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THE MISSIONARY REGISTER,

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 ON COLPORTAGE.

44,036 vols., valued at the sum of £3,558 1s.

To the Rev'd. The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

The Committee of Colportage beg leave to report,

That having completed the fifth year of their labours, they now present a brief outline of their proceedings. Last year as formerly we have endeavoured to continue our operations throughout the length and breadth of the bounds of our Church ; with the solitary exception of Miramichi and Harvey, in New Brunswick ; as well as all intervening settlements. We have even extended beyond these bounds, to the West in Nova Scotia, to the East in Cape Breton, to the North in P. E. Island, and to the N. West in New Brunswick.

The usual liberality has been exercised in giving tracts and small books to the poor ; in discount to the clergy of every denomination ; and to Sabbath school and to congregational libraries. The sales have not been quite so extensive as on former years, chiefly, if not solely, in consequence of most of the colporteurs being laid up part of last winter, on account of the state of the weather and roads. Our imports during the year have amounted to 8,57 vols. valued at £601 8s. which have been put into circulation, together with bibles, testaments, confessions, catechisms, and tracts, of which we kept no specific account.

This number and value added to those formerly imported, makes the number

As during the previous year, we have had four colporteurs employed, and we have seen no cause to change the individuals who seem so well qualified for, and interested in the work ; though for various reasons, we have occasionally changed their circuits. Mr James D. Baird spent the most of last summer in P. E. Island. Not finding it convenient to renew the supply in that quarter for reasons to be hereafter mentioned, he has been laboring since chiefly in Colchester, Cumberland, and the border counties of New Brunswick ; and is now gone to explore Cape Breton. Mr John Falkner has been chiefly employed in the southern circuit of Colchester, Halifax, Hants, and Falmouth. Mr James Millar has been employed mostly in the eastern circuit within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou, but is now on a tour round the western end of the province ; where a supply of books was ordered to meet him ; that he may complete the circuit via Annapolis, Yarmouth, Barrington, Shelburne, Liverpool and Lunenburg. Mr James Gordon last fall made a second trip to Cape Breton, and has since been traversing the intermediate settlements to the East, and those along the North shore from Carriboo to Pugwash. They have each visited and offered their books for sale to about 2000 families being 8000 in all during last year ; and they report hav-

ing joined in prayer or in religious conversation with 200 each or 800 in all; from which by the blessing of the Most High upon their humble efforts we may anticipate much good fruit sooner or later will be realized; though the full amount will probably not be known till the last day; when the Great Head of the Church will take an account of all the labors of his servants.

We have received during the year 4 congregational contributions in support of the cause; as the result of last Synod's recommendation, viz., Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield, from Onslow and Beaver Brook, Green Hill and Truro; for which the Board of Publication wish us to return their warmest acknowledgements. But it is a somewhat singular circumstance in the providence of God that just as we are getting on to carry out the entire system of colportage as they have it in operation in the P. C. of the United States, that we are likely to be interrupted if not arrested in our progress by prospective changes over which we as a committee have no control. This synod alone therefore or in connection with the Board of Publication must now decide, whether we shall proceed in this benevolent enterprise as heretofore or under any new arrangement, or terminate our labors for want of funds and credit. The cause is as follows. We were informed some time ago that a sister church in this Province was in correspondence with the Board of Publication in relation to colportage here; and several questions were asked, as to our connection and sphere of our labors respec-

tively, which were answered according to the facts of the case. Nothing further occurred in relation to this business till last fall when we were informed by the superintendent, under date of Nov 9th that arrangements had been completed with the sister church in this Province, in which she engages to carry on the system and pay all expenses over 25 per cent, and they wish us to limit our expenses to the same, or to pay any over expenditure from our own resources."

The committee having no means of meeting this difficulty, requested a continuation of the old arrangement, till this meeting of Synod; which has been granted. We therefore now submit the case for your consideration, praying that you may be directed to that conclusion which will be most conducive to the glory of God in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

In conclusion we may mention that we have had offers of the same nature from other institutions, such as the American Tract Society, and one even more liberal from an extensive publishing establishment; so that in the event of going forward, under the new system proposed, we shall be able greatly to increase the variety of our supply, and consequently also the demand; and that two of your committee viz. Messrs Dickie and Blanchard having lately removed from this county, their place should be filled up by some resident in the neighbourhood.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. BAXTER,

Com. Com. Colportage.

Onslow 23rd June 1857.

Foreign Missions.

LETTER FROM REV. MR. GEDDIE

ANKRITEUM, NEW HEBRIDES, }
April 22d, 1857. }

DEAR BRETHREN,—

I sent letters to you by way of China, dated in October, November and February, which I hope you will receive. The present communication goes by a vessel bound to Sydney. My latest letter from your Secretary is dated Nov. 29th, 1854, which I have in previous letters acknowledged. I mentioned in a former letter to you that a ship from Sydney bound to this island was wrecked, and a box in

her containing letters, periodicals, &c., for Mr Inglis and myself, entirely lost. We anticipate by the return of the "John Williams" many letters, and much grateful intelligence from home.

I feel thankful to inform you that the mission families are well. The past season has been unusually rainy and unhealthy. The natives have suffered severely from fevers, remittent and intermittent. Nearly all who live on the mission premises have been laid up, and for several weeks their houses have been like hospitals. Some of them have recovered, and others are in a hopeful

state. As our hot and rainy season is now about ended, we anticipate a change for the better. We feel that we have additional cause to thank God, whose goodness we have so largely shared in this distant land.

A severe hurricane swept over these islands in January last. The houses and plantations of the natives, in exposed places, were in a great measure destroyed by it. The large Church at this station, which stands in a conspicuous place, was slightly injured by it, but the damage was soon repaired. But I regret to add that two vessels were lost in the group,—one being driven ashore, and the other foundered at sea with all on board.

I rejoice to inform you that we continue to labor with encouragement among the natives. We indeed meet with ignorance, superstition and impiety, which cannot fail to distress us; yet, on the other hand, we see much for which we ought to thank God and take courage. The attention which many of the natives give to the means employed for their spiritual improvement encourages the hope that they are in earnest about the salvation of their souls. It is pleasing to see those who a few years ago were cruel and degraded savages, sitting at the feet of Jesus like little children.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at my station last week. It was, perhaps, our most solemn and impressive season of communion on the island. About 1400 persons had assembled on the occasion. The number of church members on our roll at present is 100, exclusive of those who have gone to heathen islands as teachers. The number of persons in communion in Mr Inglis' district is between 70 and 80.—The conduct of the church members at both stations is, in general, satisfactory. Cases of backsliding are much less frequent than might have been expected among persons who have so recently been rescued from the awful abyss of heathenism, and who from their earliest years have been familiar with its abominations. Our church members, I believe, if not intelligent, are at least sincere christians.

The cause of education advances by degrees. As our teachers are but meanly qualified for their office, and as the majority of the scholars are adults, it would be unreasonable to expect rapid progress. Notwithstanding these disad-

vantages, a large number are now able to read the word of God in their own tongue. In addition to our common schools, the daily class for young men and women of promise is continued at both stations. I have been unable to attend to this class for some months on account of other duties, especially translating and attending to the press. Rather than discontinue it, Mrs Geddie has taken charge of it, and she is assisted by some of the more advanced natives, who act as monitors. Between 50 and 60 natives attend this class.

The building for our Educational Institution has been completed. It was planned by Mr Inglis, and built by the natives under his superintendence. It is an imposing house of 70 feet long by 21 feet wide, and contains a spacious and well-fitted-up class room, with other suitable apartments. It will be opened in a few weeks, on which occasion all the teachers on the island who can attend will be present. The institution will be under Mr Inglis' direction, who is eminently qualified for so important a position. I trust that our infant institution may become a blessing to Aneiteum, and that its beneficial effects may be felt on neighboring islands. May it become a nursery for training pious and devoted teachers for the missionary work!

A very sad affair took place on this island about two months ago. In a remote inland district where the people were nearly all heathen, a woman was strangled by her own two sons, on the occasion of the death of a child of one of them. The deed was done at midnight, and the bodies of the child and grandmother were carried to the sea, and thrown into it according to the old custom. As no case of strangulation had occurred on the island for nearly four years it was supposed that the practise was entirely abolished. The whole island was thrown into a state of excitement as soon as the deed was known. The chiefs agreed to hold a meeting at the place, and punish the murderers, and Mr Inglis and I were decidedly of opinion that an act so unnatural and cruel in itself, and so outrageous to the religious principles and feelings of the almost entire population should not be overlooked; but we took a pledge from the chiefs that no injury should be done to the persons of the murderers. On the day appointed the chiefs met, but the criminals fled to the bush and hid themselves. After a

day's search one was discovered and the other surrendered himself. They confessed their guilt; but pleaded the darkness of their hearts as an excuse. As a punishment they were tied hands and feet for a time, their long hair cut off, their houses pulled down and burnt, and a fine of mats, &c., imposed—their plantations were left untouched. The poor men felt thankful to the chiefs for their leniency towards them. All the heathen in the place were assembled on the occasion, and the chiefs had a good opportunity of talking with them on the subject of christianity and urged them to give up heathenism, which they promised to do. They consented to receive a teacher and declared their intention of henceforth attending on the means of grace. I have since learnt from Mr Inglis, in whose district the affair took place, that they attend Church on the Sabbath day, though they are a long way from it. Thus has this very sad event led to the breaking up of the last strong hold of heathenism on Aneiteum.

We look with much anxiety for the return of the "John Williams." We had information of her arrival in Sydney in January last. It is probable that she will reach Aneiteum in about a month hence. It cheers us to know that Mr Gordon is in her, but how sad to think that he comes alone. I trust that others may be found willing to forsake the endearments of home and come far hence to preach among these Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. We still look to Tana as Mr Gordon's field of labour. The teachers sent to that island have done more in the way of opening it up for missionaries, than we at first ventured to expect. If they have not diffused much knowledge, they have at least been instrumental in removing prejudices, in shaking the confidence of the natives in their superstitions, and in making many desire the word of God. The cry of the man of Macedonia comes often from Tana to this island. Mr Inglis and I intend to accompany Mr Gordon to his destination. We have a good house in readiness for him, and we will take a number of our best native mechanics to put it up. I trust that other missionaries may come to his aid. Is there no young man willing to come and share with him the trials and the joys of the Tana mission.

There is at present on this island two parties of Tanese the one from the north

and the other from the south end of the island. The former party was left by a sandel wood vessel, and they have been waiting for some months the arrival of the "John Williams" hoping to get home in her, and to take teachers with them. I am sorry to say that a teacher named *Tho* whom we intended to send with them was drowned yesterday. He was one of my best teachers on this island, and was living at the station awaiting the arrival of the "J. W." to go in her to his destination. This melancholy event has thrown a gloom over our little community as he was a man respected by all. I know not where to look for a substitute for him. The other party of Tanese came in a canoe about six weeks ago. The object of their visit is to get teachers. They brought with them a pig to buy a teacher. We have promised to take a teacher to them in the "John Williams."

I must now draw my letter to a close. Remember these islands and do what you can for their evangelization. The harvest is great here but how few the labourers. Let me solicit for this mission and all engaged in it an interest in your prayers.

I remain, dear brethren,
very sincerely yours, &c.,
JOHN GEDDIE.

Rev James Bayne, }
Sec. B. F. M. P.C.N.S. }

LATER INTELLIGENCE FROM MR. GORDON.

A private letter from Mr Gordon has been received by the Rev James Bayne. It is written from Malua, Upolu, Samoa, and is dated 20th May, 1857. We give the principal contents:—

The "John Williams" had arrived thither from the Hervey Islands April 27th. The month of May at Samoa, as in Britain, is the special season for missionary meetings, and consequently Mr Gordon had an interesting and profitable time with the excellent brethren of the mission of this group, occupied by the London Missionary Society. Miss Charlotte Anne Geddie and Mrs Gordon and her husband were enjoying the company of Rev Mr Turner and family. Mr T. had in his possession a vocabulary of the Tanese language, prepared by himself, and Mr Nesbit and Mr Gordon expected to be engaged for a few days analysing and copying it. The "John Wil-

liams" had just left for Tutuila, and was expected to sail for Aneiteum soon after her return, which was expected in a week. The long boat laden with mission goods for Mr Harbutt's station left a few evenings before, but became leaky and suddenly sunk with all on board about 3 miles from the harbor. The men being good swimmers, got safely to land. The Rev Messrs. Harbutt and Drummond were to accompany Mr Gordon, and would see him settled in his new field before their return. Several teachers were also going with them, whom the Samoan brethren wish to see placed under the care of European missionaries as far as practicable. "It is possible," Mr G. adds, "that two of them may go with me." The Popish missionaries in some of the districts there are two to one of the Protestant missionaries. Mr Geddie had advised Mr Gordon to get some kind of a Boat, and he found that a Whale Boat was the most convenient, and was getting one prepared which would cost £15. He was full of ardor for the work of settled mission labor, and states that he never had such a desire as now to enter into the mission field. Meanwhile, he is engaged at the Tanese language, and preaches to English congregations on Sabbath, and finds such encouragement in this work that he was induced to believe that some of his friends at home, under the apprehension that he was already in the mission field, had begun in earnest to strive with God in prayer for him, that utterance might be given unto him that he might open his mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel.

FAREWELL MEETING TO REV. J. W. MATHESON.

An interesting farewell meeting to the Rev. Mr Matheson took place in Prince Street Church in Pictou on Tuesday 13th ult. A large audience was in attendance among whom were several ministers of other churches. The Rev Professor Smith opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev James Waddell was the first speaker. He reverted to a similar meeting eleven years ago on Mr Geddie's departure, and drew a contrast between the circumstances in which he went forth and those in which Mr Matheson now goes forth. He was followed by Mr Matheson who gave a brief account of the motives which led him to devote himself

to the Foreign field. Dr Keir then led the devotions of the meeting for special prayer for Mr Matheson. The Rev. David Roy then gave an address to the young missionary and his partner in life. The concluding address was by the Rev. George Patterson, on the necessity of the Spirit's influence to success in the Mission work. Between the addresses appropriate hymns were sung. We regret that we cannot furnish a fuller account of the addresses delivered. But we hope that means will be adopted to furnish a complete report of them.

FAREWELL MEETING IN HALL- FAX.

(From the Witness.)

To our mind there is much that is really sublime in the sight of a young man and woman—just entered into wedlock—youthful enough to relish the joys of life and old enough to fear its sorrows—leaving behind them all the endearments of home and country and venturing on a voyage of some fifteen thousands of miles over stormy seas to make their permanent abode among naked and ruthless savages,—all from love to the unseen Redeemer. Yes, there is something truly sublime in the scene which we contemplated last Wednesday evening in the Temperance Hall. A man nowise extraordinary in stature, or appearance, or talents, and a woman youthful and delicate and retiring, stood there bidding a final farewell to many a loving friend—stood there ready to sacrifice not only the comforts, elegancies and pleasures of life, but, if needful, life itself for the sake of their fellow sinners—stood there living witnesses to the reality and power of the christian faith and of love to God in the human heart. It is a noble enthusiasm that impels the votary of science to explore seas and continents, to ascend mountains and measure their height, and to fathom the depths of ocean. The passion is noble which animates the soldier to volunteer to fight for his Queen and country on the burning plains of Hindustan. But neither the soldier nor the savant would think of doing for the sake of conquest or of science what Mr MATHESON and his youthful bride are now doing for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. They have to cross two boundless oceans, to weather many a boisterous storm, to spend weary and wasteful days, weeks and months in voyaging the deep,

and finally to settle down *for life* on a lonely isle tens of thousands of miles from the centres of civilization—amid a strange race, hearing a strange language, contending life in hand against strange and cruel customs. This is a noble sacrifice on a glorious shrine. We must however stop moralizing, and give a brief account of the FAREWELL MEETING.

Eight long Tables were spread with abundance of the good things of this life, and at about half-past seven o'clock were surrounded by some three hundred ladies and gentlemen. A blessing was asked by the Rev A. McKNIGHT; and in an hour's time the tables were somewhat lightened, Coffee-pots and Tea-pots, Cream-pots and Sugar-bowls, began to feel exhausted, and "ladies and gentlemen" felt strong and comfortable.

After tea, the Chairman—Rev P. G. McGregor—explained the object of the meeting, and gave a very interesting and succinct view of the progress and present condition of the New Hebridean Mission. Almost the whole population of Aneiteum is now at school. The grand-parents, parents, and children are learning the same lessons from the same teachers. 1400 hearers attended Mr Geddie's last communion service; and 100 natives sat at the Lord's Table. Mr McGregor stated that in all probability another young Missionary would be ready to leave Nova Scotia for the New Hebrides by this time next year. He referred to Mr Johnston of Stewiacke, whose services have been accepted by the Board, and who is now acquiring some knowledge of medicine.

The Chairman then called on the Rev Mr BENTLEY to address the meeting, which that gentleman did very appropriately. Most of his remarks bore on the joys and the discouragements of the Missionary life. Any abstract of his address would not do it justice, and we have not space to give the whole.

The Rev PROFESSOR ROSS was the next speaker. His speech was admirably suited to the occasion, being a mixture of the grave and the humorous. His reference to the departing missionaries were very impressive, and affected many even to tears.

After speaking, special Prayer on behalf of Mr and Mrs Matheson was offered up by Professor Ross.

Mr Matheson then gave a brief and

spirited valedictory address to the audience. He was earnest in pressing home upon all Christians the duty of spreading the good news of salvation by all the means in their power. He showed eloquently how trifling is everything earthly, the gold of Ophir, the diamonds of Golconda, the jewels that glitter in princely crowns, compared with the jewels for the Redeemer's crown which the missionary goes forth to gather.

Appropriate Hymns were sung at intervals during the evening, Mr SAFFERY leading very skillfully on the Melodeon.

On the whole, Wednesday evening was one of the most interesting we have ever spent anywhere. Everyone seemed happy, yet somewhat sorrowful—they in some degree tasted of "the joy of grief."

May the Lord voyage them safely to the end of their voyage and guard and bless them forever!

DEPARTURE.

On Thursday evening, a party of christian friends were invited to meet Mr and Mrs Matheson at Mr C. Robson's, Dartmouth. After some time had been spent in social intercourse, the 125th Psalm was sung, the 71st Psalm was read, after which, Prayer was offered by Rev P. G. McGregor, that the Great Master, in obedience to whose commission the Missionary and his partner were about to leave their home and friends, might guide them safely through all dangers, first to our fatherland, and subsequently to the contemplated scene of their future labors; that they might be cheered and supported by the promises and provisions of divine grace, permitted to tell us of success in winning souls to Jesus, and finally that they who remain at home, and they who were departing, might be faithful in duty, constant in prayer, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

The guns of the *Niagara* were heard about 11 o'clock. At 12 o'clock Mr and Mrs Matheson embarked, being accompanied to the Steamer by christian friends, who bade them an affectionate farewell,—feeling that, amidst the uncertainties of this mortal scene, all would not be permitted to meet again in this world. The Steamer sailed about 1 o'clock.

Mission to the Jews.

(From the U. P. Record.)

The Board of Missions have to inform the church, that the deed transferring the missions and the missionary agents of "The Scottish Society for the Conversion of Israel" to the United Presbyterian Church, was formally signed on the 11th July; that the Board have, from the 1st of July, assumed the pecuniary liabilities connected with the agents and the missions, which will involve a yearly expenditure of about £1,200; and that communications have, since the transfer, been received from the missionaries, declaring that in each of the fields an increased outlay is quite necessary to insure greater success. The Board have, therefore, in the first place, to request that ministers would intimate to their people the fact of this transfer, and would take occasion, in their public ministrations, their missionary prayer-meetings, and otherwise, to bring before their congregations the special claims of this new mission to the Jews. In the second place, that the members of the church would, in accordance with the liberal and confiding spirit which prompted the Synod, to add a Jewish branch to their other missionary operations, increase their missionary contributions to

such an extent as will meet the increased demand; for, as the income of the Society whose missions we have assumed was drawn chiefly from collections made by deputations, and which were thus, in so far as our Church was concerned, extra to other donations, it is evident that our income will fall short, should congregations satisfy themselves with allocating from the usual missionary funds a portion to the Jews. An additional mission calls for additional contributions. And, in the third place, they request that those Christian friends, belonging to our own or to other churches, who have been in the habit of giving annually subscriptions and donations to the Society, will have the kindness to continue their benefactions. The conversion of the Jews is an enterprise in which, above every other, the loving spirit of the gospel has free room to operate. To them all Christians are indebted; and in laboring for their spiritual good, sectional or denominational feelings can have no place. Our desire is to carry on this mission in the most catholic spirit; and we trust, therefore, that the change of management will not abate the interest which the friends of Jesus in other churches have hitherto taken in this cause. Rather do we hope, that the only result of the change will be, enlarged funds, a wider agency, and more successful, because more extensive operations.

News of the Church.

For the Register.

STUDENT'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

West River, Oct. 10th, 1857.

The Annual Meeting of the Student's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, was held on the above named date, when it was found that the following congregations had been visited, and the following sums collected during the past year.

	P. E. I. c'y.	N. S. c'y.
Bedeque,	£1 5 7½	
Princetown,	2 8 11½	
Cavendish,	1 1 7	£4 0 1
Tatamagouche, Sharon Church,		17 10
Pictou, Prince St. Church,	1 5 0	
R. John, Wesleyan Lady,		2 6

Union Hall, West River,	17 0
Temperance Hall,	16 0
James' Church, New Glasgow, 3	2 6
Halifax,	3 2 6
Musquodoboit,	1 5 6
Brookfield,	12 9½
Maitland,	3 4 1½
Noel,	2 7 6½
Economy, (for Foreign Mission)	1 15 4½
Middle Stewiacke do. do.	2 17 6
Pembroke,	8 8½
	26 14 11½

Of this sum, £4 12s. 11½d was received exclusively for the Foreign Mission, and the remainder, £22 2s. 1d. was divided equally between the Home and Foreign Missions of the Church.

The Society from its experience during the past year, is of opinion, that the Missionary Spirit is on the increase in our Church, and would take this opportunity of expressing their thankfulness for the interest invariably manifested in the several meetings held by its members, and for the liberality of the collections. Owing to the smallness of our number, no definite arrangements have been made for the ensuing year, but encouraged by that measure of success which has so far attended our labours, we consider it to be our duty to maintain the society as heretofore, and accordingly it has been agreed, that *each member shall do his utmost to hold meetings in and around the locality in which he may be situated.*

THOS. SEDGEWICK, *Sec'y.*

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—The

Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow on the 20th ult. The Rev. George Patterson reported that according to appointment of Presbytery he had moderated in a call from the congregation of West River which had come out unanimously in favor of Mr George Roddick, preacher of the gospel. The said call signed by 148 church members, and a paper of adherence signed by 63 ordinary hearers was laid upon the table of Presbytery, and was unanimously sustained. Intimation was appointed to be given to Mr Roddick in the usual form.

The Rev Hugh Ross read a report of his labors in the Presbytery which was highly approved.

The Rev. Robert Blackwood being still unable to preach, supply was appointed for his pulpit till the next meeting of Presbytery.

FINANCE.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1856-7.

The Board of Home Missions P. C. of N.S. in Acc. with ABR. PATTERSON, *Treasurer*
1856. RECEIPTS.

July 2.	By balance of accounts at date	£27	8	10½
	“ S. W. McKean, Baddeck, 12s. 6d. ; 19th, A Friend, 5s.		17	6
19.	“ Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, Lower End M. River	1	9	10½
	“ Congregation River John	3	3	5½
	“ Green Hill Ladies' Penny-a-week Society	2	8	0
	“ Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, Primitive Church, N. G.	4	0	0
	“ Ladies' Rel. and Benevolent Society, James Church, N. G.	3	0	0
	“ Evangelical Society, do	6	6	0
Aug. 26.	“ A Friend at Cape George		10	0
Sep. 10.	“ John Annand, Esq., Gay's River		10	0
Oct. 6	“ Collection Prince Street Church, Pictou	7	8	6½
Nov. 13.	“ Merigomish cong'n., £1 13s. 7½. ; Collection Digby, 10s. 6d.	2	4	1½
	“ Mr Thomas McCulloch		10	0
	15. “ Evangelical Society, Fish Pools, E. R.	2	0	0
	“ A Friend to Missions, Forks, Middle River		10	0
	28. “ St Peter's and Bay Fortune	16	12	1
1857.				
Jan. 18.	“ A Friend to Missions, per Rev George Walker	1	0	0
Feb. 7.	“ Congregation Salem Church, Green Hill	7	6	10
	8. “ Mr James McDonald, Barney's River		5	0
	14. “ Mr Robert Smith, Truro, half year ending 31st December	5	0	0
Mar. 9.	“ Annapolis, per Rev J. L. Murdoch	5	7	6
	24. “ Mr Edward Logan, Stewiacke		6	8
	27. “ Salem Church Society, additional		13	6
	“ Contribution from Poplar Grove Church, Halifax	20	0	0
May 18.	“ Primitive Church, N.G., £18 2s. 9d. ; Baddeck, C.B., £5	23	2	0
June 18.	“ W. F. by Rev George Walker	1	0	0
	“ A Friend of Home Missions and Member of the Church	5	9	9
	“ Roger's Hill Young People's Religious and Benev. Society	1	3	6
	20. “ Mr Robert Smith, Truro, half year return	23	11	5½
30.	“ Cong'n. River John, £3 ; do Parrsboro' & Maccan, £1 6s. 8d.	4	6	8
	“ do Nine Mile River, £10 ; Annapolis, £5	15	0	0
	“ Shelburne Town, 13s. 1½d. ; Jordon, 6s. 3d. ; Ohio, 4s. 9d.	1	4	1½

" Clyde, 12s. 6d.; Philip Peebles, Esq., Quebec, 20s.	1 12 6
" Cong'n. St Peter's and Bay Fortune, £15 2s. 1d. P.E.I. c'y.	12 11 9
" do Yarmouth, £4 14s. 1d.; Bridgetown, £2 6s. 3d.	7 0 4
" Half of collection of Missionary Meeting	1 11 1½
" Bible Class, Truro, £1 4s. 3d.; Collection, Harvey, £3 8s. 8½d.	4 13 2½
" Cong'n. Windsor, £11; do Newport, £3 0s. 3½d.	14 0 3½
" do Stewiacke, £8 4s. 4d.; Middle Stewiacke, £2 10s.	10 14 4
" Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, Roger's Hill	1 1 2
	246 14 10

1856.		PAYMENTS.	
Aug. 12.	To paid Mr R. Grant balance of missionary services	£1 16 0	
27.	" Rev James Byers per order	4 2 6	
Sep. 19.	" Supplement to River John congregation	10 0 0	
Nov. 13.	" Rev J. W. Matheson per order, £20; Mr Thompson, £6	26 0 0	
28.	" Mr S. McCully, per order	4 17 9	
Dec. 31.	" 1-3 of money advanced for Register & Instructor, 1256	15 13 0½	
1857.			
Jan. 12.	" Mr S. McCully per order	2 8 6½	
Feb. 8.	" Mr A. Cameron, missions in Presbytery of Pictou	9 0 0	
12.	" Rev G. Christie, supplement to Yarmouth half year	12 10 0	
Mar. 9.	" Rev J. L. Murdoch, mission to Annapolis	3 5 0	
	" Rev J. Sprott, missions in Halifax Presbytery	5 0 6	
Apl. 24.	" Mr R. Grant, mission services Pictou Presbytery	1 10 0	
May 1.	" Mr J. Currie, missions Halifax Presbytery	10 7 8	
5.	" Mr S. McCully, missions Cape Breton	9 0 0	
	" do do extra expenses on account	3 0 0	
June 30.	" Rev S. Johnston, miss'y services previous to settlement	3 0 0	
	" J. Currie, do P. E. Island	18 0 0	
	" Rev W. Millar, Mabou	5 0 0	
	" Rev P. G. McGregor, expense mission to Bridgetown	5 0 0	
	" Rev George Patterson, expense on Home Mission Fund	5 0 0	
	" Rev Geo. Christie, half year's supplemental, Yarmouth	12 10 0	
	" Rev Alexander Cameron, missions Halifax Presbytery	24 0 0	
	" Rev Samuel Johnston, supplement, Harvey	10 0 0	
	" Rev James Thompson, missions P. E. Island	7 10 0	
	" Summerside Church, P. E. Island	10 0 0	
	" Bannockburn do do	10 0 0	
	" Commission on £219 at 2½ per cent.	5 9 6	
July	" Balance	12 14 5	
		246 14 11	
	1. By balance of accounts at date	12 14 5	
	Examined and found correct.		

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The Synod of the P. C. of N. S. in Acct. with ABRAM PATTERSON, Treasurer.

1856.		RECEIPTS.	
July 2.	To Balance due at date	£53 4 11½	
7.	" Congregation Chatham, Miramichi	2 10 0	
23.	" Session of congregation Antigonish	2 0 0	
Aug. 26.	" New Annan, per Rev R. Blackwood	14 6	
1857.			
Feb. 14.	" Mr Robert Smith, Truro	1 0 0	
June 15.	" Prince Street Church collection	6 7 9½	
20.	" Truro Session, per Mr R. Smith	6 0 0	
30.	" Congregation Poplar Grove Church, Halifax	5 7 0	

"	do	Primitive Church, N. G.	3	0	0
"	do	L. Londonderry, £4; River John, £2	6	0	0
"	do	James' Church, N. G.	3	5	0
"	do	Nine Mile River	3	0	0
"	do	Chatham, Miramichi	2	15	10
"	do	Noel—Mr Crowe's congregation	1	2	6
"	do	Maitland and Five Mile River	1	0	0
"	St Mary's, Sherbrooke, 40s; Glenelg, 20s; Caledonia, 20s		4	0	0
"	St Peter's and Bay Fortune, £3 P. E. I. c'y		2	10	0
"	Salem Church, Green Hill		2	10	0
"	Onslow and Beaver Brook		2	10	0
"	Musquodoboit, 30s; Windsor, 44s 3d; Newport, 34s 5d		5	8	8
"	Stewiacke, £7; Middle Stewiacke, 10s		7	10	0
"	Prince Town, £3 2s P. E. I. c'y		2	11	8
"	Interest on Theological Professorship Fund		36	0	0
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			160	7	11

1856.		PAYMENTS.			
Aug. 8.	To paid printing 500 Statistical Blank Returns	£2	0	0	
"	do 650 copies of Minutes	8	0	0	
"	do 650 copies Statistical Tables	4	0	0	
1857.					
June 30.	" Salary to Rev John Keir, D.D.	30	0	0	
"	do Rev James Smith	30	0	0	
"	Synod Clerk, £10; Mrs Douglass, P. E. Island, £10	20	0	0	
"	Rev J. Bayne, expense on deputation to Halifax	2	5	0	
"	Rev Wm. Miller, £5; Doorkeeper at Truro, £2	7	0	0	
"	Rev J. L. Murdoch, expenses to Harvey	5	0	0	
"	Commission on £107 at 2½ per cent	2	13	6	
July 1.	" Balance of Accounts	49	9	5	
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			160	7	11
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By balance of Accounts at date			49	9	5
Examined and found correct.					

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Educational Board P. C. of N. S. in Account with ABR. PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*

1856.		RECEIPTS.			
July 3.	By Balance of Accounts at date	£265	3	11½	
"	Principal of D. & A. Cameron's Note paid	43	0	0	
1857.					
June 15.	" Interest due at date	101	12	7	
"	Principal of W. Fraser's Note & Mortgage pd	88	7	0	498 3 6½
1857.					
		PAYMENTS.			
June 15.	To Loaned on Interest on Mortgage of Real Estate	£100	0	0	
"	Balance of Seminary Accounts	148	14	0	
"	Commission on £101—Interest collected at 2½ per cent	2	10	6	
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			251	4	6
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Balance due Educational Board			246	19	0½

ABR. PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*

Pictou, 1st July, 1857.
Examined and found correct.

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Special Effort for the Seminary in Account with ABRAM PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*

1856.		RECEIPTS.	
July 2.	By Balance of Accounts at date		£110 6 1
23.	" D. McCulloch, Esq., half of subscription		7 10 0
Sept. 3.	" Mr Thomas McCulloch, 2nd instalment		5 0 0
20.	" W. Madden, Halifax, 20s; A. McDonald, Dockyard, 100s		6 0 0
1857.			
Jan. 6.	" David McCulloch, Esq.		7 10 0
Feb. 14.	" Robt. Smith, Truro, in part, £5; Rev W. McCulloch, £10		15 0 0
	" John D. Christie		10 0 0
April 3.	" Robert Stewart, Roger's Hill		1 9 0
June 30.	" Mr Millar, Halifax		50 0 0
	" Charles Robson, 100s; H. R. Kerr, 20s		6 0 0
	" Joseph Caldwell, N. Mile River, 30s; John Fisher, do, 25s		3 15 0
	" Donald McDonald, 20s; William Fisher, 50s		3 10 0
	" Terance Canty, 80s; Alexander Ferguson, 50s		6 10 0
	" Alexander McPhee, 20s; James Fraser, 20s		2 0 0
	" James Thompson, junr., 20s; Alexander Grant, 20s		2 0 0
	" John Ferguson, 20s; John Caldwell, 20s		2 0 0
	" Donald Ferguson, junr., 20s; Alexander Thompson, 20s		2 0 0
	" Evan McDonald, 10; John McPee, 20s		1 10 0
	" Donald Fitzpatrick, 20s; Interest on £150 one year, £9		10 0 0
	" Paid in of Money loaned at Interest		100 0 0
			351 11 1

1856.		PAYMENTS.	
Oct. 7.	To paid Rev Wm. McCulloch		£100 0 0
16.	" Rev James Ross		20 0 0
1857.			
July 1.	" Commission on £141 at 2½ per cent		3 10 6
	" Balance at date		228 0 7
			351 11 1
By balance at date			228 0 7
Examined and found correct.			

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

1856.		RECEIPTS.	
July 23.	By from Ladies' Religious Society James' Church, N. G.		£3 0 0
Sep. 19.	" Balance from Rev H. Crawford		7½
1857.			
Jan. 20.	" Rel. and Benev. Society St John's Church, Chatham, N.B.		2 0 0
Feb. 7.	" Congregation Salem Church, Green Hill		3 2 7
14.	" Ladies' Seminary Society, Pictou		3 4 4½
	" Mr Robert Smith, Truro, half year return		4 10 0
Mar. 24.	" Mr Edward Logan, Stewiacke		6 8
Apl. 4.	" Missionary Society, Noel, per Miss N. O'Brian		3 0 0
	" Ladies' Sewing Society, Pictou		3 0 0
	" Misses McCulloch, 50s; Mrs and Miss McCulloch, 50s		5 0 0
May 18.	" Congregation St Mary's for 1857		12 10 0
	" William Matheson, Esq.		10 0 0
June 15.	" Collection taken in Primitive Church, New Glasgow		26 0 0
20.	" Mr Robert Smith, Truro, half year return		62 18 8
30.	" Congregation Lower Stewiacke and Brookfield		1 10 0
	" do Parrsboro' and Maccan		1 6 8
	" Nine Mile River		14 0 0

	" Philip Peebles, Esq., Quebec, 20s ; Truro Bible Class, 40s	3	0	0
	" Congregation Musquodoboit, 23s 9d ; Stewiacke, £10 2s 8d	11	6	5
	" do Middle Stewiacke	6	5	0
	" do St Peter's and Bay Fortune, £3 6s P.E.I. c'y	2	15	0
	" do Prince Town, £2 8s P. E. I. c'y	2	0	0
July 1.	" Balance charged Educational Board at date	148	14	0
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		329	10	0
1856.	PAYMENTS.			
Sept. 3.	To paid Rev James Ross, half year's salary	£87	10	0
	" Mr Thomas McCulloch, do	75	0	0
1857.				
Feb. 28.	" Rev James Ross, do	87	10	0
Mar. 20.	" Mr Thomas McCulloch, do	75	0	0
July 1.	" Commission on £180 at 2½ per cent	4	10	0
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		329	10	0

Examined and found correct.

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Committee.*

Board of For. Miss. for Schr. John Knox in Acct. with ABR. PATTERSON, Treasurer.

1856.		RECEIPTS.		
July 2.	By amount received to date	£99	13	1
	" collected from Children, lower end Roger's Hill	2	9	3½
21.	" Economy, per Mr R. Grant	2	10	0
23.	" River John, additional	1	3	4
	" Union Sabbath School, Albion Mines	2	6	10½
	" Bible Class, Rev A. Millar, Merigomish	1	2	7½
	" Children of David Dickson, Esq., Albion Mines	9	0	
	" do Mr Foster, Fisher's Grant	2	6	
	" Sabbath School, Maitland	1	15	0
	" Children of Sabbath School James' Church, N. G.	13	7	0
Aug. 27.	" Mr Cameron, East Branch East River	17	6	
	" Fisher's Grant Section of Prince-St. congregation, addl.	2	10	
Sept. 20.	" Miss Sarah Fraser, Granville-St., Halifax	1	0	0
	" Sabbath School, Fisher's Grant	17	6	
22.	" Mr David Stewart, Charlotte Town, 8s 4d ; Sabbath School, Prince Town, P. E. I., 19s	1	7	4
Oct. 4.	" Collected by Messrs. McCoal & Graham, Durham, W. R.	3	13	4
	" Sabbath School Children, Upper District, New Annan	5	0	
Nov. 8.	" Master J. A. G. Campbell, Tatamagouche	5	0	
	" Sabbath School, Baltic, 18s 4d ; Pond, 6s 8d ; Lot 18, P.E.I.	1	5	0
1857.				
Feb. 14.	" Mr Robert Smith, Truro	4	0	11
Mar. 24.	" All persons in Rev James Smith's congregation, Stewiacke	6	0	0
	" Scholars Mr E. Logan's School, Pembroke	1	0	0
	" Miss Elizabeth Ruddick, 15s 3d ; Miss Sarah Crocket, 5s	1	0	3
Apr. 18.	" Prince Street Church Sabbath School	2	0	0
June 18.	" Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, West Branch, E. R.	1	0	0
	" Sabbath School, Harvey, £6 11s ; A Lady at do, 25s	7	16	0
July 1.	" Bank Interest on £120 one year at 3 and 4 per cent	4	4	0
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	To amount credited Foreign Mission	£157	14	10½
	" Commission on £157 at 2½ per cent	3	18	6
		161	13	4½

London Missionary Society in Acc. with ABR. PATTERSON, Treasurer P.C. of N.S.

1856.		RECEIPTS.		
Apr. 23.	By Hugh McDonald, Esq., South River, Antigonish	£1	0	0

June 26.	" Mr Robert Smith, Truro, half year return	2	10	0
July 1.	" A Lady at Prince Town, P. E. I.		10	0
23.	" William Matheson, Esq.	5	0	0
	" Joseph McNaught, Pietou	1	0	0
	" Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, Primitive Church, N. G.	2	0	0
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1857.		12	0	0
July 1.	Credited in Foreign Mission Account	12	0	0
	Examined and found correct.			

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Notices, Acknowledgments, &c

TO AGENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS.—We are reluctant to trouble our readers with duns, but religious magazines more than others cannot be published without money, and we must therefore press upon our agents and subscribers who are in arrears to forward the amounts due. We regret that there is still the sum of about £20 due for 1856, and a considerable larger sum for 1857. Were these sums forwarded our periodical this year would about support itself. But in order to meet the monthly payments we require also *prompt* payments. Will agents be so good as to use diligence to collect what is not yet paid, and if they have not collected from all subscribers in their quarters, will they forward what they have received.

The Board of Home Missions will meet at New Glasgow on Tuesday, 17th November, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE PATTERSON, *Secretary.*

The Presbytery of Pictou will meet in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 17th November, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE WALKER, *Clerk.*

The Board of Foreign Mission will meet in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 17th November, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

DAVID ROY, *Convener.*

Monies received by the Treasurer from 20th September to 20th October, 1857:—
1857. *Foreign Mission.*

Sep 25.	Children of lower Sabbath School, New Annas, for Missionary schooner	£0	12	9
30.	Inhabitants of N Annan, per Mr G B Johnston	5	14	10
Oct 13.	Master Melville Logan, per Rev J Smith	3	1	½
	Collected by Miss Mary Grant, Springville, E P, for Missionary schooner	1	0	0
	<i>Home Mission.</i>			
Oct 13.	Juvenile Missionary Society, 2nd Presbyterian Church, Maitland	£5	0	0

Mrs Hugh Dunlap, per				
Rev J Smith	1	5	0	
Shear Harbour, 60s; Chiverre, 19s 7½d; Taylor's Head, 5s; Pope's Harbor, 27s 6d; Rawdon, 32s 9d; per Mr S McCully	7	4	10½	
Sums received by the Rev R Sedgewick on Miss'n	1	15	0	
Rawdon, 43s 11½d; Kempt, 37s 6d; Bridgetown, 40s; Rail Road, 28s 6d; per Rev J Thompson	7	9	1½	
Cape Sable Island, 62s 6d; Rawdon, 16s; per Mr R Grant	3	18	6	
15. A friend in Chatham, per Rev J McCurdy	1	5	0	
The £3 credited from Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, page 160 of Register, should be "Home Mission, from River John, £3."				

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

Cash 2s 6d from Mrs Redpath, Carriboo River; 16 yards homespun dragged from the Ladies of the upper end of Roger's Hill, per Widow McKay; 5 parcels from the Rev George Patterson; cash 2s 6d from Mrs John McMillan, Toney River; cash 2s 6d from a friend; a parcel of goods from the Ladies of River John, value £4 10s 7½d; a dress from John Collie, value 8s 1½d; a box of goods from the Ladies of St Mary's (Glenelg), value £5 9s 10d; 4 boxes and 2 packages from Mr R Smith, Truro, value £71 17s 6d; a box of goods from the congregation of Cascumpec and Campbelltown, Lo: 4 P E Island, value £17 10s Island currency, per the Rev Allan Fraser; a parcel of goods from the Ladies of Middle and Upper Settlement, Middle River, belonging to Salem congregation, value £4 8s 8½d, and from Green Hill section of same congregation, goods, value 6s 3d; a box of goods from the inhabitants of New Annan, per George B. Johnston, value £5 17s 9½d; a small 1st carpenter's tools, value 6s; a small parcel containing shepherd's plaid, print, &c; 2 boxes goods from P E Island; a parcel of

goods from the Ladies of Glenelg, St Mary's, value £1 5s; a piece of homespun from the Ladies of Springville in connection with the Rev Angus McGilveray's congregation; a box goods from Tatamagouche; a box goods from Antigonishe; a box clothing contributed by a few friends in Chatham, per Mrs Richardson, value £10; a box clothing contributed by the Juvenile Missionary Society in connection with Miss Richardson's school, per Miss Harriet McCurdy, Secretary J M Society, value £6; a parcel of goods from the Ladies of Mill Brook, value £1 19s 5d; an additional parcel of yarn, yellow cotton, and 1 pair stockings, from the Ladies of River John, value 6s 6d, per the Rev Mr Waddell.

A parcel from the Ladies of Glenmore Settlement containing printed and striped cotton grass cloth, &c. £1 1 9½
 A pair of scissors from Mrs Wm Layton 1 3
 43 yards printed cotton from the Ladies of the lower part of Upper Settlement 1 5 11½
 31 yards flannel from the Ladies of Higgins Settlement 1 18 9
 A box containing printed cotton, shirting, quilt and sundries, from the Ladies of No 9 School district 2 14 5
 Dean Settlement, per the Rev Mr Sedgewick 10 6

Total 7 12 8

A web cloth, per steamer "George McKenzie," 16 yards, value 32s, from Mrs Magnus Taylor, Fraser's Mountain; a parcel of goods, value £3 18s 8d, from the Ladies of Cross Road School District, Stewiacke; 31 yards cloth from the Ladies of Old Church, East Branch East River, Rev Angus McGilveray's congregation. Pictou, October 20, 1857.

Robert Smith, Truro, acknowledges the receipt of the following for the Foreign Mission:—

Ladies of Union School district, Middle Musquodoboit, 43 yds cloth, value £3 10s; from Mrs Wm G Archibald, Mrs M J Archibald, Mrs S I Archibald and Mrs J McDonald, Middle Musquodoboit, a web cloth; Mrs John Kennedy, a table cover; Mrs Brown, a cotton dress, value 2s 9d; Mrs George Whidden, 3 yards flannel, 4s 6d; Mrs James H Wilson, 1 pair socks and 1 pair stockings and yarn, 6s 3d; Ladies of Shubenacadie, 30 yards flannel, value £1 17s 6d.

Mrs McCulloch acknowledges the receipt of the following for Mrs J W Matheson:—

Ladies' Religious and Benevolent Society, Truro L5 0 0
 Do Old Barns 2 0 0
 Ladies of Salmon River 1 15 0

Rev J W Matheson acknowledges the receipt of following sums for personal outfit:—

May 11. A few friends, R's Hill L2 0 2½
 June 7. Rev David Hoveyman's cong'n, Antigonishe 7 3 7½
 Hugh Macdonald, Esq, South River 2 0 0
 14. Rev J Campbell's cong'n, Forks, St Mary's 4 10 0
 21. Sherbrooke 5 0 0
 July 31. Rev Henry Crawford's cong'n, St Peter's, P.E.I 2 2 3
 Aug 7. Congregation of Rev Jno Kier, Princetown 3 15 0
 Mission Box, per Mrs Kier 16 10½
 9. Rev R S Patterson's congregation, Bedeque 3 18 4
 17. Rev J McCurdy's cong'n, Chatham, Miramichi 9 18 5
 Juvenile Missionary Society, Chatham, in connection with Miss Richardson's school 1 5 0
 A Friend 1 0 0
 24. Parrsboro, Rev J McG McKay's congregation 1 10 4½
 Sept 2. D Cameron, contractor, St Croix 1 0 0
 8. Collection taken at Missionary Meeting, Halifax, Rev P G McGreggor's congregation 5 10 0
 Mrs Miller of do 12 6
 Ladies of James' Church, N G & Albion Mines 9 10 0
 Oct 14. East Branch East River, per Rev A McGillivray 3 16 0
 Salem Church, G Hill, per Rev G Patterson 9 5 0
 Also from Rev G Patterson one copy Scott's Commentary.
 Middle Stewiacke 5 14 2
 Sabbath School scholars of Brookfield, per Rev Alexander Cameron 3 0 6
 Ladies of Roger's Hill in connection with Central cong'n, articles val at 2 5 0
 Ladies' Sewing Society in connection with Mr Walker's cong'n, New Glasgow, val articles 2 16 10½
 West River and G Hill—Ladies of West River congregation, per Mrs D Matheson and Miss G McKenzie 6 0 0

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Mrs Matheson acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions:—			
Ladies of Salem Church, G Hill	£4 11 8	James Grant (2nd)	2 0 0
Ladies' Religious and Benevolent Society, West River	1 18 5	Wm. John Scot (paid for one year)	1 5 0
Do, Truro	5 0 0	Donald Thompson (paid 12s. 6d.)	2 10 0
Salmon River, per Mrs McCulloch	1 15 0	George Grant (paid 10s.)	2 0 0
Ladies' Religious and Benev. Society East Branch East River, per Mrs McGillivray	2 5 0	William Grant (paid 20s.)	4 0 0
Ladies of Primitive Church, N. Glasgow, per Miss M Carmichael and Miss C Fraser, articles valued at 20	3 9½	Peter McDonald	1 0 0
Ladies' Society of Poplar Grove Church for personal outfit in clothing and furniture	5 0 0	Isaac Hamilton	2 10 0
	40 13 10 1-2	William Grant (2nd)	2 0 0
		Robert Roulston	1 5 0
		James McDonald	1 0 0
		Peter Grant	2 0 0
		William Dodd	1 0 0
		John Grant (3rd)	2 10 0
		James Grant, 4th, (paid 5s.)	1 0 0
		John L. Kileup	1 5 0
		Donald Grant (2nd)	2 10 0
		Donald Grant (1st)	1 0 0
		James Cochran	1 0 0
		Finlay Murdoch	1 0 0
		William A. Scot (paid 25s.)	5 0 0
		David McDonald	1 0 0
		Total	51 0 0

Mrs Matheson desires to thank the Ladies of Pictou and Tatamagouche for the articles which they kindly contributed for her personal outfit.

Contribution of the congregation of Poplar Grove Church to the Foreign Mission per Rev J Matheson:—	
In cash for outfit	£6 2 6
In clothing, &c., for Mr & Mrs M.	5 0 0
In clothing for natives at Mr Matheson's station, 215 garments	17 16 1
Assortment of Tools from Glasgow for Masons, Plaisterers and Carpenters under Mr Geddie's charge	40 0 0
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Subscriptions for Seminary from the *Kennetcook* and *Gore* sections of Nine Mile River Congregation, amounting to *Ninety-Five Pounds*. The *Register* for March, 1856, contains a list of subscriptions for Nine Mile River Congregation amounting to £123. Mr Cameron's congregation has thus subscribed £218. All that is required to support the Seminary, is *Union* combined with *Effort*.

<i>Kennetcook.</i>			
George White (paid 25s.)	£5 0 0	T. Fenerty	£1 5 0
John McDougald (paid 40s.)	5 0 0	C. D. Hunter	2 10 0
James Anthony (paid 20s.)	6 0 0	J. R. Foreman	5 0 0
Joseph McLearn	2 0 0	A. James	1 10 0
James McLearn	2 0 0	J. S. Hutton	1 0 0
Matthew McLearn	2 0 0	C. Robson	1 0 0
John McLearn	2 0 0	J. McKnight	5 0 0
Joseph McLearn	3 0 0	G. Alexander	15 0
Daniel McLearn	2 0 0	James Fraser	1 0 0
Columbus Wier	3 0 0	T. G. Davidson	10 0
James Forbes	1 10 0	D. McEwan	12 6
Jacob Dalrymple	2 0 0	H. B. Reid	12 6
John White, senr.	1 10 0	S. Archibald	10 0
Hugh Thomps. n	4 0 0	J. McEwan	12 6
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