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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—Ps. 137: 6.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FIRST DIET.

St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N. B., 30th June, 1869.

WHICH time and place the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland met, and, after an appropriate discourse delivered by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Brooke, from the text, John xvii. 17, last clause, "Thy word is truth," was constituted with prayer by the said Dr. Brooke.

SYNOD ROLL.

The Roll of Synod was then made up, and found to contain the names of thirty-seven ministers and ordained missionaries, and thirty elders; of these, thirty-two ministers and missionaries, and fourteen elders, were present.

Since last meeting of Synod, the Rev. Messrs. F. R. McDonald and John Campbell, having finished their studies in Scotland, returned to labor within the bounds of the Pictou Presbytery. Mr. Campbell has since been inducted to the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's, Halifax, and Mr. McDonald has accepted an assistantship in Fredericton. Roger's Hill and Cape John have become vacant by Mr. Goodwill's appointment to the Foreign Mission. In the Presbytery of Halifax, the Rev. Charles M. Grant has demitted the charge of St. Andrew's, and gone as a missionary to India. The Rev. J. R. Thompson has been ordained and appointed missionary to the stations of Richmond and N. W. Arm. The Rev. Mr. Fogo has been translated from the Presbytery of Halifax to that of St. John, and is now labouring at Nashwaak and Stanley. In the Presbytery of Miramichi, the Rev. Mr. Robertson has been sent out as ordained missionary by the Colonial Committee, and is now labouring at Tabusintac and Burr.t Church; and the Rev. William Murray has been inducted into the pastoral charge of Campbelltown. In the Presbytery of St. John, the Rev. W. T. Wilkins has been translated to the Presbytery of Halifax, and is

now labouring at Truro. In P. E. Island, the Rev. James McColl has been inducted to the pastoral charge of DeSable and the other congregations of the late Rev. Mr. McDonald.

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

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when the Rev. Dr. Donald was unanimously appointed; and he, being present, took the chair.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Synod then appointed the following Committees:—

1. *Committee on Business*—The Clerk, *Convener*; the Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Anderson, and D. A. Fraser and W. Napier, Esqrs. The same committee to act as a committee on Bills and Overtures.

2. *To examine Synod and Presbytery Records*—The Clerk, *Convener*; and the several Presbytery Clerks.

3. *To take inventory of Synod documents*—Dr. Brooke, *Convener*; Rev. Messrs. Caie and W. McMillan.

4. *On Synod Fund*—Mr. Caie, *Convener*; Messrs. Anderson, J. Campbell, and Charles Kennedy.

5. *To draft Addresses to the Governor-General and Lieutenant-Governor*—Dr. Brooke, *Convener*; Messrs. Duncan, W. McMillan and Pollok.

The hours of meeting were then fixed from 10 to 1, from 3 to 6, and from half-past 7 to 9.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this diet was closed with prayer.

SECOND DIET.

St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N. B., 1st July, 1869.

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

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

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion to that effect, the Moderator tendered to Dr. Brooke the thanks of the Synod for his admirable conduct in the chair, and for his able and appropriate sermon preached by him last evening.

YOUNG MEN'S SCHEME.

The Synod called for the report of the committee on Young Men's Scheme, which was given in and read by Rev. W. McMillan. (*See Appendix A.*)

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. McGregor, seconded by Mr. McCunn, and unanimously agreed to,—That the Synod express their satisfaction with the state of the Fund; re-appoint the committee, and substitute the name of Mr. W. Stewart for that of Mr. C. M. Grant; convey their thanks to the committee, and request Mr. McMillan to continue to act as convener.

NEW BRUNSWICK BURSARY SCHEME.

The Synod then called for the report of the committee on the New Brunswick Bursary Scheme, which was given in and read by Dr. Donald. (*See Appendix B.*)

Whereupon, on motion by Dr. Brooke, it was unanimously agreed to,—

That the report read be received and adopted; and that in future the Young Men's Scheme and the New Brunswick Bursary Scheme be administered by one committee; and that Dr. Donald and Mr. W. McMillan be joint conveners; and that the designation be The Young Men's Bursary Fund.

"MONTHLY RECORD."

The Synod then called for the report of the *Monthly Record* committee, when the Rev. Mr. Grant gave in and read the report of W. Montgomery, Esq., convener. (*See Appendix C.*)

There were also laid on the table very full statistical and financial statements prepared by Mr. Pender, the Secretary, in regard to the circulation and expenses of the *Record*.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given to the Rev. Mr. McCunn, for his faithful and efficient services in conducting the *Record* in the past.

It was thereafter moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to,—That the report now submitted be adopted; the two committees be discharged; and the thanks of the Synod be given to the committee and to Mr. Pender; and that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Pollok, Grant, McCunn, and Caie, be appointed with instructions to draw up a report in reference to the future management of the *Record*, to be submitted to the Synod to-morrow.

MEMORIAL FROM BARNEY'S RIVER.

There was then read a memorial from the Elders of Barney's River congregation, which is as follows:—

"*Pictou County, Barney's River, 21st June, 1869.*

"This day the Elders in the congregation at Barney's River in connection with the Church of Scotland, met as mutually agreed upon. Mr. Simon Bannerman was called to the Chair, and Mr. Angus Campbell was appointed Secretary. Present, Messrs. Simon Bannerman, Duncan McDougall, Robert Reid, Donald Sutherland, Angus Campbell, Adam McKenzie, and Duncan Robertson, Esqrs. The subject of union with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces principally engaged attention. All feel an earnest desire to see the cause of union promoted. After mature deliberation, we agreed to express our mind in the following terms:

"Believing that the union of Christians is agreeable to the prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ—that it is the spirit of our day—that it is highly desirable on many grounds, and particularly desirable as it would secure the services of settled pastors in many places which now receive only occasional supply,—We do hereby express our sincere desire that our Synod, at its approaching meeting, will give this question the attention which its importance demands, being persuaded that we, and the congregation with which we are connected, can cheerfully concur in any measures which it may adopt to further this object.

"Further agreed to convey this expression of our opinion through our representative to our Synod.

"May the Lord vouchsafe His presence for the guidance of Synod in this and all other matters that may come before them.

"(Signed) SIMON BANNERMAN, *Chairman.*
ANGUS CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*
DUNCAN MCDUGALL,
ROBERT REID,
ADAM MCKENZIE,
DUNCAN ROBERTSON,
DONALD SUTHERLAND."

After remarks from different members, on motion by Mr. McGregor, it was seconded and unanimously agreed to,—That the Synod having heard the memorial from the Elders of Barney's River anent Union, express sympathy with the views of the Elders on the subject of their memorial, and express the hope that the Synod may, at some future time, see the difficulties removed which at present, in their opinion, stand in the way.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Synod then called for the report of the Home Mission Board, which was given in and read by Mr. Grant, the convener. (*See Appendix D.*)

Whereupon, on the motion of Mr. McCunn, it was unanimously agreed to,—That the report now read be adopted; that a vote of thanks be given to the Home Mission Board, and to the convener, for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the arduous duties entrusted to them; and the Synod express satisfaction that the measures of the Board have met with the cordial approbation of the Colonial Committee.

Before entering upon the subject of the report, it was agreed to consider an Overture anent the Constitution of the Home Mission Board, transmitted by the committee on Bills and Overtures, the tenor whereof is as follows:—

“Unto the venerable the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, indicted to meet at Chatham, on Wednesday the 30th June, 1869.

Whereas, The Home Mission Board, instituted at last session of Synod, is one of extreme importance to our Church, inasmuch as a great proportion of the business of the Church consists in the control and direction of Home Missions; And whereas, by the Constitution of that Board, Presbyteries have been wholly deprived of the right and power of regulating the missionary operations within their own bounds; And whereas, in consequence, the essential principle of Presbyterianism appears to be violated, and an element of discord and confusion introduced into the Church, it is humbly overtured that the Synod take the premises into consideration, and make such changes in the Constitution of the Home Mission Board as shall reconcile the free action of the Board with the rightful authority of Presbyteries, and thus secure the peace and prosperity of the Church.

(Signed) WM. M. PHILIP.”

It was then moved by Mr. Philip, and seconded by Mr. McGregor,—That the members of the Board, instead of being nominated by the Synod, be elected by Presbyteries; every Presbytery electing a certain proportion of its members as representatives at the Board.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Brooke, and seconded by Mr. Herdman,—That it is inexpedient to make any change on the present mode of electing members of the Board.

After the subject had been fully discussed, the vote was taken, when, 21 voting for the amendment and 9 for the motion, the amendment was declared carried.

The consideration of the report was deferred to a future diet.

FOREIGN MISSION.

The report of the Foreign Mission committee having been called for, was given in and read by Mr. McLean, the convener. (*See Appendix E.*)

Mr. McLean then made some statements, on the authority of Dr. Geddie, as to the character of Mr. Robertson, referred to in the report, and his fitness for missionary work in the New Hebrides, but left it to the Synod to consider whether they shall accept the offer of Mr. Robertson, and if so, to decide in what capacity he shall go forth.

It was then moved by Mr. Brodie, seconded, and unanimously agreed to,—That the report now read be received and adopted; that the thanks of the Synod be given to the committee, and to the convener, for the zeal and prudence he has displayed in the cause of the Foreign Mission.

Different members having spoken in regard to the funds of the Foreign Mission, on motion by Mr. Grant, it was seconded by Mr. Pollok, and unanimously agreed to,—That the Synod, while thankful for the liberality of the people in the past, urge upon congregations the necessity of raising funds for the Foreign Mission by means of collectors, as well as by Church-door collections; and that the Sabbath schools of the Church be enjoined to make collections towards the support of the *Dayspring*.

At the request of the Synod, Mr. Robertson, who had been for some years resident in the New Hebrides, and who was now present, addressed the Court, and gave much interesting and valuable information regarding the mission to the South Sea Islands,—when the Moderator conveyed to him in appropriate terms the thanks of the Synod.

The farther consideration of the Foreign Mission report was deferred till to-morrow.

Liberty was given to the different Presbyteries to meet during the session of Synod; but their meetings shall not interfere with the business of Synod.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow, of which public intimation was given, and this diet was closed with prayer.

THIRD DIET.

St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N. B., 2nd July, 1869.

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

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

FOREIGN MISSION.

The Synod then entered upon the consideration of the Foreign Mission, when the Rev. Mr. McLean, the convener, having stated that the arrangements connected with Mr. Goodwill's departure were now completed, addressed him in appropriate terms. (The address will appear next month).

Thereafter the Rev. P. Keay, at the request of the Moderator, engaged in prayer, and Mr. Goodwill was solemnly commended to the blessing and guidance of God in the great work in which he was henceforth to be engaged.

MR. ROBERTSON.

Mr. McLean then reported verbally that the committee had had an interview with Mr. Robertson, and were unanimous in their desire to secure his services for the Foreign Mission; but, before making any definite arrangements, asked the Synod for instructions, especially as to the propriety of ordaining him before leaving for the foreign field; and should this be agreed to, what previous preparatory training he should be subjected to.

This subject was fully considered by the Synod, when the following motion was made by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Keay, and agreed to, viz. :—

“That the Synod having heard the application of Mr. Robertson through the Foreign Mission committee, enjoin the committee to secure his services; to send him either to a Divinity Hall, or Medical College, or both, if necessary, for a term; and should he finish his studies before the next meeting, instruct the Presbytery of Pictou solemnly to set him apart as an evangelist to teach and catechise and preach the gospel to the heathen; at the same time appoint

him as such to the general council of missionaries in the New Hebrides group, to give him a suitable field of labour, with the respectful request of this Synod to ordain him, as a minister, with the full power to dispense the sealing ordinances of the Church in his field of labour, should the council see fit; or that the council should recommend him to a Presbytery of an Australian Church to do so, after Mr. Robertson has given proof, by at least a year's work, of his fitness for the full discharge of the sacred office among the heathen."

Mr. Brodie dissented, for reasons to be afterwards given in, from the last part of the motion, beginning with the words, "and instruct the Presbytery of Pictou," &c., to the end.

Mr. McLean stated that the committee and Mr. Robertson entirely concurred in the course indicated in the motion now agreed to, as preparatory to Mr. Robertson's being sent out to the New Hebrides. Whereupon, on motion by Mr. Philip, it was seconded by Dr. Brooke, and unanimously agreed to,—That the arranging and carrying out of the details be left to the committee.

It was moved by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Herdman, and unanimously agreed to,—That a special vote of thanks be given to James J. Bremner, Esq., Treasurer, for the great amount of trouble he had taken in the business of the Foreign Mission.

It was also unanimously agreed that the following members be added to the Foreign Mission committee, viz.: the Rev. Messrs. Pollok, Philip, W. McMillan, and McCunn, Pictou; and Messrs. W. Matheson, J. D. Mason, J. W. Morrison, and R. Munro, P. E. I.

"MONTHLY RECORD."

The report of the committee on the management of the *Record* was then called for, when Mr. Pollok gave in the following as the recommendation of the committee, viz.: That the following gentlemen in Halifax—Rev. Mr. Campbell, and Messrs. Costley, Jas. J. Bremner, W. D. Sutherland, W. Montgomery, and W. Pender, be appointed a *Record* committee, with instructions to select an Editor for the *Record*, and to transact all *Record* business for the year, and report to the next meeting of Synod.

The above recommendation of the committee was unanimously agreed to.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Synod then resumed the consideration of the Home Mission report, when it was moved by Dr. Brooke, seconded by Mr. W. McMillan, and unanimously agreed to,—That the Board of Home Missions be re-appointed, with the addition of the Rev. Mr. Campbell, Halifax; Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Philip, and J. McKay, Esq., Pictou; and the Hon. John Robertson, St. John.—in order that there may be a quorum at St. John and Pictou, as well as at Halifax; that a meeting of the Board may be held at either of these places, when the members there request the convener to call one; that the Board be instructed to continue the work that has been prosecuted during the past year; that it shall hereafter determine the fields in which missionaries who come within our bounds are to labour, in accordance with the plan laid down in the report; and that it shall be allowed to Presbyteries to nominate for next year's members of the Board not more than one-fourth of their own members; and farther, as moved by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Mr. McMillan, and unanimously agreed to,—That there shall be a vice-convener in St. John and Pictou, and that Dr. Donald and Mr. Philip be these vice-conveners, with instructions to visit the separate charges within the bounds, and to urge the support of the Home Mission Scheme upon the congregations.

After remarks from members of the Court, urging increased exertion and liberality in contributing to the Home Mission Scheme, it was moved by Mr. J. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Wilkins, and agreed to,—That the Home Mission

Board issue collecting cards describing the objects of the Home Mission Scheme or Lay Association, and that as many be sent to each congregation as may be deemed necessary.

INDIAN ORPHANAGE SCHEME.

The report of the committee on the Indian Orphanage Scheme was then given in and read by Dr. Brooke. (*See Appendix F.*)

It was also stated that Dr. Donald's Sabbath school supported two orphans, while a third is supported by a member of his congregation. The Sabbath school of Charlottetown, P. E. I., supports one, and a member of the congregation another. St. Matthew's Sabbath school, Halifax, maintains a native agent in the mission field, contributing about \$250 towards missionary purposes.

The report was adopted; and, on motion, it was unanimously agreed to,—That the name of the Indian Orphanage Scheme be changed to Committee on Juvenile Foreign Mission Scheme; that it shall be the duty of the committee to ascertain what the Sabbath schools of the Church are doing in the cause of Foreign Missions; to direct their attention to the necessity of contributing to the support of the *Dayspring*, as well as supporting orphans in India; and to submit a full report to the next Synod. The committee to consist of Dr. Brooke, convener; Rev. Messrs. James Murray, Wilson, Home, and W. Napier, Esq.

ADDRESSES TO THE GOVERNORS.

Dr. Brooke then read draft of addresses to the Governor-General of the Dominion, and to the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, which were approved of; when Dr. Brooke, Messrs. Grant and Caie, and any other members they may associate with them, were appointed a committee to present these to the Lieut.-Governor.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Rev. Messrs. Grant, Wilson, Nicol, McDonald, and D. A. Fraser, Esq., were appointed a committee to make arrangements for a missionary meeting to be held in Chatham on Monday evening.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this diet was closed with prayer.

FOURTH DIET.

St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N. B., 3rd July, 1869.

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

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

Mr. Philip requested his name to be withdrawn as one of the vice-conveners of the Home Mission Board, and proposed that Mr. Pollok's name be substituted, which was agreed to.

"MONTHLY RECORD."

The Clerk then read a letter, which he had just received, from Mr. Jack, Pictou, containing statement of his account with the *Monthly Record* up to the time when the *Record* was removed to Halifax, from which it appeared that the sum of \$133.82½ was still due by subscribers;—also, letter from Mr. S. H. Holmes, showing a balance due him for printing *Record* of \$104.06, and containing a claim for damages to the amount of \$100, in consideration that the printing of the *Record* had been withdrawn from him without sufficient previous notice, whereby considerable loss had been incurred by him in having ordered

his stock of paper and engaged his compositors, on the understanding that the printing of the *Record* would be continued with him.

It was moved by Mr. Philip, seconded by D. A. Fraser, Esq., and agreed to,—That the consideration of Mr. Holmes's claim for damages be referred to the *Record* committee, with instructions to report to next meeting of Synod.

To meet Mr. Holmes's claim of \$104 for printing, it was moved by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Anderson,—That the Synod recommend the Halifax Presbytery to vote \$30 towards liquidating this debt, and remit to the Pictou Presbytery to raise the other \$74, by calling in the bad debts, or in any other way they may think fit.

Mr. McCunn dissented from this finding.

SYNOD DOCUMENTS.

Dr. Brooke, convener, gave in the report of the committee appointed to take inventory of Synod documents, containing an enumeration of the same now in the custody of the Clerk, and belonging to the Synod.

The report was adopted, and the Clerk instructed to procure a strong box to contain the documents as inventoried.

SYNOD FUND.

The Synod then called for the report of the Synod Fund committee, which was given in and read by Mr. Caie, convener. (*See Appendix G.*)

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Mr. Grant, and unanimously agreed to,—That the thanks of the Synod be given to the committee; and that henceforth they be continued as a standing committee of the Synod.

The Synod adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this diet was closed with prayer.

FIFTH DIET.

St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N. B., 5th July, 1869.

The Synod met, after devotional exercises conducted by Mr. Kidd, and was constituted with prayer by the ex-Moderator, Dr. Brooke.

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

Thereafter, Dr. Donald having left the Synod, Mr. Herdman was unanimously called to the chair.

INEBRIATE ASYLUMS.

The Synod then took up an overture anent Inebriate Asylums, the tenor whereof is as follows:—

"Whereas, It is well known that asylums for reforming inebriates have proved very successful in the United States, and it is understood that different Church Courts in Nova Scotia are petitioning the Legislature of that Province to establish one in some suitable locality: It is hereby overtured that the Synod appoint a committee to prepare a petition in favour of the establishment of such an asylum, to be submitted to a subsequent sederunt of the Synod, in order that it may be thereafter transmitted to the Local Legislature of Nova Scotia.

JOHN M. BROOKE,
PETER KEAY,
FREDERICK HOME,
W. WILSON,
W. T. WILKINS,

A. W. HERDMAN,
JOHN B. THOMPSON,
JOHN McMILLAN,
WILLIAM NAPIER."

The overture was unanimously adopted, and the Presbytery of Halifax appointed a committee to draw up a petition and present it to the Legislature.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Synod then considered an overture anent the State of Religion, the tenor whereof is as follows:—

Whereas, The state of public morals within the Church is a matter of deep concern to all the members; *And whereas*, the growth of vital godliness among our people is a matter that comes fairly within the cognizance of this Court; it is hereby humbly overtured to the venerable the Synod now in session, to take the foregoing into their serious consideration, and to call for reports from time to time anent the spiritual state of congregations.

A. W. HERDMAN."

The overture was unanimously adopted, and it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to,—That Presbyteries be instructed to report to Synod at its next meeting as to the state of religion within their respective bounds.

PRESBYTERIES OF MIRAMICHI AND RESTIGOUCHE.

The Synod then considered the following overture:—

Whereas, At the meeting of Synod in 1868, the Presbyteries of Miramichi and Restigouche were united and formed into one Presbytery; *And whereas*, by such union, great inconvenience has been felt by members in attending meetings of said Presbytery; it is humbly overtured to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces to take the premises into consideration, and instruct that the united Presbyteries of Miramichi and Restigouche be again formed into two separate Presbyteries."

At the unanimous request of both Presbyteries, the overture was adopted, and the Presbyteries accordingly disjoined. The Synod appointed Mr. Robertson of Tabusintac, Moderator, Mr. Wilson, Clerk, of Presbytery of Miramichi, with Mr. Home, assessor, and instruct the Presbytery to meet this evening at 6 o'clock,—and also Mr. Wills, Moderator, and Mr. Jas. Murray, Clerk, of the Presbytery of Restigouche, with instructions to meet this evening at 6 o'clock.

MISSION TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The claims of this mission were strongly urged upon the consideration of the Synod in a letter from the Rev. Mr. Somerville, British Columbia, of date the 12th April, 1869, which was read to the Court, and of which the following is an extract:—"The Colonial Committee have experienced the very greatest difficulty in finding a suitable workman for this part of the vineyard. It has therefore appeared to myself, and the managers of St. Andrew's Church, that we must try the Colonial field for one, and we are prepared to extend a call if some assistance be given us in the matter.

"We therefore come before the Synod with a definite proposal. If the Synod of the Church of Scotland in the Maritime Provinces will aid us to the extent of £100 per annum, for such a period as they deem necessary, we will suitably supplement such aid, and call a clergyman of Colonial experience to be colleague in the ministry of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, and in the planting of district stations.

"The proposal at present is, that each minister should take one month in the city, and one month for itinerating in the country. In this way might we be the means of widely diffused good."

There was also read a letter from the convener of the Colonial Committee, of date the 20th April, 1869, in reference to the same mission, of which the following is an extract:—"It has been the anxious wish of the committee to strengthen that mission by sending out another minister to co-operate with Mr. Somerville; and now that they have their choice of a minister directed to one

in whom they believe all the qualifications for the peculiar field of labour in British Columbia are to be found, the Colonial Committee anxiously turn to the Churches on the North American Continent to inquire what amount of aid in supporting him the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland may expect from them.

“The Colonial Committee believe that appeals made by Mr. Somerville; to both the Synod of Canada and the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, have prepared both Synods for the consideration of the question; and have now the honour of submitting—Whether any and what measure of assistance in supporting an additional labourer in British Columbia may be looked for by the Colonial Committee from the Synod of the Maritime Provinces.”

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. McCunn, seconded by Mr. W. McMillan and unanimously agreed to,—That the Synod having heard communications from the convener of the Colonial Committee, and from the Rev. Mr. Somerville, in reference to the Church in British Columbia, express their sympathy with their brother there; regret that they are unable in the meantime to promise any practical aid; and that the Clerk be instructed to write the convener of the Colonial Committee, thanking him for his letter, and explaining the whole circumstances.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Synod then called for the report of the committee on Sabbath schools, which was given in and read by Rev. Mr. Keay, convener. (*See Appendix H.*)

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that the report read be adopted; the committee thanked and re-appointed, with the addition of Mr. F. R. McDonald, with instructions to prosecute its work, to collect its statistics as early as possible, in order that they may be printed in a tabulated form; and to endeavour to make arrangements for printing a series of notes on lessons for Sabbath schools.

STATISTICS.

The report of the committee on Statistics was then called for, when Mr. P. Keay, the convener, reported verbally, and presented a schedule of queries for the consideration of the Synod.

Whereupon it was moved and agreed to,—That the committee be thanked and re-appointed, with the addition of Rev. W. Stewart, with instructions to send to congregations the Statistical questions now submitted to the Synod, and endeavour to have as ample returns as possible before next year; and further, that the Statistical year end on the 15th of March.

EDUCATION.

The report of the Educational Board having been then called for, was given in, and consisted simply of an abstract of the accounts. (*See Accounts.*)

Whereupon it was moved by Dr. Brooke, seconded by D. A. Fraser, and unanimously agreed to,—That as the Educational Board has fulfilled the duty for which it has been appointed, it be discharged; and that the Rev. Messrs. Pollok, Grant, and James J. Bremner, Esq., be a committee on the Dalhousie College Fund.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The report of the committee appointed to examine Synod and Presbytery Records was then given in and read.

The report was adopted, and the Clerk instructed to attest the Records in terms thereof.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Mr. Caie reported that the money belonging to that Fund had been invested in the Saving's Bank of New Brunswick, according to the instructions of last Synod.

DISSENT.

Mr. Brodie gave in his reasons of dissent from the latter part of the finding of Synod anent Foreign Mission in the case of Mr. Robertson, which were ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

TREASURERS.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of Treasurers for the different schemes, when the following were appointed:—

Central Treasurer for Foreign Mission—James J. Bremner, Esq., Halifax.

“ *Home* “ George McLean, Esq., Halifax.

General Treasurer for all other Schemes—R. McKenzie, Esq., Pictou.

Treasurer for Synod Fund—The convener, Rev. G. J. Caie, St. John, N.B.

It being left to Presbyteries to transmit their collections to the above through what channels they may appoint.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Synod be held in St. Matthew's Halifax, on the last Wednesday of June, 1870.

SYNODICAL COLLECTIONS.

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

Young Men's Bursary Scheme, on last Sabbath of July.

Foreign Mission, “ October.

Home Mission, “ January.

Synod Fund, “ April.

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

VOTES OF THANKS

A unanimous vote of thanks was then passed to Mr. Wilson and his lady, and to the people of Chatham, for their hospitality to the members of Synod on this occasion; and to the Railway and Steamboat authorities for the reduction of travelling expenses made in behalf of the members of Synod.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE MINUTES.

The Rev. Messrs. Duncan, McLean, and McColl, were appointed a committee to revise the minutes, and to assist the Clerk in preparing them for publication.

CLOSING OF SESSION.

The Moderator then declared the business of this session to be concluded, and, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the alone King and Head of the Church, appointed the next Synod to meet in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, at 7 o'clock on the evening of the last Wednesday of June, 1870, of which public intimation was given, and this session was closed with praise and prayer.

ALEX. McWILLIAM, *Synod Clerk*.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT ON YOUNG MEN'S SCHEME.

Your committee, in submitting their annual report, beg to record their deep sense of the continued success with which the Father of mercies has crowned the efforts of the Young Men's Scheme, and to congratulate the Synod on the interest that continues to be felt in it by our people, and the success attending it.

Since last meeting of Synod, the Revds. John Campbell and F. R. McDonald, natives of Pictou, N. S., who have been receiving aid from the Young Men's Scheme, having successfully and creditably completed their course of study in Scotland, returned to the Presbytery of Pictou fully set apart for the work of the holy ministry. After a few months of zealous and faithful labour within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou, Mr. Campbell was called to the important charge of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, and Mr. McDonald to an equally important charge in Fredericton, N. B.

The diligent and acceptable services of the missionaries, and the important positions they have been called to fill, affords much encouragement for continuing the Young Men's Scheme in unabated vigour.

The committee have much pleasure in stating also, that John M. Sutherland and Donald Campbell, natives of Pictou Co., N. S., and A. Nicholson of Charlottetown, P. E. I., applied for aid during the session of 68-69. Having been highly recommended by their several pastors, as young men of piety and promise, and given bonds of their willingness to comply with the terms on which the Synod agree to give assistance, they have been aided by the Young Men's Scheme, Messrs. Campbell and J. M. Sutherland at Dalhousie College, Halifax, and A. Nicholson at Princetown, N. J.

Your committee regret to state that the \$100 Bursary offered at last meeting of Synod has not been competed for, but have reason to believe that if the offer be renewed, and your committee would respectfully suggest that it should, it will be competed for this year.

Your committee have to congratulate the Synod on the satisfactory and successful state of the scheme financially.

Last year, ending 15th June, there was a balance in the Treasurer's hands of...	\$178 37
Collections to hand 15th June, 1869.....	195 54

\$374 91

Cash paid as per account (which see appended).....	180 99
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Leaving balance in the Treasurer's hands, 15th June, 1869.....	\$193 92
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Since the Treasurer's accounts have been closed, collections have been received from Musquodoboit, New Glasgow, New Richmond, and Fredericton. Five congregations in New Brunswick made collections in aid of the Scheme, while twelve congregations in Nova Scotia sent in none to date. Seven of the non-contributing congregations are without a pastor, which may account for their not collecting for it as enjoined by Synod.

But notwithstanding that so many congregations have not aided the scheme, and while four young men have been liberally assisted by this scheme during the past session, the balance in the Treasurer's hands is greater than last year, during which no disbursements have been made.

Your committee have much pleasure in stating that notice of application for an additional young man has been already given, and express not only the hope, but the belief, that among young men of piety there is an increasing interest felt in the work of the holy ministry.

Seeing, then, that there are yet many destitute congregations within the bounds of the united Synod, and that a native ministry is most likely to take the deepest interest in their fellow-countrymen's spiritual well-being, and best

know their requirements, your committee would respectfully suggest that the advantages of this scheme be continued, and that Presbyteries be enjoined to use all diligence in supporting this scheme, whose good results have been already so widely and beneficially felt, and by means of which, it is fondly to be hoped, that "closed sanctuaries and silent Sabbaths" among us, shall soon and long be numbered with the things of the past.

Respectfully submitted,
W. McMILLAN, *Convener.*

APPENDIX B.

NEW BRUNSWICK BURSARY FUND.

The Bursary Fund committee beg to report, that, owing to a donation and investment made before the union of the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, it was found necessary to keep this fund separate and distinct from the general fund of the Young Men's Scheme of the United Synod.

Several years ago, a donation of £50 was made to the Bursary Scheme of the New Brunswick Synod, by George Kerr, Esq., M. P. P., Chatham. Subsequently, that sum, with an additional sum repaid by a student who declined to comply with the terms on which the Bursary was granted, was invested in the purchase of city (St. John) debenture 103 for £250, at 5 per cent. It is deemed advisable by the committee that this investment should not be interfered with, or diminished, as it is profitably invested, and yields a Bursary of \$50. This, however, is considered by the committee as too small to induce a young man of promising talent to agree to the terms on which a Bursary is granted, namely, a guarantee that, after completing the curriculum of arts, he shall devote himself to the study of divinity, and after obtaining his license as a preacher, he shall give the Synod the benefit of his services for three years as a missionary or minister. The committee therefore think that the investment should be increased from time to time, till the interest on it shall yield a Bursary of \$100. It was also made a rule of the Synod, that no student should be admitted as a Bursar, till he became a student of divinity. In the case of Mr. Samuel Russel, the present holder of the Bursary, it was resolved by the Synod in 1867 that this rule should be relaxed, and that he should be allowed \$60 for the year 1867-8, being the last term of his arts' course. It is needless now to advert to the reasons which induced the Synod to adopt this resolution. Mr. Russel was a distinguished student at New Brunswick University, Fredericton, during the session 1867-8, carrying off the "Douglas Medal," the highest prize of the year.

At the commencement of the Divinity term, 1868, he entered Queen's College and University, Kingston, Ontario, and is honorably mentioned among the first year's students in the calendar of 1869-70.

In regard to the finances, the committee beg to state that there is a balance on hand, exclusive of investment, of \$146.84, as will be seen by reference to the accounts appended.

All which is respectfully submitted,
W. DONALD, D. D., *Convener.*

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "MONTHLY RECORD."

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod, "to take into consideration the whole business management of the *Record*, with power to act upon any improvements found necessary—reporting their action to this meeting of Synod," now beg to submit the following report:

Three objects presented themselves to the special attention of the committee, *First*. The external appearance of the *Record*, which was generally admitted to be unworthy of the respectable body whose only organ it professed to be. The paper was so dingy and rough, and the printing so indistinct, that many who were willing to aid in its circulation confessed themselves ashamed to recommend a paper so forbidding in its external aspect. There was no difficulty in securing better paper and typography at an increased expense; but the report of our predecessors instructed us "to ascertain what change for the better could be made in the appearance of the *Record*, and whether, at the same time, a reduction might not be made in its cost of publication." This problem the committee have solved by giving the *Record* its present improved appearance, at a cost of \$114.20 less (for thirteen hundred copies) per annum, than the old one.

Second—The new postal regulations requiring pre-payment of postage on the *Record*, and which on single copies is equal to 20 per cent of the subscription price, led the committee to consider whether the subscription price should be increased in the same ratio; it was determined, after due reflection, to rely upon increased circulation to make up for the extra tax, and let the price of subscription remain unaltered.

The *third*, and not *least* important matter for consideration, was the widespread dissatisfaction at the want of punctuality in publication; and this objection has been removed by arrangements which now insure the prompt issue of the *Record* on the day advertised.

The financial condition of the *Record* under the new arrangement is as follows. (*See Accounts appended.*)

The inconvenience of the Editor residing at a great distance from the place of publication, led the Rev. Mr. McCunn to relinquish the position of Editor, which had, in fact, become merely nominal, and the duties have been discharged by a committee for some months past—the only acting members of which have been the Rev. George M. Grant and the convener of the *Record* committee.

Mr. W. G. Pender has been appointed Secretary, and his former experience in connection with the publication office of the *Record* in Pictou, has rendered his services of great value.

As your committee were empowered to act upon any improvements considered necessary, further detail is not deemed desirable. In the pursuit of the above named objects, the publication has been, after candid consideration, removed to the city of Halifax, and the business connected with the new arrangement kept entirely distinct from the old, which the Synod will have to dispose of when the report of the late Secretary, Mr. Jack, shall have been laid before them. It only remains for us to express the hope, that we having improved the appearance, lessened the cost, and placed the *Record* of our Church on a paying basis, the Synod will deal wisely in continuing the course of improvement already begun.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. MONTGOMERY, *Convener.*

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Home Mission Board submits the following report for the year ending June 15th, 1869, along with the minutes of its proceedings, its correspondence with the Colonial Committee, and Presbyteries, and the Treasurer's reports:

As the Synodical year ends on June 15th, the Treasurers make up their accounts at that date, and collections received thereafter go into the next year's accounts. It is very desirable that congregations should forward their contri-

butions before June 15th, as otherwise misunderstandings are apt to arise, and the Board besides is ignorant of the amount it has to administer. With regard to the sums received from the Colonial Committee, as the dates of its payments are 1st Feby. and 1st Aug., we had to choose one or other of these dates as the close of its year with us. If we selected the former, we could only report concerning six months. So we selected the latter, although we are thus in the position of not knowing exactly, in two or three cases, the exact sums that may have to be drawn for.

We proceed to give the sums required from the Colonial Committee by the different Presbyteries and sanctioned by the Board—between the 1st Aug., 1868, and 1st Aug., 1869—and also the sums raised in the different Presbyteries during the past synodical year for Home Mission purposes, (1) by means of Presbyterian organizations, (2) by the annual collections enjoined by synod.

(A statement of the accounts was then read—which see appended.)

The financial statement thus made affords matter for serious consideration.

And first, as to what is drawn from the Colonial Committee. Our synod numbers only 35 congregations, but we draw from the Colonial Committee more than one-fourth of its income. If our synod in Ontario and Quebec drew at the same rate in proportion to the number of its congregations, the Dominion of Canada would absorb the whole income of the Colonial Committee. And besides, it is to be remembered that we have no Divinity Hall to be supplemented by the Colonial Committee, and also, that during the past year Cape Breton, the poorest and least organized part of our field, received only £75. And Prince Edward Island, where a new field has lately been opened up to us, received only £95. Both these islands will certainly require more next year. It is also to be remembered, that, had it not been for the existence of the Board, a still larger sum than has been drawn would have been solicited from the Colonial Committee. The Board has lessened, and is endeavouring still to lessen, the amounts that have been asked for.

The question, then, for the synod to determine is this—is so large a sum as over six thousand five hundred dollars annually required from the Colonial Committee, and is that sum doing all the good it ought?

In answer to these questions, it is well to note (1) that a very small part of the sum has gone to build up new charges, whereas the organization of new congregations is the very object that the Colonial Committee aims at; (2) that some of our oldest congregations are receiving supplement, and that, in one or two cases, they ask for more than they did ten years ago; (3) that a large amount has gone to pay missionaries who were ministering to fully organized and wealthy congregations; (4) that, in the majority of our Presbyteries, an utterly insignificant sum is raised for Home Missions. In illustration of this last point, it is enough to point to the fact that the congregation of St. Andrew's, Halifax, numbering fifty families, most of them poor, contributes as much as the two provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, with their 20,000 Kirk people, even though the largest subscriber of St. Andrew's gives only \$8.

From these considerations, two conclusions seem to flow. First, that a good deal of what we draw from the Colonial Committee might be saved: Secondly, that we ought to do a good deal more ourselves. It is to those two matters that a Board of Home Missions ought to address itself. It has other duties to attend to; but common honesty points out those two as its first charge.

The final question, then, for this synod to consider is, how to ensure the most rigid economy in administering whatever money the Colonial Committee may, in its generosity, allow us as a church. The very establishment of this Board last year was the first step towards that end. It secured an unity of action that the Colonial Committee had been urging on us for years, and for which the committee has made the warmest acknowledgments, even in its report to

the General Assembly. It has been the means of bringing before the synod for the first time a full review of what the church, as a whole, is receiving from Scotland, and of what the necessities of our whole field are. But the taking of one step was not only right in itself, but advantageous as enabling us to see where the next should be taken. At every meeting of the Board, it was felt that there could be no real check on unnecessary expenditure, until there was a relation between the Board and Missionaries, as well as the relation that now exists between the Board and the Supplemented Ministers. At present a missionary is sent to a particular Presbytery that may or may not require him, or that may require a different kind of man; and there he stays, perhaps, for his term of three years, drawing almost the whole of his salary from the Colonial Committee, when there may be places in other Presbyteries that would be glad of his services.

Under this system, one Presbytery has sometimes too much of what it does not want, while another has too little of what it does want. And under this system, too, it is notorious that vacant congregations do not pay for services, whatever gratitude they may express for them. Hence, too, it is utterly impossible for the Board to know how much will be required from the Colonial Committee for each current half-year; for the Presbytery does not know what the people will give, and the people, knowing that the whole salary is guaranteed, give as little as possible. To remedy this, it is necessary that missionaries should be commissioned not to any particular Presbytery, but to the Board, which has the oversight of the whole field; that Presbyteries requiring missionaries should apply to the Board, stating the field that is vacant, and the amount the people are able to pay towards his stipend; that the Board should then, as soon as possible, inform the Presbytery that a missionary has been sent for a stated time; and if, at the end of that period, the people are not discharging their obligations, the Board should transfer him to another Presbytery, and so on, until the missionary is settled. This is the mode that is followed in every other church that has a Board of Home Missions, and is the one that would have been adopted by us long ago, if we had to pay our missionaries out of funds raised by ourselves, instead of by the easy method of writing an order on the Colonial Committee. At the first meeting of the Board last year, Dr. Donald expressed his opinion that the synod had intended that such allocation of missionaries should be part of our duty; but as it was not so expressed in the resolution organizing us, we did nothing farther than communicate with the Colonial Committee our views on the matter, and they in reply have quite concurred with us. We leave this matter now to the wisdom of the synod.

The next question that came before us, was, how to increase the sum raised for Home Missions within our own bounds. And here we had to ask why is the sum raised by the smallest Presbytery, so much larger than what all the others raise? The explanation was twofold; (1) that in that Presbytery the money is raised by collectors going from house to house with schedules, as well as by church door collections; and (2), that where there is a vacancy, the ministers of the Presbytery supply it as often as they can, charge the people for the services, and pay the money into the Presbytery fund, instead of keeping it for themselves as they might.

Some ministers excuse themselves from asking money for missions from the people, on the score of delicacy. They have surely no scruple in asking them for their own stipends, and in seeing those raised by collectors. Is there greater indelicacy in asking for others, for the church, for the weak, than in asking for ourselves?

The Board felt strongly that there should be an association for collecting for Home Missions in every congregation; but, at the same time, that there might be something like unity in administering the fund, it desired that there

should be not six independent Treasurers, but the one Central Treasurer that we now have, and that the Presbytery Treasurers should report to him. They accordingly asked your convener to visit the Presbyteries, and endeavour to form such associations. Pictou Presbytery was visited first, because it has had a vigorous Lay Association for many years, and it was desirable before attempting to form associations in other Presbyteries, to learn if the Pictou brethren were willing to have theirs connected in any way with the Board. Your convener there learned that there was some dissatisfaction about the constitution of the Board, and that the subject was to be brought up at this synod. In these circumstances we felt that it would be unwise to take any further steps until the mind of the synod was had on the whole subject. On this point, then, the Board has nothing further to add, but to express the conviction that if wise, vigorous and united action be taken, the sum raised by our people for Home Mission purposes may be doubled, at once, and indefinitely increased.

In submitting this report, little remains to be said, except to recall to the minds of the members of synod, the principles on which the Board was constituted, and to mention how these have worked during last year's experience.

The Board was an experiment for us. The synods in their separate state had appointed various committees, at every annual meeting, on their various schemes, and it is very doubtful if any one of these committees ever had a meeting except a necessarily hurried one at the meeting of synod. It was felt that a Board of Home Missions, if it was to be anything but a decent form, would have work to do, and might have to meet frequently.

It was therefore decided, that while every Presbytery should be represented, the Board should be as small as possible, and that there should be a quorum near the parish of whoever was the convener.

The result so far has proved the wisdom of the decision. Three or four meetings have been required in the course of the year, at some of which the business kept us for three or four hours at work; and if the synod endorse the views of the Board, as to missionaries, meetings hereafter will require to be more frequent still. It is absolutely essential that meetings be held as often as required by the necessities of new missionaries, or of vacant congregations, or by the interests of the church, and the convener must have power to call such meetings—provided always that due notice be given to the members of the Board.

An apprehension has been expressed, that, however well these principles secure unity and efficiency of action, there is a danger of centralization of power. If a fear of this is at all entertained by the members of synod, the Board has no objection to its number being so increased, that there should be a quorum always near Pictou and St. John, and one member of the Board has suggested that whenever the members near either of these places require a meeting to be held there, the convener should accordingly hold it, while another member has suggested still farther that the meetings should be held in rotation at Halifax, Pictou and St. John, and that the travelling expenses of the convener should be paid. Another suggestion is, that the convener and the headquarters of the Board should be changed every three years. Perhaps this is the simplest expedient, but it rests with the synod to say whether any change shall be made this year, or what expedient it would be best to adopt.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

GEORGE M. GRANT,

Convener.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSION.

Your Foreign Mission Committee have to report that the Rev. John Goodwill, who, in July last, offered his services for the South Sea Mission, demitted his charge as directed by this court in order to devote his whole time to qualify himself for efficient services in that distant field. As enjoined by the synod, your missionary proceeded to Philadelphia, on being relieved of his charge, for the purpose of acquiring some knowledge of Anatomy and Medicine, preparatory to his departure for the scene of his labours. Your committee are much gratified in being able to state that Mr. Goodwill improved the few months devoted to this object so diligently and with such success as to justify the belief that the medical knowledge acquired by him may help in greatly furthering the interests of the mission. Since his return from the Medical Hall, your missionary has been employed in visiting the different congregations of our church. Everywhere, he has been most cordially received, and has been able to report that he found a real interest in missionary work pervading all sections of the church. Your committee indulge the confident hope that much benefit will result from Mr. Goodwill's labours among our people. It will secure, it is hoped, a lasting interest in the Mission, and create the desire, in old and young, to read missionary intelligence. This was much required. Political papers were willingly paid for and read, while our *Record* and other similar publications were uncared for, by the great majority of our people. An interest in the missionary, and in the progress of his work, will tend to remedy this evil, and should our Foreign Mission scheme effect no more, all the labour and the means expended upon it would be well rewarded. It is only when men possess missionary intelligence, and are made acquainted with the efforts made by other sections of the church, that we can hope to see their zeal and their liberality rightly moved in the cause of missions.

While it is still true that much apathy was manifest in some of the collections for this scheme, it is at the same time encouraging to know that several congregations contributed liberally, and that in the case of such as did much less than they should, there is some improvement over former years. The account transmitted by our respected Treasurer, James J. Bremner, Esq., will sufficiently satisfy the most diffident, that, as a church, we have resources to enable us vigorously to engage in and prosecute missionary work. While from many congregations the collections have not yet been reported, the amount in funds, as shown by the account, is not much short of \$3,000.

By the arrangements now made, your committee believe that about four weeks further may be sufficient to finish the labours of Mr. Goodwill in visiting the congregations. Then, two weeks will be required in New Brunswick, one in Prince Edward Island, and one or two in Cape Breton, where the missionary will receive his appointments from Messrs. Gunn and Fraser. Thus, so far as the present arrangements of the committee are concerned, your missionary will then be prepared for his departure.

In compliance with his request, however, your committee have agreed to recommend that four weeks further be allowed to Mr. Goodwill to settle his own private affairs and visit his family and friends previous to his leaving.

Your committee, subject to the approval of synod, have agreed to pay the missionary for the year now ending,—that is, from the date of the demission of his charge, in September last, to the date of his departure,—the same salary formerly paid him as yearly stipends by his congregation, and also his travelling expenses and medical fees; and further, to supply a medicine chest and such surgical instruments as may be considered necessary, pay his passage to the Pacific, and, from the date of his departure, to place him in the same posi-

tion, as to salary, with the other missionaries labouring there. The salary now given to the missionaries of the sister church, is £150 sterling, with such increase in after years as any change of circumstances may reasonably demand. Your committee feel assured that this synod would not approve of any proposal to place our missionary in a less favorable position than his fellow-labourers in the same field. Your committee would record, with much satisfaction, the statement made by Mr. Goodwill, that the medical professors in Philadelphia expressed the interest felt by them in the mission by remitting, in his case, the usual medical fees, which virtually amounted to a donation of \$140. The committee feel that this truly christian liberality, which we could not have looked for, should be acknowledged by conveying to these gentlemen the cordial thanks of this synod.

In reference to the young man, Mr. Cummings, who was last year brought under the notice of the synod, as desirous of engaging in missionary labour, your committee have to report that after a few months in the town of Pictou, attending school, under the special charge of the Rev. Mr. Herdman, as directed by the synod, he was examined at a meeting of the committee held there in October last, the result of which was, that your committee felt it their duty not to advise him to prosecute his studies.

At the meeting above referred to, the Rev. Mr. Herdman read a letter from Mr. Robertson, a young man then residing in Anceitum, offering his services to this synod as a lay agent, or as willing, if desired, to go through a course of training, with the view of ordination as a fully equipped missionary. Your committee considered this offer as one worthy of the most favourable consideration, and as Mr. Robertson intimated his intention shortly to return to Nova Scotia, Mr. Herdman was requested to instruct him, immediately on his arrival, to put himself in communication with the convener. The committee have much pleasure in informing this synod that that gentleman has lately arrived, and is now present. He has expressed to us his desire to return to the New Hebrides to labor wherever and in whatever capacity this synod may deem best. If the synod feel disposed favourably to regard the services thus placed at our disposal, the committee will be happy to confer with Mr. Robertson, and report further in the matter.

Your committee have further only to add, that with sincere joy and unfeigned thankfulness to God, they hope in a few weeks to see the first missionary from this church prepared to take his departure for the far distant islands of the South Seas, to preach there the unsearchable riches and love of Christ. Thus far the Lord has prospered us. Last year your committee, in giving in their report, were obliged to repeat the same sad tale that no missionary had offered his services. For six years this was our painful task. Thanks be to God, we are now differently situated, and the sadness of our report is exchanged for joy. We now find that while we were discouraged and almost ready to despond, our Blessed Master was silently preparing a labourer for His own work, and, when we least looked for it, help came. Here a lesson has been taught us which is well fitted to strengthen our confidence in every future difficulty. Our God will never forge the cause that is His own. When His people are made willing to work for Him, He will assuredly provide the means, and make the final result of their labours a glorious and sure success. We cannot doubt that as certainly as He provided a labourer for this work, is He willing abundantly to bless and to prosper it. If the humble and earnest prayers of our people and of this church will follow the missionary, the result is certain. We have the sure promise, and to cherish doubts would be greatly to dishonor our Lord and Master. If this mission fail, it will be because we may lose sight of that arm that can throw out of the way every obstacle and lay every enemy prostrate. Your committee would humbly suggest that this court recommend to all the

ministers of our church, the duty of frequently urging on their people's attention, the connexion between earnest prayer and the success of every Christian effort. The labours which formed the subject of earnest and persevering prayer in the church were invariably crowned with success. Such labours cannot fail. The word of the living and true God is pledged for it, that this cannot be. He hath promised, and He will make that promise good. It is no presumption to ask and confidently to hope for large and rich blessings on our public efforts. It is no presumption to cherish the confident assurance that we shall receive all that our Lord promised to bestow. This is real humility, and simply the belief that God is true, and that His word is worthy of confidence. Your committee would express the hope that the God of all grace will make this, which is our first missionary effort, a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord to the whole body of our church, and mark forever on its history the beginning of a new era, which shall be distinguished by thorough earnestness in the work of Christ, shewing ministers and people alike sharing in the one noble feeling, that the great object of life is to work for Him and extend the glory of His name. Why should not the gospel which has rescued thousands of the most degraded from the lowest depths of vice, and transformed them into living epistles of Christ, known and read of all men, be not sufficient to revive and quicken, and adorn with every grace and excellence, the multitudes who compose our Christian communities? Shall we be satisfied with forms and mere profession, which confer no benefit in life nor any hope in death, while even the loathsome cannibal reclaimed by its power is found rejoicing in the hopes of the Gospel? While we pray for the perishing heathen, we need as earnestly to pray for ourselves, and for the saving success of the Gospel in our midst. Let us labour with all our diligence to bring within the Kingdom of Heaven the poor blinded idolator, but let us labour with still more earnest diligence to make sure of it, that we ourselves may not be excluded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MACLEAN, *Convener.*

APPENDIX F.

REPORT ON INDIAN ORPHANAGE SCHEME.

I beg to report that I have, since the first of January last, remitted to the Treasurer of the Indian Orphanage, at Edinburgh, the following sums, viz:

St. Paul's Church Sabbath School, Fredericton, for Janet Brooke, at Madras £4 stg.

St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Chatham, for Susannah, at Madras. . . . 4 "

£8

I have also remitted to the Treasurer of the Gyah Orphanage, at Glasgow, the sum of £6 8s. sterling, for two years' collection at Woodstock and Northampton Sabbath Schools, no remittance having been made last year.

I regret to find, from the Rev. Mr. Wilkins' letter enclosing this sum, that although collections will continue to be made in aid of the scheme, the Woodstock and Northampton schools will be unable to raise sufficient for the support of the orphan that was allocated to them, and they request that she may be transferred to the first one making application to have an orphan assigned. The collection made at St. James' Church, Newcastle, for Rebecca, at Poonah, was transmitted through the Treasurer, at Kingston, Ontario.

Respectfully submitted by

DANIEL FERGUSON, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX G.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNOD FUND.

The committee on the Synod Fund beg to submit the following report, showing the amount received and expended.

(See accounts appended.)

Your committee beg to call the attention of the court to the following particulars :

That no collections have been received from the following charges :—Bathurst, Campbelltown, Tabusintac, in New Brunswick, and Albion Mines, and the charges belonging to Mr. McColl ; and, therefore, that no portion of the necessary expenditure of the synod (\$100,) is borne by these congregations, and, hence, the burdens of others are unjustly increased.

It is worthy of the synod's notice that several members have not complied with the understood arrangements of each giving in the amount contributed, first, and then receiving a proportion of the same.

Your committee would also suggest that in future no copies of the *Record* be sent to members of the Canadian synod, except to the Principal of Queen's College, Kingston ; also, that copies of the *Record* be sent to the following, viz. : Mr. Laurie, Secretary, Mr. Muir, Convener, of the Colonial Committee; and Dr. Norman McLeod, Convener of the India Mission.

Respectfully submitted.

G. J. CAIE, Convener.

APPENDIX H.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath Schools beg now to lay their report before the synod. To obtain the necessary information regarding the Sabbath Schools within the bounds, a series of questions was prepared, printed, and sent to the various ministers. Of these, only twenty-one have sent in the answers and information required. Though it was the earnest desire and endeavour of your committee to obtain what would enable them to give full information on the many parts of Sabbath School work embraced in the queries, this cannot be this year done.

Your committee would therefore submit the following general remarks regarding this very important scheme :

Of the necessity and importance of the Sabbath School, all are fully persuaded. There is such a measure of neglect and disregard of parental duty extensively prevailing, as to render the labours of the Sabbath School indispensably necessary for the welfare of the young. The Sabbath School is, in cases of the best parental care, very beneficial, and the early enlightenment of the young is so very precious as to call for all the aid which the best Sabbath School teaching can give to the labors and successes of parental zeal. It were well, therefore, that teachers, under the knowledge of these things, should all the more faithfully labour in the work they have undertaken, keeping it mainly at heart, and uniting prayer, pains, and perservance, in the religious cultivation of the souls of the young assembled before them.

A difficulty has been reported of getting faithful and efficient teachers, and this may often be met with. It is a great difficulty to encounter, and a sore discouragement to a minister to bear. It were very desirable that educated and pious members of congregations should consider the honor and usefulness of being laborers in the vineyard, and take a cheerful and earnest part in the work, and many, it is to be hoped, would rejoice to become teachers where, in their own earlier days, they received instruction, and the Sabbath School, in this manner and sense, become a self-supporting institution.

The visitation of the families of their scholars, your committee believe to be very needful and helpful for the success of the work, as parents will feel much gratified by the kind regard and interest shown, and will also have the importance of Sabbath school work impressed upon them by the pains and concern of the teachers thus manifested. They will be stirred up to institute and maintain, or renew their diligence, in parental attention to this duty, and a family advantage of no small influence for good will be found hence to result. The number of scholars will be increased, and the regularity of attendance will be efficiently secured.

Meetings of teachers for prayer and the consideration of the condition of their classes, or special matters arising, must be very beneficial, as creating a lively interest in the minds of all in the work, and communicating to all the fruits of individual experience and observation in adopting what is advantageous, removing what is hurtful to the work, and overcoming hindrances or discouragements which may arise. With regard to the weekly preparation of the Sabbath school lesson, it is believed that most valuable aid would be afforded by the employment of notes on the lessons prescribed. These ought to be in the hands of teachers, and if possessed by scholar and teacher together, so much more of advantage would be derived. The teachers' meeting for examination of the passage to be taught on the Sabbath must be productive of but little advantage unless a permanency can be given in the teachers' minds to the explanations and general aid in comprehension of the passage which the minister or superintendent may have been able to supply. And it is to secure this permanency that your committee would venture to urge upon teachers the propriety of obtaining and using the notes of lessons or questions on the Old and New Testaments which can be so easily procured in the present day. These small inexpensive aids to success in Sabbath school teaching would be also of no small benefit in guiding and aiding parents in their duties of superintending the preparation of lessons by their children at home; and being with teachers, parents and scholars, both at home and in school, these notes would, with highest probability, contribute very largely indeed to the attainment of the end desired.

Your committee have great pleasure in reporting a very general attention given to the cultivation of Sabbath school hymn music. The storing of the mind of the young largely with pure Scripture truth and sentiment presented to their minds so suitably in the many excellent hymn books now in general use, is a service of great pleasure and advantage to the young. These books contain a very great abundance and variety of hymns, in which the love of our God and Redeemer, and the riches of Heavenly mercy and grace, are beautifully expressed, set to music skilfully composed to suit the youthful taste and give delight. It will be also found that the exercise of hymn practice will be of great value in developing and imparting to the young a disposition and ability to join in the worship of the house of God. This is greatly to be desired, and such a means of thus benefitting them, and one so delightful to them, cannot but be strongly recommended, and all proper measures of endeavour to secure its advantages ought to be faithfully put forth. Such instruction will be more pleasantly received than any other, and will be long remembered and be lasting in its power, while it will have associations with it of the sweetest nature, often creating a source of family delight and profit which will prove very beneficial there.

The Library also is one of the best means of attracting scholars to the Sabbath school; and it is found that children, with their parents' sanction, attend the Sabbath school where the best Library is kept, many attending two Sabbath schools of different Churches, their own and some other, where an excellent Library is kept, and its books given them. There ought to be, therefore, special care taken to have a full supply of such books in all the Libraries of

our Church Sabbath schools. It is not desirable that there should be attendance on the Lord's day by our Sabbath school children at more schools than that to which they properly belong; and no ground of dissatisfaction should be allowed with regard to our own in this respect; and such influence and means of good as that now under report and consideration should be generously supplied. Fresh additions should be frequently made, and it is believed that rarely can the case occur where an addition bearing a proper proportion to the number of the scholars cannot be annually made.

Collections weekly, monthly, quarterly, are reported, and lend their good aid to this; and since it has been found that the moderate amount of an ordinary Sabbath school Library, divided in small and equal proportions over the families of a charge, will so provide without any undue pressure whatever on them, for the attraction and encouragement of the children of the Sabbath school, your committee with confidence recommend this means as well deserving of employment in the good cause.

The cultivation of a missionary spirit ought to be attended to in the Sabbath school. Missions, as has been well said, are the great end of the Christian Church; and these are so surely dependent upon the support and faithful prayers of the people of God, that from early days they ought to be trained up to take a living and lively interest in the work. We are commanded to declare God's glory among the heathen, and show forth his wonders among all people. In some cases there has been the report of an orphan being supported in India by the Sabbath school, and in two cases there are known to be more than one. There can be no doubt but that this beautiful feature of Christian spirit and love will become more and more visible in our schools. This Church has for years had the honor, and we believe the blessing, of an Orphanage Scheme, for a blessing has been freely acknowledged through this work; and the small sum required for the support of an orphan—from \$16 to \$20—may be in many cases collected where as yet no such contribution has been made.

The establishment of a Sabbath School Foreign Mission Scheme by the Synod this year will be productive of great interest and advantage to our Sabbath schools, and, we trust, to the great cause of missions. Having now a special interest in this work as a Church, through the commencement of a Foreign Mission of our own, we cannot but give a joyful expression to our hope, that next and succeeding years a livelier and more liberal interest will be manifested in this indispensable branch of youthful Christian training. Missionary papers and addresses might from time to time be employed in rendering necessary influence and aid in this cause, and all will naturally tend to the support and increase of our own Church missionary work.

Your committee have ventured to make these remarks on the various branches of Sabbath school work, on which they thought it needful to request information. They are all of them vitally connected with the success of the cause of directing and securing the affections of those who are the hope of the Church, to their God and Redeemer,—of indispensable importance, too, to the welfare of the Church of the Lord.

It is to be hoped that succeeding reports will be of a much more satisfactory character—that full and accurate statistics will be in future years provided from every Sabbath school, showing a zealous and prosperous cultivation of this precious cause. There is much ground to believe that great zeal is in many cases manifested, by the large numbers reported on the roll, and where, as in country charges, or smaller town ones, these cannot be so large, no less zeal may be quite as surely at work. We would rejoice in the contemplation of all that is doing, and hope cheerfully for the better days before us, humbly committing this precious work to His direction and blessing, who alone "giveth the increase."

All which is respectfully submitted.

PETER KEAY, *Convener.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Young Men's Scheme, in account with R. McKenzie, Esq.

1868.		<i>Dr.</i>	
Sept. 3.	To cash paid James Cummings.....		\$16 00
Nov. 23.	do		12 50
26.	D. Campbell, student.....		50 00
1869.	Post Office Order.....		0 25
Feb'y. 4.	J. Sutherland, student.....		50 00
	Post Office Order.....		0 25
Mar. 26.	A. Nicholson, student.....		25 00
	Premium and Postage.....		0 93½
April 9.	Alexander Nicholson, student..		25 00
	Premium and Postage.....		1 06
			\$180 99½
1868.		<i>Cr.</i>	
June 30.	By balance due Synod.....		\$178 37
July 3.	cash from New Glasgow.....		16 00
Aug. 31.	Pictou.....		16 60
Sept. 4.	Albion Mines.....		5 50
5.	Saltsprings.....		12 63
Oct. 1.	St. Matthew's, Halifax.....		41 25
	St. Andrew's, do.....		10 50
23.	St. Andrew's, New Brunswick.....		8 00
Nov. 6.	River John.....		3 25
Dec. 3.	Wallace.....		5 25
1869.			
Jan. 19.	Campbelltown, N. B.....		21 12½
28.	St. Peter's Road, P.E.I.....		3 00
Feb. 27.	Woodstock, N. B.....		5 57
Mar. 13.	Dalhousie, N. B.....		7 46
May 24.	Georgetown, P. E. I.....		5 22
25.	McLennan's Mountain.....		9 46
	West Branch East River.....		14 30
	East Branch East River.....		8 10
June 14.	St. Peter's Road.....		3 34
			374 91½
	Balance due Synod.....		\$193 92

New Brunswick Bursary Fund.

1868.		<i>Dr.</i>	
Sept 8.	To Bursary to Mr Samuel Russel, for year 1867-8.		\$60 00
Dec 16.	One-half of Bursary allocated by committee for year 1868-9		50 00
1869.			
Mar 19.	One-half of Bursary for year 1868-9.....		50 00
	Commission on Bank Order.....		0 25
June 15.	Postage to date.....		0 35
			\$160 60
1868.		<i>Cr.</i>	
	By balance per account rendered last year, exclusive of invest-		
	ment of £250.....		\$231 02
June 25.	cash received from St. Andrew's church, St. John.....		26 42
Dec 9.	Six months interest on city debenture 103, held for Bur-		
	sary Fund.....		25 00
June 1.	Do, Do, Do.....		25 00
			\$307 44
15.	Balance on hand exclusive of investment.....		\$146 84

"Monthly Record," in account with Mr. Jack, late Secretary.

Being statement of Accounts up to the time when the management of the "Record" was removed from Picton to Halifax.

	Amount of subscriptions still due.....	\$133 82½	
1869.	<i>Dr.</i>		
June 30.	To cash subscriptions to date.....	\$381 50	
	<i>Cr.</i>		
	By cash paid S. H. Holmes, Esq	\$345 17	
	Secretary's salary, 6 months.....	20 00	
	Addressing <i>Records</i>	12 75	
	Discount on money remitted.....	0 88	
	Overcharge in two instances.....	1 25	
	Addressing Book.....	0 50	
	Money Order and Postage.....	0 95	
			\$381 50

ACCOUNT WITH S. H. HOLMES, ESQ.

1868.	<i>Dr.</i>		
June 30.	To cash to date.....	\$235 32	
1869.			
June 29.	Do,	345 17	
			\$580 49
1868.	<i>Cr.</i>		
Jan 1.	By balance due	\$178 95	
June 30.	Printing 1360 <i>Records</i>	254 80	
Dec 31.	Do, 1300 do,	250 80	
			684 55
	To balance due Mr Holmes.....		\$104 06

ACCOUNT WITH "RECORD" UNDER NEW ARRANGEMENT.

1869.	<i>Dr.</i>		
June 23.	To cash received to date for subscriptions.	\$408 15	
	Amount due from subscribers for 1869.....	337 80	
	Amount due for advertising.....	20 00	
	<i>Cr.</i>		765 95
	By amount paid for printing and expenses.....	\$298 00	
	Amount to be paid for balance of year.....	299 60	
	Secretary's salary.....	40 00	
			637 60
	Leaving a surplus to meet bad debts of.		\$128 35

Account with Home Mission Board.

Sums drawn from the Colonial Committee from 1st August, 1868, to 1st August, 1869.

	For half year end- ing 1st Feb.	For half year end- ing 1st Aug.	Total for the year.
I. Presbytery of Prince Edward's Island:			
Georgetown and Cardigan.....	£20 0 0	£20 0 0	
St. Peter's and Brackley Point Roads	15 0 0	15 0 0	
Rev James McColl, missionary....	25 0 0	.....
	£60 0 0	£35 0 0	£95 0 0
II. Presbytery of Miramichi and Restigouche:			
New Richmond	£20 0 0	.....
Dalhousie.....	10 0 0	.....
Tabusintac.....	26 0 0	£25 0 0	
Rev F. Nicol, missionary.....	25 0 0	33 6 6	
Campbelltown.....	.....	9 12 4	
	£81 0 0	£67 18 10	£148 18 10

THE MONTHLY RECORD OF

	For half year ending 1st Feb.	For half year ending 1st Aug.	Total for the year.
III. Presbytery of St. John, N.B.:			
St. Andrew's	£25 0 0	£25 0 0	
Rev P. Ross.....	25 0 0	.....
Portland.....	20 0 0	.....
New Richmond.....	25 0 0	25 0 0	
Fredericton.....	46 0 0	7 15 8	
Woodstock.....	25 0 0	.....
Stanley and Nashwaak.....	50 0 0	50 0 0	
	<u>£216 0 0</u>	<u>£107 15 8</u>	<u>£323 15 8</u>
IV. Presbytery of Halifax:			
Truro	£21 0 0	£21 0 0	
Richmond and N W. Arm.....	12 0 0	20 0 0	
St. John's, Newfoundland.....	.....	25 0 0	
Building Grant for Truro.....	.....	50 0 0	
	<u>£33 0 0</u>	<u>£116 0 0</u>	<u>£149 0 0</u>
V. Presbytery of Pictou:			
River Inhabitants, C.B.....	£37 10 0	£37 10 0	
Wallace and Pugwash.....	15 0 0	15 0 0	
McLennan's Mountain.....	15 0 0	15 0 0	
Albion Mines.....	30 0 0	.....
River John.....	16 0 0	16 0 0	
Rev J. Campbell, missionary.....	50 0 0	.....
Rev F. R. McDonald, missionary..	50 0 0	62 10 0	
	<u>£213 10 0</u>	<u>£146 0 0</u>	<u>£359 10 0</u>
VI. Passage money and outfits of Messrs Fogo and Robertson, and their wives.....			
		£138 4 0	
Passage money and outfits of Messrs Campbell & McDonald			
		94 2 0	
			<u>£232 6 0</u>
I. SYNOD'S HOME MISSION.			£1308 10 6
Balance in hand after paying allocations by the Synod.....			\$13 89
From William Gordon, late Treasurer.....			35 76
Collections of Presbytery of St. John			8 40
Do, Do,	Miramichi and Restigouche.....		31 13
Do, Do,	P. E. Island.....		32 65
Do, Do,	Halifax.....		75 00
Do, Do,	Pictou		109 67
II. HALIFAX PRESBYTERY HOME MISSION.			\$306 50
Balance			\$165 19
Truro subscriptions.....			10 25
Musquodoboit do,			38 50
St. Andrew's, Halifax, do.....			77 13
St. Matthew's, do.....			408 95
From vacant congregations.....			130 50
			<u>\$830 52</u>
Paid out during the year.....			612 50
Balance.....			<u>\$218 02</u>
III. PICTOU PRESBYTERY LAY ASSOCIATION.			
Balance.....			\$170 52
West Pictou.....			56 48
McLennan's Mountain.....			13 88
New Glasgow.....			10 50
Gairloch.....			12 80
West Branch East River.....			22 08
			<u>\$286 26</u>
Paid out during the year.....			242 92
Balance.....			<u>\$43 34</u>

IV. SUM TOTAL OF MONIES RAISED FOR HOME MISSIONS BY THE VARIOUS
PRESBYTERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 15, 1869.

Presbytery of St. John, N.B.	\$21 40
Do, Miramichi and Restigouche	31 13
Do, P. E. Island	32 65
Do, Pictou	225 41
Do, Halifax	740 33
	<u>\$1050 92</u>

Besides money raised by a Lay Association in P. E. Island, of which no account has been sent in.

Foreign Mission Fund, in account with Jas. J. Bremner, Treasurer

1868.	Cr.		
June 24.	By balance on hand as per account rendered	\$1561 54	
25.	collection at Brackley Point, P.E.I., 15s cy	\$2 50	
	Do, West Branch, E.R., \$16 63; East Branch, \$14 15 30 83		
		<u>\$33 33</u>	
	Less Post Office Order	0 20	33 13
30.	Interest to date on amount deposited in Saving's Bank		20 78
July 11.	Cash from Hon John Robertson, Treasurer for New Brunswick Foreign Mission Fund		41 75
21.	Collection St. John's church, Dalhousie		18 25
Oct 31.	St. Matthew's church, Halifax		200 87
Nov 6.	McLennan's Mountain		16 30
14.	Greenock church, St. Andrew's, N.B.		10 00
20.	St. Andrew's church, Pictou		28 82
26.	Roger's Hill, \$10 20; Cape John, \$5; Saltsprings, \$24		39 20
Dec. 8.	St. Andrew's church, Halifax		29 25
31.	St. John's, Newfoundland		45 97
1869.			
Jan'y 2.	Pugwash, \$4 50; 18th, Barney's River, \$9		13 50
7.	Georgetown, £3; Cardigan, £1 16s., £4 16s. P.E.I. cy.		16 00
19.	Chatham, N.B., \$20; St. James' ch., Newcastle, \$7 20		27 20
27.	St. Peter's Road, £2 0s 6d; Belfast church, £13 0s 2d, £15 0s 8d, Less cost remitting, 2s, £14 18s 8d, P.E.I. cy.		49 78
30.	Musquodoboit, \$7; St. George's ch, River John, \$3 77		10 77
Feb'y 5.	Cape John, additional, \$5; 13th, Albion Mines, \$12..		17 00
10.	St. Andrew's church Sabbath School, Halifax.		63 93
16.	Woodstock, N.B., \$3 66; 22nd, Earltown, \$5 60.		9 26
Mar 13.	St. John's church, Dalhousie		18 48
24.	From several men of the Royal Artillery attending St. Matthew's church, Halifax		3 00
April 1.	Wallace, \$5 82, Less postage 3 cts, and P.O. Order, 5 cts		5 74
5.	St. Matthew's, Halifax, \$56 13; 7th, North-West Arm, Halifax, \$5 16.		61 29
7.	A Missionary meeting held in St. Matthew's, Halifax.		35 25
12.	St. Andrew's, Halifax, \$30; Truro, \$26 52.		56 52
19.	Tabusintac, \$8; Burnt church, N.B., \$5 34.		13 34
May 6.	Gairloch		13 00
18.	Lochaber, 4th March, \$7; West Branch East River, 8th April, \$16; East Branch East River, \$20 25.		43 25
27.	Saltsprings, \$20 50; St. John's ch, Albion Mines, \$16 50		37 00
14.	St. Andrew's ch, Pictou, \$49 82, Less P.O. Order, 28 cts,		49 54
June 1.	Fisher's Grant congregation, \$2 40; Mrs Jodery, \$2..		4 40
	West Carriboo, \$3 13; Hermon church, Dalhousie, \$6.		9 13
	Interest on \$210, from 27th July, 1868, to date, at 6 p. c. per an.		10 50
3.	Collection McLennan's Mountain congregation.		23 22
11.	Roger's Hill, \$25 17; Wallace, \$12 32; Pugwash, \$13 40		50 89
	West Branch River John, \$8 82; Barney's River, \$5..		14 82
15.	Brackley Point, P.E.I.		6 66
17.	St. James' ch., Charlottetown, £8 15s 6d; St. Peter's Road church, £2 2s 6d, £10 18, P.E.I. currency...		34 88

June 17.	By Hon J. Robertson, St. John, N.B., balance of cash in his hands...	\$12 11
	Col. St. George's ch, River John, \$8 62; Tatamagouche, \$7 75...	16 37
18.	One year's interest from Bank of Nova Scotia, on amount deposited \$340, to 9th inst.....	13 60
19.	Amount collection St. Andrew's church, New Glasgow.....	98 67
1868.	<i>Dr.</i>	\$2884 96
Sept 26.	To cash remitted to Rev Mr Goodwill.....	\$160 00
1869.		
June 19.	Balance carried down.....	2724 96
		<u>\$2884 96</u>

Account with Indian Orphanage Scheme, (New Brunswick.)

1869.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Mar 15.	To paid for Post Office Order favor J. Niven, Edinburgh, Treasurer, £8 stg.....	\$40 12
	Paid for Post Office Order favor of J. M. Cuthbertson, Glasgow, (Gyah Orphanage).....	32 04
1869.	<i>Cr.</i>	\$72 16
Jan 13.	By cash from Sabbath School, Fredericton.....	\$20 00
	Do, do, Chatham.....	20 00
Feb'y 9.	Mr Wilkins, Woodstock.....	32 00
		<u>\$72 00</u>
		D. FERGUSON, Treasurer.

Account with Educational Board.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Invested in Provincial Bonds, £2800 stg.....	\$14,000 00
Loaned on bond and mortgage of real estate in the city of Halifax.....	5600 00
In Bank.....	621 75
	<u>\$20,221 75</u>
<i>In hand 21st June, 1869.</i>	
Now due, 6 months' interest on mortgage \$2800.....	\$84 00
Due 1st July, 6 months' interest on bonds.....	420 00
	<u>504 00</u>
	\$20,725 75
Due on 1st July, Professor's salary for 6 months. from 1st April to 1st Oct. 1869	600 00
Capital 1st July, 1869.....	<u>\$20,125 75</u>
NOTE.—Balance of funds will be invested in a few days at 6 per cent.	
	JAS. J. BRENNER.

Account with Synod Fund.

	<i>Dr.</i>	
To cash paid Synod clerk's salary for year	\$80 00	
Postage, stationery, printing, &c.....	8 33	
16 copies of <i>Record</i> sent to Britain and Canada.....	10 00	
Printing Schedules for Sabbath school committee.....	0 80	
Officer of St. Andrew's, Chatham.....	4 00	
Expenses of members crossing ferry to attend meetings of this Court.....	4 00	
Members as travelling expenses.....	218 23	
	<u>\$325 91</u>	
	<i>Cr.</i>	
By amount of collections received from members by committee.....	\$277 96	
Balance in hand of R. McKenzie, Esq., Treasurer.....	47 95	
	<u>\$325 91</u>	

FOREIGN MISSION.—NOTICE.—The Foreign Mission Committee will meet at St Andrew's church, Pictou, on Wednesday, the 15th day of September at 12 o'clock. As several very important matters will then require to be finally arranged, it is hoped that all members of committee will attend.

A. MACLEAN, Convener.