dense forest, with scarcely the vestige of a foot-path.

Without good guides I should never have found my way. The poor people were delighted to get a teacher. May God bless this new effort to extend his cause. The day was very rainy, but I enjoyed my visit much.

Jan. 5th.—Visited Anahparitcho to-day. This settlement is inland about four miles from the Mission Station. A school has been in operation here for a considerable time. I removed the old teacher, who is a good and well meaning man, but whose wife is entirely useless in the work, and appointed Netchai and his wife to succeed them. The change will, I trust, be productive of good. In this visit I was accompanied by Mrs. Geddie and our children. Their presence makes me still more welcome wherever I go. Our family visitations, while agreeable to ourselves, are I trust profitable to the natives.

Jan. 8th.—This morning I set out for Imkalau in my boat, about five miles distant, accompanied by Mrs. Geddie and the children. This settlement has recently abandoned heathenism, and the people are anxious for a teacher. I was surprised and pleased to find a commodious grass school-house. We had an agreeable meeting, at the close of which I gave to those present school books, as many of them go to a neighbouring school. I promised to bring them a teacher as soon as I can find a suitable person. The last time that I visited this place the state of things was somewhat different. The people were all heathen at that time, and fled and hid themselves on our approach. I sat down under the shade of a tree, while some of the chiefs and people who accompanied me went in search of the people. On looking round I saw a human skull on the ground beside me. I asked how it came there, knowing that the heathen always commit their dead to the sea. I was told, as I expected, that it was the skull of an enemy who had been eaten by the people of the place. This relic of their former barbarism was missing to-day. After a time our people returned, bringing the chief and some of the people with them. We spoke to them and urged them to forsake heathenism and receive the gospel. They promised to consider our words, and what we have seen to-day shows that they have done so. I left this place thankful to God for what I have seen.

On our way home we called at Utche

to visit and examine the school. We found the people assembled and waiting for us. The work is behind at this place, as a portion of the people have only recently embraced christianity, and a number are still heathen. In former days the cause encountered much opposition from the people of this place, and those who were christians dare not go to it for fear of their lives. In the various efforts which have been made to destroy this mission and those connected with it, the people of this place have borne a conspicuous part. Luke, the present teacher, and his wife are diligent and faithful labourers in the cause, and are evidently doing much good. After the examination of the school I went to see *Jhua*, the chief, who was lying sick in his hut. He has been an invalid for two years, and is now quite blind. He is a man in the prime of life, and, before his sickness, a fine looking native, as many of the chiefs are. He stood out against christianity after all his brother chiefs in my district had embraced it. He now looks on his affliction as a visitation of God on account of his opposition to his cause. He has recently abandoned heathenism, and, as far as we can judge, he is sincere in his desire to know the truth, but alas! his heart is very dark. After conversation and prayer I left him. Through his persuasion some of his relatives have embraced christianity.

Jan. 9th.—Came to Umetch to-day, accompanied by Mrs. Geddie and our dear children. We left home in the morning in our boat, but the wind and sea being high, we deemed it prudent to land at the nearest boat harbour we could find. We were accompanied by a number of natives, who carried our children and baggage. We reached our destination after a long, but not unpleasant walk. We design to spend a few days in this part of our district, in the hope that an occasional family visit may be useful to the natives as well as beneficial to ourselves. We find a welcome home in the house of Sakaio, the Samoan teacher.

Jan. 19.—Left Umetch this morning to visit Idug. On my way I called at Ahaitchom and examined the school. I had some idea of removing Namuri, the teacher at this place, as the time of his appointment had expired. But I found that he, and the people among whom he labours, were much pleased with each

other, so I concluded to leave him another year.

The next place in my way was Inyimet. The people were apprised of my coming and were in readiness to receive me. We met and I examined the school. The teacher Yata, a young man of promise, has been diligent, and considerable progress has been made in the school. I removed him, with the design of settling him at some place nearer my own station, where he may attend my afternoon class for young men. I appointed Kiho and his wife to succeed him.

I then went to Iduq, the most remote land in my district. At this place I left Rupe, a married man, to succeed Matthew and his wife. The people had no objections against the new teacher, but they were unwilling to part with the old one. They had been crying several days before my arrival in the prospect of the separation. I was aware of this, and was in some measure prepared to meet the difficulty. After examining the school I told the people that I was about to remove their teacher and place him at a station where he could come often to me for instruction. I stated to them that unless their teacher received more instruction himself he could not be long useful to them; and I also mentioned the probability that he would return to them at a future time better qualified to teach them than he now is. After these statements they acquiesced cordially in his removal.

I left Umetch in the morning with the design of spending the night at Ithug, but as our work was over by 4 o'clock, P.M., some of the natives proposed to return. I was somewhat fatigued with the labours and oppressive heat of the day, but I consented. We set out on our journey, and a three hours' walk brought us to our destination, to the surprise of our friends who did not expect to see us.

Jan. 11.—I set out early this morning for Anumetch, a settlement in the interior, distant about eight miles. I was much pleased to find an attempt made since last visit to improve the road. The people had spent the last week working on it, though the rain was almost incessant. A great deal has been done, but there is still great room for improvement. Instead of stepping from stone to stone along the bed of a rapid stream at considerable risk, the stones have been gathered and made into level paths along the banks, and wherever the land would

admit, the river has been left and the path continued through the bush. The science of road making is but little understood here, but it must now be practised. The introduction of the gospel has brought along with it the reign of peace, and uninterrupted intercourse now exists around the whole island. I reached Anumetch with less than usual fatigue. The teachers at this place are Navalak and wife and Zupua. I removed Zupua and appointed a young man, Kanyiatu, to succeed him. The work at this place is in an advancing state. Since my last visit several persons have given up heathenism. The day was very rainy in the interior, but we had a large meeting of the people.

Leaving Anumetch I returned to Anuggi, where I had previously given notice of a meeting. I met Mrs. Geddie and the children at this place. The young men of Umetch had made a rude palankin to carry them, and had brought them thus far, a distance of four miles. Mrs. G. was anxious to see the place and meet with the women, and these were her inducements for going. The sight of a white woman and children in the interior was a novelty, and produced quite a pleasing excitement among the natives. By persons who have lived only in a christian land the beneficial results of female visitation in such a land as this can scarcely be estimated. If women on these islands are ever raised from their deep degradation it will be in a great measure through the instrumentality of the missionary's wife. And as female influence in all lands has so much to do with formation of society, the more that can be done for the improvement of the sex the better. After examining the school at Anuggi and addressing the people we returned to Umetch and reached the teacher's house in the evening.

Jan. 14, Sabbath.—Spent this day at Umetch. The people, knowing that I intended to spend the Sabbath here, assembled from other settlements, and we had a large meeting. Lecture—Matt. v. 1-11, "Is alum atimi is ahinag aienum aridjai an lolan neduon is ethi," &c. Sermon—Psa. ix. 17, "Uhpu erekhaig pan an pece has a ihpu atimi auatimi, im lep nup ira ijih pece asega era eti imyihieva atua ara." The people listened with much attention to the preaching of the gospel—may God open their dark hearts to receive the truth in the love of

it. In the evening I attended and examined the Sabbath-school. Sakaio, the teacher, assisted by Karahed and Yiapai, the two chiefs of the place, who are Church members, and some other active men, is doing much good.

There are few places on this island where the change effected by christianity is so visible as at Umetch. Even in the days of heathenism the people of this place were noted by their countrymen for their superior wickedness. This may be accounted for from the fact that some of their leading men were persons of much energy of character, which, unhappily, took a wrong direction.

In former days I made many Sabbath visits to this place, and, after ineffectual efforts to collect the people, have returned home discouraged, but not despairing. The people were fighting, or feasting, or fishing, or working on their plantations, or unwilling to hear the gospel. But now on the Sabbath-day books take the place of the club, the *nirak* for digging, and the fishing apparatus, and when the people assemble it is to worship God.

Jan. 15.—Left Umetch this morning to return home. Visited the school at Anauyiac on my way. Stationed Matthew and his wife at this place. They succeed Yalid, whose time is up, and whom I will settle elsewhere. Thence proceeded to Aniblitai, and visited and examined the school under the charge of Kota and wife. Leaving this place we returned home after an absence of six days. Many natives were assembled on the shore to welcome us. The state of the schools and the general progress of the work is such as to cause us to thank God and take courage.

Jan. 16.—A number of christian natives from various parts of the island visited the heathen settlement of Inwaitchiphav to-day. The occasion of this visit was as follows. A small party of christians from Aneiteo went to this place yesterday to visit their heathen countrymen. They were rudely attacked with stones and spears, and one of their number severely injured. The party narrowly escaped with their lives. Intelligence of the outrage soon spread, and a visit to the offending district was resolved on by the friends of the injured party. Nothing more was contemplated by the visit than to talk kindly to the people and warn them against all acts of violence in future.

Instead of all going to the place in a

quiet and orderly manner, a number of wild fellows from remote parts of the island, glad of an excuse to do mischief, set off in the night and were at the place before the better disposed natives had left home. The people were terrified when they saw them and fled to the mountains. They now commenced destroying taro, bananas, sugar-cane, &c., and collected a large quantity of property to carry away. These outrages were committed before the body of the people arrived, who strongly disapproved of their conduct and remonstrated with them on account of it. They recovered most of the property which had been taken and left it for the owners. They also protected from insult and harsh treatment a few natives whom they found in their lurking places. The object of the visit was defeated by the imprudence of those who went before, as the people could not be found whom they wished to see.

We deeply lament that such an untoward event should have occurred, but it shows that Satan still has a strong hold of the hearts of many of the poor natives. They know as yet but little of the spirit of that religion which teaches us to bless them that curse us, and pray for them that despitefully use and persecute us. Since the introduction of christianity into this island those who have abandoned heathenism have suffered much persecution; but this is the first instance in which the conduct of enemies has been resented. The forbearance of the christian party has been remarkable, and the heathen have regarded them as persons who did not revenge evil.

The settlement of Inwaitchiphav is the only place of any importance on the island where christianity has not been embraced. Many sacred men reside there, who pretend to supernatural powers. The elements they say are subject to their control, and they profess to command wind, rain, &c., at pleasure. A desire, perhaps, to show how little they feared these men impelled some of the natives to outrages which would not otherwise have been committed. Among other acts of the day, the sacred spots and groves were desecrated and objects of worship destroyed and scattered to the winds. The people, I doubt not, will mourn the loss of their gods more than any thing else.

BOND HEAD, JUNE 10, 1856.

To the Moderator of the Synod of the
Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

REV SIR,—

In compliance with the instructions of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, I have much pleasure in transmitting to you, for the information of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the subjoined proceedings of the former Body, at their meeting in the City of Hamilton, last week. I trust this communication may reach you in time to be laid before your Synod, at their meeting, at New Glasgow, on the 24th inst.

I have the honor to be,

Rev Sir,

very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM FRASER,

Synod Clerk.

At Hamilton, the 6th day of June, 1856, on which day the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met and was constituted. *Inter Alia* :

The Rev John McCurdy of Chatham, New Brunswick, and the Rev George Patterson of Green Hill, Pictou, ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, being introduced the former by Mr Fraser, and the latter by Mr Cross, were cordially invited to take their seats in Synod as corresponding members.

The Rev Mr McCurdy addressed the Synod, giving a sketch of the history and operations generally, of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and closing with the suggestion that the Synod should undertake a joint mission to the New Hebrides. The Rev Mr Patterson delivered an address, more particularly on the Foreign Mission of that Church, setting forth its history and progress, and supporting Mr McCurdy's suggestion.

It was unanimously agreed that the thanks of Synod are due, and are hereby tendered to Messrs McCurdy and Patterson, for the interesting communi-

tion made by them, respecting the state and operations at home and abroad, of our sister Church in Nova Scotia, and to record the high gratification which it affords this Synod to be informed of the increasing prosperity and brightening prospects of that Church.

The Rev Mr Jennings now read a letter, addressed to him, from the Rev John Geddie, the Missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, in the island of Aneiteum, South Seas, conveying most cheering intelligence of the state and progress of the mission on that island, under his inspection, and that of the Rev Mr Inglis of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in Scotland.

The Synod agreed to record their acknowledgment to Mr Geddie for his valuable letter, and also, their thanks to Mr Jennings for communicating to Synod the information which it contains.

It was then moved by Dr Ferrie, seconded by Mr Jennings, and unanimously agreed,—That this Synod having listened, with much satisfaction, to the addresses of their brethren from Nova Scotia, and to Mr Geddie's letter, Resolve to institute, as soon as practicable, a mission to the South Seas, to be conjoined, should it be agreeable to the Synod of Nova Scotia, with their Mission; and that, as soon as sufficient funds are realized and a suitable missionary obtained, they shall be happy to co-operate with the sister Church, in their zealous, and, through God's blessing, already successful labours, in that interesting field.

Dr Ferrie and Mr Jennings were then appointed a Committee to take such steps as may be requisite to excite an interest in the object, among our congregations in this Country.

Truly extracted from the Minutes of Synod, by,

WILLIAM FRASER,
Synod Clerk.

Other Missions.

OLD CALABAR.

OLD TOWN.

ILLNESS AND DEATH ON MR ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND.

It is with deep regret that we have to intimate that Mr Alexander Sutherland, teacher, died at Old Town of dysentery,

on Sabbath the 20th April, after an illness of nearly two weeks. Mr Sutherland, who was a native of Whitburn, had, in early youth, serious impressions of Divine things, and during an attack of sickness, he resolved that if the Lord would spare his life, he would devote

himself to the divine service as a missionary in the foreign field. Time weakened this resolution, but while engaged in teaching a school in D'nbar, sickness again assailed him, and the vows of his youth came back to his mind with redoubled force. Hence, when he read a notice in the *Reco.*, intimating that a teacher was wanted for Duke Town, Old Calabar, he made application, and was accepted. He had at that time, charge of a school in the Cannongate, Edinburgh, supported by the congregation of the Rev. D. T. K. Drummond; and the fact that he was willing to relinquish such a situation, where his services were much valued, shows how deep was the hold which the missionary spirit had taken of his mind. He went out to Calabar in the beginning of 1854, and assisted the Rev. W. Anderson in conducting the school at Duke Town. His physical constitution was not vigorous, and he had not been long in the field till the brethren began to dread that he would not be able to stand the climate. He had repeated attacks of illness, each of which appeared to increase in force. Mr Hewan, the medical missionary, and the rest of the brethren, strongly advised him with the view of recruiting his strength, either to go home for a time, or to remove to a milder region. But he persisted in remaining. His chief reason for this was, the prospect of being married to Miss Miller a very excellent person, and of taking charge of Old Town as his own station; and as the brethren hoped that these changes might operate for his benefit, they did not urge his departure. He removed to Old Town on the 8th November, was married on the 29th of that month, and seemed to be greatly improved in health. It would appear, however, that he had a very great aversion to medicine, and it was with the utmost difficulty that he could be persuaded to take it. He was seized with diarrhoea about the 6th of April, and though Mr. Hewan was living in the same house with him, it was two days before he informed him. Mr Hewan prescribed for him, and next day he was better; but on that day his supplies having arrived from England he went down to the beach and incautiously stood upon the wet sand. From this time he got gradually worse, and notwithstanding all that the medical skill and the assiduous attentions of Mrs Sutherland and kind friends could do for

him, he became weaker and weaker, till on Sabbath the 20th April, at three o'clock, afternoon, he was released from his labours, and taken home to his rest and his reward.—*U.P. Record.*

FERNANDO PO.

ARRIVAL OF THIRTY-TWO POPISH MISSIONARIES.

The members of the United Presbyterian Church, and others, who have missions on the West Coast of Africa, will be sorry to learn that, on the 14th of May, a small Spanish schooner, direct from Cadiz, arrived at Fernando Po, about 120 miles from Old Calabar, and landed no fewer than THIRTY-TWO Roman Catholic missionaries. This band of Popish emissaries consists of five priests, nine catechists, eight sisters of charity, and ten artisans and agriculturists; and is under the guidance of Don Miguel Martinezy Lauz, who was chaplain to the Queen of Spain, and who wears the star of the order. Both men and women had a very uninviting appearance; they carried their entire wardrobes on their backs; the use of soap seems to have been denied them: and with the exception of a few chairs and sofas, or "shake 'em downs," they had neither furniture nor provisions. But the lack of all these things was made up by an ample supply of crucifixes, intended doubtless for those poor Africans whom they can succeed in persuading to wear them, as the badge of their conversion. Fernando Po, with one or two other islands on the west coast of Central Africa, belongs to Spain. It has never been cared for nor colonized by that country. The British Consul for the Bight of Biafra resides there, and has acted as the governor. The Baptists of England have a mission station in Clarence, the chief town, and they have been recently directing their efforts to the Boobies, the native inhabitants of the island. Clarence has become a place of some importance since the increase of the palm-oil trade on the coast, the establishment of the monthly steamers, and the institution of missions in various localities, as most of the ships visit the harbour.—So long as there were no missions, no regular trade, and no attempt made to introduce civilization, Popish Spain left these islands to the uninterrupted influence of superstition and heathen darkness. But now that the Bible and the trading ship—the missionary and the merchant—have begun to

instruct the long neglected natives, and to develop the resources of these important regions, the man of sin, ever watchful sends his confederated bands to arrest or to mar the good work, and to cover over the dense stratum of native superstitions with a layer of glittering crosses. It is said that the Queen of Spain has devoted L.30,000 to missions for the Gulf of Guinea, and that these 32 missionaries—only the brigade—are to be followed by three men-of-war, the senior officer of which is to take the command of the island. Well may the writer of the letter that is lying before us, from which the above particulars are taken, say, "I believe the arrival of the Spaniard here will prove the greatest blow to the commercial prosperity of the Bight of Biafra, that it could have received. What will become of it God only knows, for I believe we are only at its commencement." Don Miguel is represented as a crafty and designing man, besides being a man of great energy; and when we reflect on the manner in which Popery adapts itself to the feelings, prejudices and customs of the heathen in every clime, and on what easy terms it gives the name of Christian and opens the gates of paradise to its converts,

we have reason to regard the arrival of this band on the West Coast of Africa, as a calamity of the darkest and most portentous character. Had the Protestant churches been more early in the field, or had they done their duty more faithfully to deeply wronged Africa, it might not have been permitted to take place. But still let not the friends of African missions be daunted by this intelligence, sad though it is. Let it stimulate rather than discourage. It is a sign that good is being done. Satan never sends his agents to any place, except when his kingdom is being there successfully assailed. Let Protestants who have the truth on their side, and the pledged presence and favour of the Divine Saviour with them not only emulate, but outrival the zeal, the energy and the self-sacrificing devotedness of Papists. Let them strengthen their missions, abound more in prayer for them, and surround them with their warmest sympathies and affections; and in that case such movements as the one we have described, will terminate in the discomfiture of the powers of evil, and in the more thorough establishment of the reign of the gospel of Christ among the numerous tribes of Western Africa. —*Ibid.*

FINANCE.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1855-6.

The Board of Home Missions P.C. of N.S. in Acc. with ABR. PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

July 7.	By balance of accounts at date	£149 11 5½
	" Bedeque, P E Island, 14s 3d, Island currency.	0 11 10½
17	" Springville E B East River Ladies' Society	1 0 0
	" Old Church do do	1 0 0
20	" Ladies' Religious and Benevolent Society, James' Church, N G	3 0 0
	" Evangelical Society do	3 0 0
Aug. 1.	" Ladies' Sewing Society, Pictou	1 10 0
Sep. 28.	" Mr William Chisholm, New Glasgow	2 0 0
Oct. 23.	" Mr Thomas McKean, Baddeck, C B	12 0 0
	" Thomas Ethridge, Esq. Margaree River	0 7 8½
	" Forks, Middle River. Pictou, per Rev G Walker	0 10 0
25.	" Bedeque Missionary Society, 25s 3d Isld currency	1 1 0
	" Acadian Mines, 10s 9½d; Folly Mountains. 9s	0 19 9½
	" Mr B Flemming, Wallace River	0 5 2½
	" Acadian Mines, 28s 7½d; Folly Mountain, 19s 0½d,	2 7 8
	" Mrs Crasswell, 12s 6d; West Chester, 41s	2 13 6
	" Greenfield, 9s; Annapolis, £5 15s; Digby, 20s	7 4 0
Nov. 21.	" Domestic Missionary Society, Still Water, St Marys	1 0 0
	" Greenfield, 4s 6d; Folly Mountain, 5s 3d; West Chester, 3s 1½d	0 12 10½
1856.		
Jan. 1.	" Cape Sable Island	1 10 0
16.	" Mr R Smith, Truro, quarter ending 1st January	3 19 3

Feb. 25.	"	Mrs R McKean, 5s 2½d; Mrs A McKean, 5s 2½d	0	10	5
Mar. 18.	"	Collection taken in Primitive Church, N G	16	11	2
	"	Mrs Redpath, Cariboo River	0	5	2½
	"	Society for Religious purposes, Salem Church, G H	4	1	0
26.	"	Juvenile Missionary Society, Noel, per Rev J Cameron	3	0	0
April 2.	"	Mr George Roy, Pine Tree	1	0	0
May 7.	"	Missy. Bible, & Education Society, Cascumpeque, £8 2 6, I Cy	6	16	3
	"	William Matheson, Esq, Pictou,	5	0	0
June 14.	"	Collection Prince Street Church, Pictou	8	6	3½
16.	"	Thomas Ballentine, Pine Tree	0	7	6
	"	West Chester, 37s 3d; Folly Mountain, 10s	2	17	3
26.	"	Truro Village Missionary Prayer Meeting	3	6	10½
	"	Windsor, £15 4 8½; Newport, £2 11 8½	17	16	5
	"	West River Congregation	3	18	8
	"	Upper Settlement, Musquodoboit	3	7	7½
	"	Middle do do	8	17	3½
	"	Half-of collection at Bazaar	0	8	0
	"	Richmond Bay & lots, 11—13—14—16—17—P E I, £5 14 8, I c'y	4	15	7
	"	Bedeque, P E Island, £2 9 6, I Cy	2	1	3
	"	Parabro	1	1	0
	"	Sherbrooke, 24s; Glenelg, 53s; Caledonia, 60s; James Teat, 3s 9d	7	0	9
	"	Poplar Grove Church Halifax	11	0	0
	"	Mr Robert Smith, Truro	9	5	3
28	"	Nine Mile River Congregation	10	0	0
	"	Upper Londonderry	5	11	3
	"	Shelburne Town, 11s 3d; Clyde, 20s 7½d; Barrington, 10s; } Ohio, 3s 9d	2	5	7½
	"	Gays River, Shubenacadie and Lower Stewiacke	5	0	0
	"	Springville E B E River Ladies' Society, Upper Settlement	1	0	0
	"	Upper Settlement do	0	10	0
	"	Springville Church collection	1	16	2
	"	Lower Londonderry	10	6	2
30	"	Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, R Hill	2	0	0
	"	Received by Mr Smith, Truro, from Mr S Johnston	2	0	0
	"	Half of collection Missionary Meeting	2	13	10½
	"	Returned by Rev J G McKay	3	0	0
	"	Upper Congregation, Stewiacke	13	0	0
	"	Mr Robert G Rutherford, do	0	5	0
July 2.	"	Middle Stewiacke	2	10	0
			£374 18 2½		

1855.

PAYMENTS.

July 31.	To paid	Rev James Waddell	£10	0	0
Aug. 1.	"	Rev George Walker, for Baddeck Church	8	0	0
Oct. 25.	"	Mr Robert Grant, mission to Wallace River, etc	6	0	0
	"	Mr W Keir, do Cape Sable, etc	14	0	0
	"	do do P E Island	9	0	0
	"	Rev J L Murdoch, expences to Annapolis	3	8	8
	"	Robert Sedgewick do	5	0	0
	"	Hugh Ross, Missionary service, Truro Presbytery	6	10	0
	"	D McCurdy, supplying Musquodoboit	4	10	0
	"	P G McGregor, Mission to Ragged Islands	1	0	0
	"	Mr W Keir, Mission to P E Island	4	10	0
Nov. 2.	"	Rev Hugh Ross, do Cape Breton	13	10	0
9.	"	Mr W Keir, do do	9	0	0
29.	"	Rev D McCurdy, do Salmon River	1	5	0
	"	do do Wallace River, etc	6	0	0
	"	Mr S McCulley, do P E Island	4	9	7
	"	do do do	0	13	5
1856.					
Jan. 3.	"	Mr S Johnston, do Annapolis and Cape Sable Island	10	10	0
	"	Rev J Sprout, Preaching at Railroad,	4	0	0
	"	Mr S McCully, Missions Truro Presbytery	7	10	0
	"	do extra expences, Mission to Harvey	3	0	0
	"	Rev J McLean, supplement to Mabou	10	0	0
	"	Mr S McCully, Mission to Harvey for Truro Presbytery	1	10	0

Jan. 3.	"	Rev J McG. McKay, Mission to Harvey	6	0	0
March 1.	"	Mr R Grant, supplying Mr McKay's pulpit	3	0	0
	"	" S Johnston, expense on Harvey Mission	3	0	0
	12.	Rev Hugh Ross, Mission to Baddeck and Margaroo	13	10	0
	26.	Mr R Grant, Mission to Cape Breton	5	0	0
	26.	" S McCully, do P E Island	5	2	7½
April 23.	"	Rev A McKenzie, do do	4	8	0
June 16.	"	Mr R Grant, for Missionary Services	7	0	0
	"	Mr S Johnston, Mission to Cape Breton	4	10	0
	"	" S McCully, do Wallace River, etc	4	10	0
	"	by Mr E Smith, Truro, to Mr S Johnston	1	3	11
	28.	Mr J W Matheson, Mission to Baddeck, etc	9	0	0
	"	" Thompson in Truro Presbytery for Harvey	1	0	0
	"	Rev Wm Millar, Mabou	8	0	0
July 1.	"	Yarmouth Congregation for Mr Christie	25	0	0
	"	Rev J Thompson, Mission to Annapolis	5	0	0
	"	ditto Missionary Labors	3	0	0
	"	Rev Hugh Ross, Mission to Shelburne and Railroad	15	4	11
	2.	Mr R Grant, balance of Mission to Sheet Harbor	2	16	0
	"	Rev W McCulloch, expense of Deputation to Harvey,	14	13	3
July 1.	"	Mr S McCully, Mission to Annapolis	5	10	0
	"	J W Matheson, Mission to Railroad	4	14	11
	"	Rev D McCurdy, Missions to P E Island	28	0	11½
	"	ditto balance due from Halifax Presbytery	1	10	0
	"	Truro Presbytery for building Church at Macan	10	0	0
	"	Rev J Sprott, Mission to Kempt	2	15	6
	"	Secretary of Home Missions	3	0	0
	"	Credited by mistake from R Smith	2	0	0
	"	Commissions on £225 4s 9d at 2½ per cent.	5	12	7
	2.	Balance of accounts at date	27	8	10½
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			374	18	2½

We have examined this account and find it correct.

GEORGE WALKER,
RODERICK MCGREGOR, } Auditing
ALEX. FRASER. } Committee.

The Board of For. Missions P.C. of N.S. in Acc. with ABR. PATTERSON, Treasurer.

1855		RECEIPTS.		
July 7.	By	balance of accounts at date	£558	19 2
	"	Miss'y Soc'y U. P. C. Eramosa, C.W., per Rev W. Barrie	1	0 0
	"	A Friend, Canada West		5 0
	17.	Springville, E. B. E. River, Pictou, collection	2	16 3
	"	do do		12 6
	"	do for translating Scriptures into Aneiteumese	1	0 0
	"	Churchville Ladies' Penny-a-week Society for Bell	1	0 0
	"	Sabbath-school Scholars for Education, Aneiteum	1	6 9
	"	Old Church collection	1	17 3
	20.	Juvenile Missionary Society, James' Church, N. G.	8	0 0
	"	Evangelical Society, do do	4	0 0
	"	Ladies' Religious and Benevolent Society, do	3	0 0
	"	A Friend, do		3 1½
Aug. 7.	"	Pictou Ladies' Sewing Society	1	10 0
	8.	Rev J. Murray's congregation, per J. McCallum, Esq., } £13 5s. 6d. P. E. I. c'y.	11	1 3
	25.	A Friend in New Brunswick	1	0 0
	"	Collection Primitive Church, New Glasgow	11	2 5
	"	do at Missionary Meeting held by Sabbath-school } Scholars of all the congregations there	4	4 7
Sep. 1.	"	Rev Mr Honeyman's congregation, Antigonishe	9	0 0
	"	Collection Rev Mr Christie's congregation, Chippewa, C.W.	2	10 0
	"	Missionary Box of Sabbath-school of do	1	0 0
	10.	Bank Interest on £350 two months to date	1	15 0

Sep. 19.	" Charles Harris, Esq., Kentville, for Miss Geddie	12	6
20.	" East End Merigomish, per Mr W. C. Smith	2	16 10½
	" Barney's River, per Mr George McDonald	1	19 4½
Oct. 22.	" Fork's, Middle River, per Rev George Walker		10 0
25.	" A Wesleyan, Bedeque, P. E. I., £10 3. I. c'y.	8	6 10½
26.	" Mrs. Redpath, Carriboo River		5 0
1856.			
Jan. 11.	" Mrs. M'Coll, Guysboro', 10s. 12th., Mrs. Israel Stiles, 6s. 3d.	16	3
16.	" Mr Robert Smith, Truro, half-year to 31st December	42	16 3
	" do for Bell for Mr Geddie		8 6
	" do for Printing for do	3	10 0
26.	" A Friend, Middle River, per Rev G. Walker		10 0
Feb. 4.	" Mrs. George Grant, Scott's Hill		5 0
13.	" J. W. D., 10s.; 14th, Miss Mary Begg, M. R., 20s.	1	10 0
16.	" Evangelical Society, Fish Pools	3	0 0
20.	" Mr P. C. Clarke, C. West, per Rev George Lawrence	5	0 0
23.	" Miss E. McKeen, 5s. 2½d.; Mrs. H. McKeen, 5s. 2½d.	10	5 0
16.	" Hugh McDonald, Esq., S. River, Antigonishe	2	0 0
Mar. 1.	" Mrs. McNaughton, F. Pools, 6s. 6d.; Mr I. McNaughton, 2s. 6d.	9	0 0
	" Joseph McNaughton, 2s. 6d.; Samuel McNaughton, 2s. 6d.	5	0 0
17.	" Mr James Dawson, Pictou	1	5 0
20.	" Charles Harris, Esq., Kentville	1	0 0
	" Salem Church Society for religious purposes	6	10 0
26.	" Juvenile Missionary Society, Noel, per Rev J Cameron	3	0 0
27.	" Master John W. Roy, Pine Tree, per Rev G. Walker	2	6 0
Apr'l. 2.	" Mr George Roy, Pine Tree	1	0 0
23.	" Legacy from the late Jas. Wells, Cascumpeque, P.E.I., £5 I. c'y	4	3 4
	" P. McGregor, Esq., lot 19, for educating N. Teachers, Aneiteum	15	0 0
May 7.	" N. P. Olding, junr., per Rev George Walker	5	2½
	" Wm. Mathers, Esq., Toronto, C.W., per Rev Dr Taylor	1	5 0
	" Miramichi congregation, per Rev J. McCurdy	8	16 4
	" Ladies' Rel. and Ben. Society, per do. for Mr Geddie's use	2	0 6
	" Fall collection, Cascumpeque, P. E. I., £8 11s. I. c'y	7	2 6
	" Missionary, Bible and Educational Society of do, £10 I. c'y	8	6 8
	" Wm. Matheson, Esq., Pictou	5	0 0
	" A Friend, per A. Fraser, Esq., New Glasgow		5 0
19.	" St Andrew's Church, St John, N. B., per Rev J. Waddell	14	10 0
	" Collection Prince Street Church, Pictou	17	13 7½
22.	" Wm. Irving, Barney's River		5 0
	" John Murray, Esq., Mabou	2	0 0
June 16.	" Contribution from Miss'y Society and Sabbath School in } the Rev John Jennings' cong., Toronto, C. W. }	18	1 3
	" Mr M. Archibald, addition to Prince Street Church coll.	6	4½
	" Mr Thomas Ballantine, Pine Tree	7	6
20.	" Fisher's Grant district of Prince Street Church	2	6 6½
	" Ladies' Religious and Benevolent Society, R. Hill	1	0 0
	" Miss'y Society Rev Mr Barrie's cong., Erimosa, C. W.	2	0 0
26.	" Juvenile Miss. Soc. Rev R. Torrence's cong., Guelph, C. W.	5	0 0
	" Rev Mr Ritchie, Ayr, C. W., per Rev J. McCurdy	1	0 0
	" Truro Village Bible Soc., 70s.; extra col. sac. Truro, 93s. 5d.	8	3 5
	" Windsor, £15 4s. 8½d.; Newport, £2 11s. 8½d.	17	16 5
	" Congregation West River		16 5½
	" Prince Town, P. E. Island, £29 Island currency	24	3 4
	" Cavendish do £16 8s. 4½d. do	13	13 8½
	" New London do £8 18s. 0d. do	7	8 4
	" Up. Settlement, Musquodoboit, £5 0s 3½d; col. at Bazaar 8s.	5	8 3½
	" Middle do do	5	19 1½
	" Richmond Bay & lots 11, 13, 14, 16 and 17, P.E.I., £32 I. c'y.	26	13 4
	" Bedeque congregation, P. E. I. £12 6s. 6d., I. c'y.	10	5 5
	" Sherbrooke, £5 10s; Glenelg, £5; Caledonia, £4	14	10 0
	" Poplar Grove Church, Halifax	11	0 0

June 26.	" Cavendish and New London, for Bell	10	1	5
	" John Fraser, McLellan's Mountain, per Rev D. Roy		5	0
	" James Teat, 3s. 9d.; A Friend, per Rev J. Campbell, 50s	2	13	9
	" Proceeds of Children's Bazaar, Truro, for native teachers	13	14	6
	" Mr Robert Smith, Truro	17	1	11½
	" Nine Mile River congregation	10	0	0
	" Upper Londonderry do	6	0	0
	" Shelburne town, 29s. 7d.; Clyde, 49s. 4½d.; Barrington, 29s. 4½d.; Ohio, 14s. 3d.	6	3	7
	" Gay's River, Shubenacadie and Lower Stewiacke	5	0	0
28.	" Upper Settlement, E. B. East River, Pictou	4	17	3
	" Lower Londonderry	12	5	0½
July 1.	" Half of collection Missionary Meeting	2	13	10½
	" Yarmouth, £8 2s.; Middle Stewiacke, £2 10s.	10	12	0
	" Onslow and Beaver Brook, for Mr Geddie's private use		7	6
	" Congregation Upper Stewiacke	13	0	0
	" Mrs Hugh Dunlap, do	1	10	0
	" Mr Robert G. Rutherford, do		5	0
1855.				
Dec. 5.	" Tatamagouche Ladies' Missionary Society	8	0	0
	" Part of Mr Gordon's passage money not required	12	10	0
1856.				
Jan.	" Miss Sarah Crocket		5	0
				£1101 2 6

PAYMENTS.

1855.	Aug. 25.	To this sum from Newport credited in mistake	£5	16	0
	Sep. 10.	To paid for Bell to remit Dr Tidman £396 2s. 3d. stg.	497	6	8
		" Miss E. Geddie on account of Rev J. Geddie, £5 stg.	6	5	0
		" do contributed for Mr Geddie's use	2	12	6
	Oct. 2.	" remitted Rev P. G. McGregor passage of Mr Gordon to England	27	10	0
	Nov. 2.	To paid James Dawson & Son for Books	2	14	4½
	21.	" Freight of Mission Goods to Glasgow	7	3	0
		" Insurance on do do	15	10	0
	Dec. 20.	" Advertizing for Mechanics		6	3
1856.					
	Jan. 16.	" Mr R. Smith carriage of Mission Goods	1	1	6
	28.	" Rev J. Bayne's expence in conference with L. M. Soc.	6	5	0
		" Rev. James Waddell's postages when acting Secretary		5	0
		" Balance "Register" account 1855	19	16	6
	Mar. 6.	" Postages and Stationery, Rev James Bayne	1	5	0
		" J. Dawson & Son, Copying Book, &c., sent Mr Geddie	1	0	4½
	June 26.	" Rev P. G. McGregor, postages, &c.		3	9
		" Expences, &c., on Mission Goods to Mr R. Smith, Truro	4	5	0
	July 2.	" Commission on £521 at 1 1-4 per cent	6	10	3
		Balance at date	495	6	4
				£1101 2 6	
				£495 6 4	

" By balance per contra.

We have examined this account and find it correct.

GEORGE WALKER,
RODERICK MCGREGOR,
ALEX. FRASER,

} Auditing
Committee.

The Theological Seminary P.C. of N.S. in Acc. with ABR. PATTERSON, Treasurer.

1855.

RECEIPTS.

July 17. By Springville, E. B. E. River, collection £2 0 0

July 17.	By Springville, E. B. E, River, Ladies' Society	3	0	0
	“ Old Church do collection	12	6	
	“ do do Ladies' Society	1	0	0
20.	“ Mr Thos. Graham, N.G. 100s.; Mr Kenneth Forbes, N.G. 20s.	6	0	0
	“ Mr David Dickson, A. Mines, 20s; Mr John Millar, do, 10s.	1	10	0
	“ Ladies' Rel. & Ben. Soc., James Ch., 60s.; sundries, 16s. 10½d.	3	16	10½
Aug. 25.	“ from Newport, credited Foreign Mission by mistake	5	16	0
Sept. 20.	“ Evangelical Society, Fish Pools	2	0	0
28.	“ Mr William Chisholm, New Glasgow	2	10	0
Oct. 23.	“ J. D. McDonald, W. River, 5s; Mrs Wm Fraser, Scot's Hill, 5s.	10	10	0
25.	“ Prince Town, P. E. I. 100s. Island currency	4	3	4
1856.				
Jan. 16.	“ Mr R. Smith, Truro, half year ending 31st Dec.	13	2	6
Feb. 15.	“ Pictou Ladies' Seminary Society, 1855	3	0	3
March 2.	“ Society for religious purposes, Salem Church, G. Hill	7	12	7
26.	“ Congregation St. Mary's	10	0	0
May 7.	“ Miss'y, Bible & Educ'l. Soc., Cascumpeque, £8 3s. 6d., I. c'y.	6	16	3
June 20.	“ Ladies' Religious and Benevolent Society, R. Hill	1	0	0
21.	“ Col. Primitive Ch. N.G. £29 1s 4d; Little Harbor, do, £2. 4s 2d	31	5	6
22.	“ Mrs Widow Fraser, Scot's Hill, per Rev J. Ross	5	0	0
26.	“ Mr A. Christie, 60s; extra collection sac. Truro, 30s	4	10	0
	“ Windsor, 60s; Newport, 40s	5	0	0
	“ West River, Pictou, congregation	4	1	8½
	“ Up. Sett'mt, Musquodoboit, £4 13s 9d; Middle do, £3 16s 3d	8	10	0
	“ Richmond Bay & lots 11, 13, 14, 16 & 17, P.E.I., £5 13s 5½d I. c'y	4	14	7½
	“ Bedeque, P. E. Island, 20s I. c'y.	16	8	
	“ Congregation St Mary's	2	16	0
	“ Poplar Grove Church, Halifax	30	0	0
	“ Mr Robert Smith, Truro, to date	16	1	1½
	“ Gay's River, Shubenacadie and Lower Stewiacke	2	14	0
July 1.	“ Springville, E. E. E. R., Ladies' Society	1	0	0
	“ Upper Settlement do. do	1	0	0
	“ Old Church do. do	1	15	0
	“ Lower Londonderry	5	16	4½
	“ St Peters and Bay Fortune, P.E.I., £3 5s. 3d. I. c'y.	2	14	4½
	“ Congregation Upper Stewiacke	6	7	7
	“ from Rev J. Jennings for bill from Scotland	12	18	4
2.	“ Balance charged Educational Board	133	10	9
				£350 8 4

1855. PAYMENTS.				
Sept. 10.	To paid Rev James Ross, Professor, half year's salary	£87	10	0
	“ Mr Thomas McCulloch, do do	75	0	0
1856.				
March 26.	“ Rev John L. Murdoch, supplying Mr Smith's pulpit	2	0	0
	“ Rev P. G. McGregor do do (for 2 yrs)	3	0	0
15.	“ Rev James Ross, Professor, half year's salary	87	10	0
	“ Mr Thomas McCulloch, do do	75	0	0
June 16.	“ Rev J. Ross, for insurance and other charges	15	0	0
July 1.	“ Commission on £216 17s. 7d. at 2½ per cent.	5	8	4
				350 8 4

We have examined this account and find it correct.

GEORGE WALKER,
RODERICK MCGREGOR, } Auditing
ALEX. FRASER, } Committee.

Notices, Acknowledgments, & EXPLANATIONS RESPECTING THE STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1856.

1. By request of Synod the Clerk has taken the sum of every column in the Statistical Table which was capable of addition, first the sum for each Presbytery, and secondly, for the whole number of congregations making returns.

2. In two of the columns, viz., General Attendance and Observance of Family Worship, the sum is given only for two Presbyteries, because the Clerk could not tell what numerical value to attach to the words good, very good, many, &c.

3. The Clerk was under the necessity of filling up a few blanks, chiefly from the table of last year. The number of adherents to West River congregation not having been given for the present year, the Clerk filled up the blank from the table of 1855. The number not having been given for Upper or Middle Stewiacke, doubtless because these had not been ascertained since the division of the congregation, the Clerk took the number of the whole congregation last year, 1670, putting down in round numbers for Upper Stewiacke 1000, and for Middle Stewiacke 670. The estimate may not be quite correct, but it was deemed preferable to make it, with this explanation; than to leave the column of adherents so deficient that the attempt to take the sum would be useless.

4. The form of the sheet is altered to correspond with the Synod Minutes, so that they can easily be filed or bound together for preservation, the marking of the page being continued from the minutes to the table.

5. The following errata were noticed too late for correction—Home Missions total, for L259 read L249, Dispensation of Lord's Supper for 110 read 100.

6. The column marked *Total*, at the foot of page 27, expresses the whole amount raised for religious purposes (so far as reported in the tables) by each Presbytery and by the whole number of congregations which have made returns.

P. G. MCGREGOR,
Synod Clerk.

Halifax, 25th Aug., 1856.

The Treasurer of the Micmac Missionary Society acknowledges receipt from Rev Angus McGilvray, East Branch, East River, of L1 11s. 3d., as follows:—

Springville Ladies Society	L1	0	0
Upper Settlement, do		6	3
Old Church, do		5	0
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Rev P. G. McGregor has received and transmitted to J. Peddie, Esq., Edinburgh, the sum of Three Pounds sterling, forward-

ed by Rev D. Honeyman, being money contributed by the congregation of Antigonishe and Cape George for the Waldensian Church.

To the Editor of the Register.

MR EDITOR,—At Synod I handed in a number of subscriptions from West River congregation. It is possible that these are all acknowledged in the Register, but the subscribers cannot recognise them. I wish to attach blame to no one; but for the satisfaction of all parties I shall take it kind if you spare a corner to insert the following list:—

Mr George McConnel's district, Back Meadows, for Seminary, 1855	L1	5	2½
Ladies, Back Meadows, per Mrs G. McConnel, Foreign Mission		8	4
Ladies, Back Meadows, per Mrs G. McConnel, for Miss Geddie		5	0
Miss Mary Ann McKenzie, W. R., for schooner		1	3
Miss Mary Ann McKenzie, W.R., for education of Miss Geddie			7½
Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, West River, for Home Mission	1	9	3½
Do for Seminary	1	9	3½
Do for Bible Society		2	6
Young Ladies' Society, West River, for Seminary		1	8 4
Do for Home Mission		1	10 2½

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Received since the above for schooner "John Knox":—

Sabbath Scholars' School, Upper District, Roger's Hill, per Mr J. Carson	L1	17	9
Miss Nancy McKenzie, W River		8	9
Miss Mary McLean, do		8	9

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Your's truly,

JAMES WATSON.

August 12th, 1856.

Monies received by the Treasurer from 20th July to 20th August, 1856.

1856. Home Mission.			
July 23. From Ladies' penny-a-week Soc., Lower Sett.			
Middle River	L1	9	10½
River John cong.	3	3	5½
Green Hill Ladies' penny-a-week Society	2	8	0
L's penny-a-week Soc., Primitive Church, N.G.			
per Miss Carnichael	4	0	0
Ladies' Rel. and Benev. Soc., James Ch., N.G.	3	0	0
Evangelical Soc., do	6	0	0

Foreign Mission.

July 23. L's penny-a-week Soc., Primitive Church, N.G.			
per Miss Carnichael	4	0	0

July 23. Juvenile Miss'y Soc., James Church, N.G.	6	0	0
L's Rel. & Benev. Soc., do	6	0	0
Evangelical Society, do	5	0	0
Col. at Miss. meeting, do	4	12	0
Aug't 8. Jacob Olding, Esquire, Pine Tree		5	2½
<i>Missionary Schooner "John Knox."</i>			
July 23. Union Sabbath School, Albion Mines	2	6	10½
Rev A. Millar's Bible Class, Merigomish	1	2	7½
Children of D. Dickson, Esq., A. Mines, viz.:			
Miss Amelia, 4s; Mas- ter C. W. 2s 6d; Master George A. 2s 6d		9	0
Children of Mr Jno. Fos- ter, Fisher's Grant		2	6
Sab. School, Maitland	1	15	0
Children of Sab. School, James Church, N.G.	13	7	0
<i>London Missionary Society.</i>			
Wm Matheson, Esq.	5	0	0
Jos. McNaught, Pictou	1	0	0
L's penny-a-week Soc., Primitive Church, N.G.		2	0
per Miss Carmichael		2	0
<i>Synod.</i>			
The Session of Antigo- nish congregation	2	0	0
<i>Seminary.</i>			
L's Rel. Society, James' Church, N Glasgow	3	0	0
<i>Special Effort for Seminary.</i>			
David McCulloch, Esq, half his subscription	7	10	0

The Treasurer of the Mission Education Fund acknowledges the receipt of the following sums:

John McP Fraser, Esq	L0	12	6
Ladies of First Presbyterian con- gregation, St Peter's, P E I	1	0	0
Ladies' Penny-a week Society, Primitive Church, New Glas- gow, per Miss Carmichael	2	0	0

J & J Yorston acknowledge receipt of the following for the Foreign Mission:—

A parcel of Handkerchiefs, value 5s, from Robert Tupper, Stewiacke, and a parcel of Towels, &c, value 6s, from the Stewiacke congregation per the Rev James Smith; a parcel from the Rev Mr Sedgewick's congregation, Musquodoboit; a web Tartan Cloth from the Ladies of Mabou congregation, C B.

Pictou, August 19, 1856.

The *Christian Instructor* and *Missionary Register* are published at prices barely remunerative, even with a large list and prompt payments. Our issue is not yet half of what it might and ought to be. Our need of prompt payment is all the more urgent. We have, therefore, earnestly to request

our subscribers to pay, and our agents to forward their payments with the least possible delay. Any agent having spare copies for either February or March will oblige by returning them, as these Nos. are required to complete some sets which have been applied for.

We would like to have published all the Synodical accounts in one number, but their length rendered this impossible, except by filling up nearly an entire No. with figures, which we think would be distasteful to the readers of the *Register*. We therefore give the half of the accounts in this No., and will give the other half in October.

TOKENS OF ESTEEM.—Some time ago the Ladies of the Shubenacadie section of the congregation under the charge of Rev J McLean, presented their pastor with a handsome Gold Chain and Key, as an expression of their appreciation of his zeal and diligence.

This good example has recently been followed by the Young Men of the Gay's River section, who have done credit to themselves by furnishing their pastor with a handsome and well finished Waggon.—A more suitable gift could not be selected for the superintendent of a congregation, the extent of which, according to the Statistical Table, appears to be 25 miles by 24. We hope Mr McLean may live to see two or three congregations flourishing within the limits of his present extensive charge.

The congregation of Harvey, N B, in connexion with the Presbytery of Truro, acknowledges the receipt of a handsome Pulpit Bible, richly gilt and elegantly engraved, from the Ladies of the congregation of Rev John McCurdy, Chatham.

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Orders and remittances to be forwarded to Mr Charles Robson. Remittances may also be sent to the Synod Treasurer.