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MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FIRST DIET.

*At and within St. James' Church,
Charlottetown, P. E. I., the 26th day of June, 1872.*

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, after an appropriate discourse preached by the Rev. Alexander MacLean, Belfast, P. E. I., the retiring Moderator, from 1 Corinthians 9th ch. and 16th v.: "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel," and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Alexander MacLean.

The Synod Roll

was then produced and read by the Rev. Mr. Duncan, in the absence of the Clerk, and contained the names of 32 ministers, 27 elders and 3 missionaries.

In the absence of many of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick members of the Synod, it was agreed to postpone the calling of the roll until tomorrow's sederunt, and also the notice of the changes which have taken place since the meeting of Synod last year.

The Election of the Moderator

for the ensuing year was then taken up, when the retiring Moderator stated that the Rev. James Murray of Dalhousie, New Brunswick, had been selected by the ex-Moderators as the member of Synod on whom the honours and duties of the office devolve. The nomination was received and agreed to by the Synod, and the Rev. James Murray took the chair accordingly.

Synod Clerk.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Duncan, it was agreed that until the appointment of a Clerk of Synod, the Rev. Mr. Caie be requested to act as Clerk.

Reception of American Delegates.

The Rev. G. M. Grant of Halifax introduced the Delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The following motion was unanimously agreed to:—

"The Synod having heard the addresses of the Delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, conveying the cordial greetings of that great Church, records its indebtedness to the Assembly for having again thought of this Synod, and to those Fathers and Brethren, for bringing its Christian greetings; thanks them for the cheering intelligence brought concerning the great work done by the Church throughout the length and breadth of the neighboring Republic; rejoices with them in the success with which God has blessed them as a Church, especially since the year of re-union; and trusts that the relations which have been inaugurated so happily between us and our friends in the States, may become more intimate every year."

The Moderator then called on the Rev. Mr. Herdman to engage in prayer.

Thanks to the Retiring Moderator.

The Rev. P. Melville moved, and it was unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the retiring Moderator for his excellent sermon and his conduct in the chair.

Committees.

The Rev. G. M. Grant moved that the following Committees be appointed.
Committee on Bills and Overtures—Rev. T. Duncan, Convener; Rev. R. J. Cameron and Mr. A. Kennedy.

Committee to arrange for Sabbath Services, Missionary Meeting, and the Dispensation of the Lord's Supper—The members of the Prince Edward Island Presbytery.

Committee for Examining Presbytery Records—Rev. James Anderson, Convener; Revs. P. Melville and Daniel McCurdy.

Hours of Meeting.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Grant, it was resolved that the hours of meeting for Synod be the same as last year, viz: from 10½ A. M. to 1 P. M.; from 3 P. M. to 5½ P. M., and from 7½ P. M. *ad libitum*.

The Rev. W. P. Begg was then appointed to conduct devotional exercises, and the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10.30, A. M., of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND DIET.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 27th, 1872.

The Synod met, and, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. W. P. Begg, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll having been called, the minutes were read and sustained.

Changes during the past year.

The Rev. Thomas Duncan, Convener of the Business Committee, reported the business for the day; and also read the changes which had taken place during the past year, which are as follows:—

In the Presbytery of Miramichi—The Rev. S. Russell has been appointed to give stated supply at Red Bank and Black River.

In the Presbytery of St. John—Rev. P. Melville has resigned the assistantship of Fredericton, and has been appointed to the charge of Georgetown and Cardigan in the Presbytery of P. E. Island. The Rev. W. P. Begg has been appointed but not yet inducted to the charge of Woodstock and Northampton.

In the Presbytery of P. E. Island—The Rev. G. W. Stewart has resigned the charge of St. Peter's Road and Brackley Point Road, and the Rev. John Moffat is at present laboring in these charges as missionary.

In Pictou Presbytery—Mr. Gordon has been appointed to labor as catechist in Cape Breton.

In Halifax Presbytery—The Rev. J. F. Campbell has been inducted to the charge of Richmond and N. W. Arm.

Committee on Committees.

The Rev. W. McMillan moved the following resolution, and Rev. Mr. Duncan seconded, and it was agreed to:—

“That whereas the present constitution of the Committees of the Synod is not such as to divide the labors equally, a Committee on Committees be now appointed, consisting of the Conveners of six Committees of Synod, to meet as soon as possible and prepare to recommend to the Synod such a distribution of the members as will best secure the efficient working of the Synod's Schemes, and also a fair representation of the different sections of the Church: Rev. Allan Pollok, Convener.”

Resignation of Synod Clerk.

The Moderator read a letter from Mr. W. G. Pender, resigning his clerkship of Synod. On motion of the Rev. R. J. Cameron, it was resolved that a Committee consisting of Messrs. Pollok, Grant, McLean, Caie, Wilson, and the Moderator, be appointed to take the appointment of a clerk into consideration, and submit to the Synod, at its next sederunt, the name of one suitable for the important and responsible duties of Clerk of the Synod.

Committee to prepare Addresses.

The Rev. John McMillan moved, and Rev. W. T. Wilkins seconded, and it was agreed to, that a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. McCunn, Duncan, and Cameron and Mr. Lindsay, be appointed to prepare addresses to the Queen, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.

Commissions.

The Rev. Mr. Duncan called attention to the fact that the Commission of the Delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States was laid on the table last evening, but not read. The Commission was then ordered to be read, which was done accordingly.

The Moderator then called for the Report of the Committee on

The "Monthly Record,"

as the next in the order of business. The Rev. John Campbell, Convener, submitted a full and satisfactory report, (*see Appendix A*), showing the present state of the "Record," its increased circulation, and the financial statement for the year. On submitting the Report, Mr. Campbell tendered his resignation as Editor of the "Monthly Record." It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Melville, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. McRae, that the Report of the Convener of the "Monthly Record" be approved, the Committee be commended for their diligence, and that the editorial staff be continued for the next year. The Rev. Mr. McRae, in seconding the foregoing resolution, submitted the following amendment, which was unanimously agreed to: "that a hundred dollars be voted to Mr. Campbell from the surplus funds of this year, as a small token of the Synod's appreciation of his services."

Appointment of Synod Clerk.

The Committee on the appointment of Synod Clerk gave in their report, that they had unanimously resolved to nominate the Rev. P. Keay of St. Andrew's, N. B., as Clerk for the period of one year. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Report be adopted. Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Keay, having accepted the appointment, thanked the Synod for their kindness, and took his place at the table as Clerk of the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Caie being requested to give in his Report as Convener of the

Committee on Statistics.

gave it in verbally, that no replies had been received by him in answer to his notice in the "Record," asking for information regarding any changes in the Statistics of charges, as published last year.

The Rev. Mr. Melville moved, Mr. Pollok seconded, and it was agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee for their diligence, that they be re-appointed and instructed to send printed schedules of questions on Statistics to the several ministers, and prepare a full and accurate table of Statistics of the Synod for publication before its next meeting.

The thanks of the Synod were accordingly given by the Moderator to the Convener, the Rev. Geo. J. Caie.

The Report of the Committee on the

Widows' and Orphans' Fund

was called for and given by the Rev. R. J. Cameron, who read the resolution of last Session of Synod on this important scheme, and moved that as the subject had been entrusted to the various Presbyteries within the bounds, a Committee be now appointed, consisting of Messrs. McRae, Grant, Home, Wilson, Duncan and Cameron, to ascertain what had been done, and give in their Report at a future sederunt of this Synod. This motion was seconded and agreed to.

The Rev. Mr. Grant gave in the Report of the

Indian Orphanage Fund

in connection with the Juvenile Mission Scheme, of which the Rev. Dr. Brooke was Convener, but who was not attending Synod this year. It showed that \$64 had been raised by three Sabbath Schools in New Brunswick for the support of Orphans, and that the same had been remitted to the Treasurer in Edinburgh. Mr. Grant moved that the Report now given be received, and the Committee on the subject be discharged. This was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Pollok, and agreed to.

Hours of Meeting.

The Rev. Mr. Pollok moved, with regard to the hours of meeting during the present Session of Synod, that they be as follows:—viz., from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., and from 7½ P. M. *ad libitum*. This was cordially agreed to. He also further moved, and it was seconded and agreed to, that the Synod now adjourn till the hour of evening sederunt, when the Home Mission Report should be given in by the Convener, the Rev. G. M. Grant.

In the evening the Synod again met, when, after Divine worship in praise and prayer, the Report of the

Home Mission Board

was called for and given in by the Rev. Mr. Grant, Convener. (*See Appendix B.*) When the Rev. Mr. Pollok moved, and Mr. McRae seconded, the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to. (*See Appendix C.*)

Reception of Rev. Dr. Masson.

At this part of the Synod's proceedings, the Rev. Thomas Duncan introduced to the Court the Rev. Dr. Masson of the Gaelic Church, Edinburgh, who had been sent out by the Colonial Committee to visit the Gaelic congregations of our Church in the Dominion, and moved that the Rev. gentleman be received and welcomed by the Synod, which was most cordially agreed to. After his reception and welcome by the Moderator, in the name of the Synod, Dr. Masson addressed the Court very ably, giving his views of the prospects and duty of our Church in the Dominion. The address of the Rev. gentleman was received with great applause, and his name was added to the roll of the Synod.

It was thereafter moved, seconded and agreed to, that the Synod adjourn till to-morrow, to meet again (D. V.) at 9 A. M., when the subject of the Home Mission Board's Report should be resumed. The Rev. J. F. Campbell of Richmond, Halifax, was appointed to conduct devotional exercises, and, after singing the Doxology, and the Benediction having been pronounced by the Moderator, the Synod adjourned.

THIRD DIET.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 28th, 1872.

The Synod met, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. J. F. Campbell, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll having been called, the minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Report of Home Mission Board.

The Rev. T. Duncan gave in a Report of the business of the day, and, as appointed at the adjournment of last evening, the consideration of the Home Mission Board's Report was resumed. With reference to some charges and questions put by the Rev. J. Robertson, Tabusintac, in connection with the Home Mission Board proceedings, the Rev. Mr. Pollok moved, and Mr. Cameron seconded, and it was agreed to, that the matters be referred to a joint meeting of the Presbytery of Miramichi and the Home Mission Board.

The Rev. Jas. Anderson, of Wallace, gave in the Report of the Committee on

Presbytery Records,

which was received and approved of, and the Records ordered to be attested in terms thereof. This was done accordingly.

After a lengthened discussion, the Resolution anent the Home Mission Board's Report was unanimously passed.

The Rev. Donald McRae then gave in the Report of the

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

(See Appendix D.) The Synod, as the hour of morning adjournment had come, appointed this matter to be taken up at the evening sederunt, and, after praise and the benediction, adjourned.

In the evening, after Divine Service by the Rev. Donald McRae, the minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained. The consideration of the Report of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was taken up, and the Rev. Mr. McRae, Convener, submitted a copy of the circular letter on this subject, prepared by the elders of the Presbytery of Halifax. Whereupon the following motion was moved by Mr. Hector McKenzie, of Albion Mines, seconded, and agreed to:—

"That the Report of the Special Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund be adopted; that the different Presbyteries of the Church be enjoined to act in terms of the recommendation; and the Committee now formed in Halifax city be requested to act in the meantime as the Synod's Central Committee, to work the Scheme outlined in the Report."

The Report of the

Union Committee.

was called for, and given in by the Rev. Mr. Pollok, Convener. (See Appendix E.)

After consideration, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Grant, seconded and agreed to, that the consideration of this subject be postponed till to-morrow.

The Rev. Alexander McLean then read the Report of the Committee on

Foreign Missions.

(See Appendix F.) When the Rev. Mr. Grant moved, and it was seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Report be received and adopted, and a Committee, consisting of the Revs. J. F. Campbell and P. Melville, and Robert Robertson, Esq., be appointed to draw up a resolution expressive of the Synod's mind on the subject, and report to to-morrow's sederunt.

The Moderator requested the Synod, after having heard of the prosperity of this Scheme, under the great blessing of God, to join in praise and prayer,

which was most cordially done. Prayer being offered by the Rev. R. McCunn, of River John, N. S.

The Rev. Wm. McMillan, of Saltsprings, N. S., gave in the Report of the
Young Men's Scheme.

(See Appendix G.) When it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Report now read be received and adopted; that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Convener for his able services, and that he be requested to continue his Convenership. This was accordingly done, and Mr. McMillan, to the great gratification of Synod, complied with the request, withdrawing the resignation he had tendered on submitting his Report.

Letter from Delegate of U. P. Church of North America.

The Clerk here read a letter he had received from the Rev. John P. Robb, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Providence, Rhode Island, U. S., intimating his appointment as delegate from the United Presbyterian Church of North America to the Synod, and his expectation to be present with the Synod on Monday evening. The announcement was received with great pleasure by the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Herdman, Vice-Convener, gave in the Report of the

Sabbath School Committee.

(See Appendix H.) When the Rev. Mr. Grant moved, and it was seconded and unanimously agreed to, that the Report now read be received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod be given to the Convener and Vice-Convener for their services; and that a small Committee, consisting of the Revs. Mr. McCunn, J. F. Campbell and T. Duncan be appointed to draw up a resolution containing the views of the Synod, as to the action the Synod, as a Church, should take in the matter of Sabbath Schools, and report to a future sederunt.

The Rev. John Moffat was appointed to conduct devotional exercises in the morning, after which, with praise and benediction, the Synod adjourned.

FOURTH DIET.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 29th, 1872.

The Synod met, according to adjournment, and, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. John Moffat of St. Peter's Road and Brackley Point, P. E. I., was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll having been called, the minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

The resolution on Foreign Missions was given in by the Rev. J. F. Campbell. (See second page of cover.)

The Rev. John Campbell moved in terms of the resolution, which was seconded and agreed to.

Letter from Canadian Delegates.

The Rev. T. Duncan read a letter from the Canadian Delegates, Messrs. Doudiet and White, informing the Synod, to their deep regret, that they could not be present as they had earnestly hoped.

Union.

The subject of Union was then taken up, and the Rev. Allan Pollok addressed the Court at length on the subject, giving, by request, explanation of the changes which had been made in the basis of Union, when the Rev. Jas. Anderson of Wallace, N. S., moved as follows:—

“That, on resuming consideration of the Union Committee's Report, the Synod having heard additional statements from the Convener, while this Court expresses its willingness

to keep pace with the other churches in all negotiations, and its unabated desire for Union, yet, at the present time, in view of recent decisions of the Supreme Courts of the other Churches, whereby Union is likely to be somewhat delayed, considers it unnecessary to enter upon the consideration of the articles of the proposed Basis, as reported at the present time; approve of the diligence of the Committee; re-appoint them, with instructions to confer with such Committees as may be appointed by other Churches, and otherwise endeavour to promote re-union."

The Rev. John Campbell seconded the above, and it was unanimously agreed to by the Synod.

The Statement of Accounts of the

Dalhousie College Endowment Scheme and Fund

was now submitted and read by the Rev. Allan Pollok, and was received and adopted.

It was also moved by the Rev. Mr. Pollok, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, "That, in connection with this statement, the Synod would record its great obligations to J. J. Bremner, Esq., Halifax, for his valuable services as Treasurer; for the ability and care with which, at much inconvenience, he manages the finances of the Church; and order the Clerk to convey to Mr. Bremner the thanks of the Synod, in terms of this motion."

The Report of the Committee on

Devotions

was now called for and given in by the Rev. Thomas Duncan, Convener, and agreed to.

Overture.

An overture on Christian Life and Work was read by the Rev. J. F. Campbell, and, after much discussion, it was resolved to take up the subject on Monday.

Resolution anent Dr. Masson's Visit.

Mr. Pollok read and tabled a motion, relative to the visit of the Rev. Dr. Masson of Edinburgh, as delegate to this meeting of Synod. (*See Appendix I.*)

This motion was seconded, and unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. P. Melville was appointed Convener of the Committee on Committees, in place of the Rev. Allan Pollok, who requested to be relieved from that duty; and their report was ordered to be given in on Monday.

The order of business for Monday was read.

The Rev. P. Melville was appointed to conduct devotional exercises on Monday morning, when, after praise, and the benediction by the Moderator, the Synod adjourned to meet again (D. V.) on that day at 9 A. M.

FIFTH DIET.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, July, 1st, 1872.

The Synod met, according to adjournment, and, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. P. Melville, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was then called, and the Minutes were read and sustained.

Overture.

The Synod then took into consideration the Overture brought in at last sederunt by the Rev. J. F. Campbell, on Christian life and work, according to the resolution of the Synod at that diet. It was as follows: The Rev. J. F. Campbell moved, and the Rev. Mr. Wilson seconded, "That the Synod earnestly recommend Presbyteries to hold as many visitations of the congregations within their bounds as they possibly can; and at these make special effort to obtain information regarding the spiritual life of the congregations, and to

promote the same. Further, that Reports shall be received at Presbytery from congregations which cannot be visited during the year: and further, that one evening session of each Synod shall be devoted to consultation and giving of information on this subject."

After much consideration of this subject, it was resolved that, as it will naturally come up in connection with the Reports of other Committees, and much variety of opinion exists as to the best mode of carrying out the object in view, which all deem of very great importance, it is expedient, at this last sederunt of the Synod this year, to defer determining according to the above motion.

Report on Sabbath School Report.

The Rev. Mr. McCunn gave in the Report of the Committee on the Sabbath School Report, which was as follows. (*See Appendix J.*) Whereupon it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that this Report be received and adopted.

Collections for Schemes.

The Synod then proceeded to appoint days for the Congregational collections for the Schemes of the Church, when it was resolved that these be the same as last year, viz. :—

Young Men's Bursary Fund, last Sabbath of July.

Foreign Missions, last Sabbath of October.

Home Missions, last Sabbath of January.

Synod Fund, last Sabbath of April.

The Report of the

Commissioners to the Synod of our Church in Ontario and Quebec

was then called for, and given in verbally, by the Rev Wm. Wilson, of Chatham, N. B., when the Rev. Mr. Wilkins moved; and it was seconded and agreed to, that the Report be received, and the thanks of the Synod be given by the Moderator to the Delegates, which was done accordingly.

Report of Committee on Committees.

The Rev. Mr. Melville, the Convener of the Committee on Committees, gave in their Report: when it was moved by the Rev. T. Duncan, seconded and agreed to, that this Report be received, and the various Committees be as follows. (*See second page of cover.*) Also, that this Committee consist of the following: Rev. Mr. Herdman, Convener; Rev. Messrs. Melville, Duncan, Wilson, J. F. Campbell.

Report of Committee on Addresses.

The Committee on Addresses to Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, gave in their Report, and received their instructions.

The Rev. G. J. Caie gave in the Report of the

Synod Fund Committee,

as Convener, which was found to be in a very satisfactory condition, (*see Appendix K.*); when it was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to, that the Report be received and adopted; that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Convener for his continued excellent and successful services, and that he be requested to continue in the Conventership. This was accordingly done, and, to the great satisfaction of the Synod, Mr. Caie agreed to continue Convener.

The Synod having had the subject of

Aged and Infirm Ministers

brought before them, it was moved by the Rev Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Wilkins, and agreed to, "That the Synod recommend that steps be taken

towards the formation of a Fund in aid of Aged and Infirm Ministers, who are or may be within the bounds of the Synod, to testify the Synod's appreciation of their past services, and its sympathy with them in their declining years.' This was most cordially agreed to; and George Mitchell, Esq., Halifax, was appointed Treasurer of this Fund.

Appointment of Delegates.

Rev. George M. Grant, of St. Matthew's, Halifax, was appointed a Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States next year.

Rev. Dr. Brooke was appointed Delegate to the Synod of Canada, the Rev. Neil Brodie his alternate.

Votes of Thanks.

It was now moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be most cordially given to the Rev. Mr. Duncan and Mrs. Duncan; also to the families of the congregation, who have entertained the members of Synod during their attendance in Charlottetown, for the generous hospitality and kindness they have shown, and to those Railway and Steamboat Companies who granted complimentary terms of fare to members going to and returning from Synod.

Committee to Revise Minutes.

The Rev. George J. Caie and Robert J. Cameron were appointed a Committee to revise the Minutes of this sederunt, and prepare the Minutes of Synod for publication.

The business of the Synod being now concluded, the Moderator delivered his closing address, and, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the alone King and Head of the Church, dissolved the Synod; and appointed the next Annual Meeting to take place in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, N. S., on the evening of the last Tuesday in June, 1873, at 7 P. M., of which public intimation was given; and this Session was closed with prayer and the Benediction.

PETER KEAY, *Synod Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

Report on "Monthly Record" for 1871--72.

In presenting the Report for the past Synodic year, your Committee rejoice at being able to say, that, with the assistance and co-operation of members of this Court and others, the results of their efforts have, on the whole, been gratifying.

The change of currency, coming in the middle of the year, has led to considerable perplexity; but beyond this, there has been no inconvenience experienced.

The circulation of the *Record* is still gradually, yet steadily, increasing. In 1869-70, the circulation was 1,531; in 1870-71 it increased to nearly 1,700. This year your Committee is gratified to find that the circulation has reached 1,836. It would be still more gratifying were it possible to report 2,000; and as this year's increase is largely owing to marked exertions on the part of agents in a few localities, it is to be sincerely hoped that by next year's close the Committee will be in a position to report that or a larger number.

As to the manner in which the pages of the *Record* have been filled from month to month, it is not the province of the Convener to say; yet, the Committee would respectfully draw the attention of the Synod to the fact that their province is not to keep an agency posted throughout the Synodic boundary to collect and provide material, but simply to receive and arrange for publication whatever may be forwarded by members of the Church and others. So that if any event of importance has transpired within the Church, of which notice has not been given in the *Record*, the fault is in the ministry and eldership of the district or locality, and not with the *Record* management. At the same time, whenever your Committee were made aware, often by indirect remarks in private letters or by the public prints, of matters of interest in distant parts of the Synod's bounds, publicity in the *Record* was given to the same at once. But, as may easily be seen, this is both a very inaccurate and a very unsafe means of publication. Your Committee would urge, on behalf of the work entrusted to them, the necessity of ministers and congregations, especially in outlying parts, the propriety and expedience of keeping up a regular and direct communication with the Editor.

All the Presbyteries, in the course of the year, have contributed through their clerks abstracts of their minutes for publication, with the exception of the Presbytery of Restigouche.

For contributions and selections for publication, the Committee record their obligation to the ministers of St. Matthew's, Halifax, St. Andrew's, New Glasgow, and St. Andrew's, St. John.

During the whole year the *Record* has been issued punctually on the 10th of each month, with one exception, on which occasion a delay of a few days was caused, owing to circumstances over which neither the Committee nor the Printing Company had any control.

The financial condition of the Committee is a very gratifying one indeed. As on former occasions, it is pleasant to the Committee to be able to report that there is a balance on hand after meeting all claims up to date; and further, when all the subscriptions come in, and after all the outlay is met at the end of the year, there will be a balance in hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CAMPBELL, Convener.

APPENDIX B.

Report of the Home Mission Board.

This Board was constituted in 1868, at the first meeting of the Synod of the Church of Scotland of the Maritime Provinces; and, in now presenting this its fourth Annual Report, would direct attention to the objects for which it was appointed, its principles of action, and the measure of success achieved, for the purpose of indicating what its work in the future ought to be. At that time the Synod consisted of 31 members, settled, or giving what, in the American Church, is called "Stated Supply" to as many congregations, and of two missionaries. Of those thirty-one, no less than twenty-one, or fully two-thirds, were supplemented, chiefly by the Colonial Committee. The self-sustaining congregations were in a minority in almost every Presbytery, and they were actually becoming fewer in number. This tendency was inevitable, and threatened the most serious consequences to us as a church. It was felt that the time had come for vigorous effort. The Home Mission Board was organized, and from the beginning it set four objects before it, viz. :—

- (1) To diminish the amount drawn from the Colonial Committee, without diminishing the salaries of ministers or missionaries.
- (2) To increase the amount raised by ourselves.
- (3) To urge on congregations the prime duty of becoming self-sustaining as soon as possible.
- (4) To arrange and work a plan for the efficient and economical distribution of missionaries among the different Presbyteries.

In all those objects a certain measure of success has been attained.

(1) The sums expended on us by the Colonial Committee have lessened every year, from \$6,542 in 1868-9, to \$3,619 in 1869-70, to \$2,431 in 1870-71, to \$1,540 in 1871-72. Our account ends at a different time from that of the Colonial Committee; but taking their Report for the past year, it is interesting to note that they spent £2,106 sterling on British America, viz. :—£319 7s. on the Maritime Provinces; £310 on Vancouver's Island, and £1,477 on Ontario and Quebec, £550 of which was for Queen's College. Some may be disposed to murmur that we are not getting our share. We are getting all we ask, and we hope soon to ask for less. If others need more than we, it is well for the whole Church that our economy enables the Colonial Committee to give to them. If any place asks for what it could raise locally, our experience enables us to assert positively that it is suffering under a delusion and a snare. It thinks that it is being benefitted when it is being injured. We believe that the money of the Colonial Committee, in these Colonies, should be given entirely to the four following objects:—Colleges, Building grants, Guarantees to Missionaries for their first year or two, and Church Extension, or the formation of new charges. It has been sometimes urged, as an argument for drawing on the Committee, "The money is there, and we may as well get it as others." Those who speak thus, cannot have considered the immorality that is implied in such a sentiment. The money is not there, except for those who are too poor to provide ordinances for themselves. The money is put there by the benevolent Christians of the Parent Church, as a sacred trust for the religious necessities of their countrymen in the Colonies; and whenever a congregation that is not necessitous receives aid, the trust is violated. If the Convener of the Colonial Committee came to visit us, we should be able to take him to every station in receipt of aid, and say, "See with your own eyes: does not this congregation deserve your sympathy? they are few in number, but willing; poor, but doing their utmost: or, they are only new settlers: or, there are no rich congregations near to help them." But give aid on other principles, and there is not a congregation within our bounds that would not soon apply for a grant, and look upon the money as a sort of endowment that it was very pleasant to receive. This, then, we lay down as a first principle:—That we

should not draw from the Colonial Committee one pound more than is absolutely necessary. We think, too, that, as a church, it is about time for us to aspire to "the glorious privilege of being independent."

(2) We have increased the amount raised by ourselves, from an average of less than \$800 a year, to over \$2,300, between the Synod's and Presbytery Home Missions; but it is only necessary to point to the fact that nearly one-half the amount has been raised, for two or three years, by one Presbytery, and it a small one, to prove that at least \$3,500 should be raised by us. Our people are willing to do their duty, if they are simply told what is expected of them. We should get, by the church-door collections, an average of \$30 per congregation for the Synod Home Mission. That would give over \$1,000. If congregations were told that such was the average expected, few of them would like to fall much below the amount. It would be a point of honor for most to come up to the mark, and three or four would give largely. St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., St. Matthew's, Halifax, Albion Mines, and Westville and Campbelton, N. B., are the only four that are quite up to or above it, this year; while from nearly one-third of our congregations no collections have come in. Considering that our Synod enjoins fewer collections than any of the great Presbyterian Churches of Britain or America, this neglect seems unpardonable. The Parent Church, the Free Church of Scotland, the American Presbyterian Church, *enjoin at least seven every year, while our Synod has never more than four, and one of these is for our own expenses.* When so much depends on this Mission, it is a violation of the spirit of "the brotherly covenant" for any minister, session, or congregation, not to share in the common work. And in the next place, if Sessions would use the collecting-books, sent to them for Presbytery and Home Mission purposes, at least twice as much as the church-door collections would easily be raised in addition. If these things were faithfully tried by all of us, we would be in a position in which, having done our duty, we could both respect ourselves and expect God's blessing on our labors in far more abundant measure.

(3) When the Board was formed, it was felt that it was almost a dangerous experiment, so great was the power it would have, on account of more than half of the ministers in the Synod being less or more dependent on its decisions. That danger is passing away with the peculiarity out of which it arose. The difficulty is being solved very happily. We have now forty charges; thirty-five of them are supplied, in every case but one, with ministers duly called and settled; and we have two missionaries in the foreign field. Only ten of the thirty-five ministers are supplemented; and even if all of our forty charges had ministers, at the most fourteen would be supplemented. Two entire Presbyteries, those of Prince Edward Island and Restigouche, are now independent of outside aid: and we hope that we shall be able to report to the next Synod two others, Halifax and Pictou Presbyteries, as in the same position. Last year we reported Albion Mines and Westville as self-sustaining, because no application from it had come before us. But at the next meeting of the Board an earnest appeal was made for it, which was at once allowed. Since February last, however, it has emerged from the dependent state, and we have only to look at the amount of its collections for all the Schemes, the increased number of *Records* taken, and other such outward symptoms, to be assured that there is a vigorous life in it, that will soon put it in the front rank of our charges. Georgetown, Cardigan, and Montague, may also be hereafter considered independent. This is a congregation that, twelve years ago, had never raised more for stipend than \$150 a year; and, though the population has increased but little, it has, through God's blessing on faithful pastoral work, grown year by year, till it has outstripped far older and wealthier charges. Last fall, the Rev. P. Melville was settled over it, and Charlottetown agreed to give, for two years, \$100 a-year to the stipend. This is the only aid it now receives; and as Belfast will probably do the same for St. Peter's and Brackley

Point Roads, when they call a minister, the Island Presbytery will continue independent.

The present position of Halifax and Pictou Presbyteries is, that in each there are now three supplemented charges; in the former three, and in the latter seven, that are self-sustaining. With respect to Halifax, the Board requests it to work its Presbytery Home Mission, so that after August 1st it shall not require outside aid. With respect to Pictou, the Board places to its credit for River John, as it is a new charge, the sum of \$150, to be drawn for by the Presbytery Treasurer, for the year beginning first August next, and requests it to work its Presbytery Home Mission, so that from that date it shall not require further outside aid for the present supplemented charges. Of course, this arrangement does not apply to any new charge that may be filled or formed in either Presbytery, or to additional missionaries that may be sent. With respect to the two remaining Presbyteries, Miramichi and St. John, the Synod will be glad to learn that last year they instituted and worked Presbytery Home Missions with such success that in all probability they will next year be able to assume a similar position to that which is proposed for Halifax and Pictou.

(4) Distribution of Missionaries.—All Missionaries must now be commissioned to the Board, and they are then sent, for a definite period of time, to the Presbytery where they are most needed. When a Presbytery does not make vacancies do their duty by paying for their supply, the missionary, at the expiry of the stated period, is transferred to another Presbytery. During the past year we have gained four and lost one. Mr. J. F. Campbell was licensed by the Presbytery of Halifax, and thereafter ordained to the charge of Richmond, N. W. Arm, and Goodwood. Mr. Russell was licensed by the Presbytery of Miramichi, and has since given "stated supply" to Black River and Red Bank. Rev. Mr. Moffat came to us from England at his own expense, and has labored usefully since in the Presbyteries of St. John and P. E. Island. Rev. Wm. P. Begg came to us from Scotland at his own expense, and will be inducted to Woodstock and Northampton, N. B.

In addition to those four missionaries, the Colonial Committee sent out to us, about the beginning of the year, Mr. George L. Gordon, to act as a Gaelic Catechist for Cape Breton, in the summer months, and to prosecute his studies in the winter. In the absence of a regular minister for River Inhabitants, &c., we have sent him there, and we have every reason to know that he is doing useful work. We hope to be able to send a Gaelic minister to Cape Breton very soon. On the other side of the account, we are sorry to learn that the Rev. G. W. Stewart, who had been giving "stated supply" at St. Peter's and Brackley Point Roads, has been obliged to cease from regular work on account of failing health.

In connection with this subject of our Missionaries, Catechists, &c., we would call the attention of the Synod to the necessity for a link of connection between the Young Men's Bursary Committee and the Home Mission Board. At present we have no means of knowing where young men who are aided by bursaries spend their summers, nor when they will be licensed, nor when they will appear to work in our field. This will be at once seen to be a most unfortunate gap. The Board would therefore respectfully suggest to the Synod to call the attention of the Y. M. B. Committee to the necessity of imposing the following conditions on all who are aided by it:—(a) That they shall correspond, at least in March of every year, with the Convener of the Home Mission Board; (b) That, if studying in America, they shall act as Catechists, during the summer months, for our own in preference to any other church. No one will question the reasonableness of those conditions. The only wonder is that they were not made long ago.

We have thus spoken of the four chief objects that the Board has had in view since its formation. But, in the Home Mission Reports of most churches,

two other objects are insisted on even more prominently, viz. :—Building-grants and Church extension. In our case, only one application has been made to us for a building-grant, during the past year, viz., from Loch Lomond, Cape Breton, and it having been strongly supported by the Rev. J. W. Fraser, of Roger's Hill, was agreed to, whenever the two conditions always insisted on by the Colonial Committee are fulfilled by the Loch Lomond people. The great church-building epoch with us was from 20 to 10 years ago; and debt on our church property is a thing almost unknown. Thus, though ten years ago there were debts to the amount of \$24,000 on our buildings in the Halifax Presbytery, no church or manse has a debt on it now; and, as far as we are aware, a similar state of things exists in most of our Presbyteries. Within the last ten years, expensive churches, such as Chatham, new St. Stephen's, St. John, St. Andrew's, Pictou, and new St. Andrew's, Halifax, have been built, but they are all free of debt.

In a very different tone have we to speak of Church extension. Indeed, we may almost say that we do not know the thing at all. Instead of extending our borders by taking up new posts, we are stationary. There are two reasons for this. *First*: many of our old charges hang heavily on our hands. So much had to be done for them, there was nothing to spare for new ground. *Secondly*, we have not had the right kind of men for finding out and establishing new posts. We have had only one kind of agents—regularly ordained ministers—who expected, as was most natural, and who were best fitted for, fully organized congregations. But the testimony of every church in America is, that new congregations have been formed by Catechists, Divinity Students, and such laborers. Those men go to new settlements, form the nucleus of a congregation, and labor among the people for a few months; go to College in the winter, return next summer, form another nucleus a few miles off; foiled in one place, they try another, and the probability is, that, after roughing it for a few years, by the time they are licensed, the little stations are ready to be formed into a congregation. This is work that regular ministers are too good, or at least too expensive, to do; and even if we had them in abundance, it is doubtful if they could do it as well. The church has all along been aware of these facts; and, in the Synod of 1863, that met in Charlottetown, one of the clauses in the resolution for proceeding with Dalhousie College was, that "a Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of establishing in our midst a Divinity Hall," &c. The project was revived three years afterwards, but dropped because of the rise of a small minority opposed to it, and because the Colonial Committee was unwilling to give anything towards its maintenance, in addition to the immense sum it was then expending on us. Perhaps the project was too big for us; but what are the effects of our having no such provision in Halifax? Young men who go to Dalhousie College with a view to the ministry, seeing no place for continuing their studies, drop the notion, and betake themselves to other work. Others go to the States and elsewhere; and, while many of those are lost to us altogether, none of them ever give us a summer's labor during their studies. It is quite clear that, so long as our young men have to go to Kingston or Princeton, to Glasgow or Edinburgh, for their Divinity, we shall have none of the class of men that are most useful in the work of Church extension. Have we not now arrived at a point when we should look this matter in the face? Having cleared our path by dealing with what was given us to do four years ago, is it not time to prepare for the extension of our borders? In what way this should be done, it is for the Synod, however, to say. Should the Synod desire, the Board is prepared to suggest a way. 6

Having thus called attention to what has been done, and the direction in which our work lies, little more remains to be written. It is not for us to expatiate to the Synod on the importance of the work. It is disheartening, indeed, that so many should be indifferent to it—not only because all are equally concerned in its prosecution, but because indifference is contagious.

One or two congregations will not go on from year to year contributing largely, when they see many of the others giving sums that look like a mockery of the whole scheme.

With regard to funds for next year, we ask :—

(1) That our congregations give the Board \$1,000 for the Synod's Home Mission, viz. :—\$200 for Catechists, \$150 for Pictou Presbytery, \$100 for Miramichi, \$150 for St. John Presbytery, \$100 for Mr. McCurdy, and \$300 for Missionaries whom we expect; and

(2) That the Synod should now enjoin all congregations to use Collecting-books or Cards for Presbytery Home Missions.

The Table No. 1 appended shows that, when a congregation collects for both Synod and Presbytery Home Missions, for the first by church-door collections, and for the second by schedule, from three to eight times as much is raised by the latter method. It is therefore no more than reasonable that congregations that have used both ways for years, and given for the church in both, should ask others to do likewise, as long as there is need. And the Board considers that the time has come for the Synod to issue a strict injunction on the matter.

In placing the Treasurer's Annual Report on the table, the Board regrets that he has intimated his resignation of the office. The name of G. P. Mitchell, Esq., Halifax, is respectfully submitted to the Synod as his successor.

The Board has held four meetings during the year—one in Halifax, two in New Glasgow, and one in Charlottetown.

All which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

GEO. M. GRANT, *Convener*.

APPENDIX C.

Resolution on the Home Mission Board Report.

The Synod having heard the able Report of the Home Mission Board for 1871-72, adopt the same, and order the thanks of the Synod to be conveyed to the Board for its diligence; and especially to the Convener, the Rev. George M. Grant, for his unwearied attention to the business entrusted to him, believing that the success of this Scheme is mainly due to him, and hereby appoint the following Board: The Rev. G. M. Grant, Convener; Revds. D. Macrae and R. J. Cameron, Vice-Conveners; Revds. John McMillan, J. Campbell, Wm. McMillan, Charles Dunn, Alexander McLean, W. Murray, Neil Brodie; and Alexander Jardine and J. S. McDonald, Esqrs.

In reference to the more prominent matters embraced by the Report, the Synod records its satisfaction with the vast diminution in the annual expenditure of the Colonial Committee on account of our Home Missions, the sum now expended being only about £319 sterling, as compared with £1308 in 1868, when this Board was instituted. The Synod is also gratified to learn that the amount raised by congregations has risen from \$800 a-year to \$2,300, and commends highly the Presbytery of Halifax for the energetic liberality displayed by their people: and for the purpose of raising the desired amount necessary to independence, *enjoin* upon all Presbyteries the introduction of Collecting Cards for Presbytery Home Missions.

The Synod also records, with thankfulness, its satisfaction with the marked increase in the number of congregations who have become independent, an increase which is, in a great measure, owing to the stimulating influence of the Home Mission Board.

With reference to the general management of Home Mission operations, the Synod expresses the hope that the Board will pursue, on the one hand, its past policy of withdrawing unnecessary help, and, on the other, stimulating, by liberal aid, weak stations and congregations struggling into an independent position.

The Synod also directs the thanks of the Church to be conveyed to the Colonial Committee for their continued liberality to our church.

With a view to future church extension, the Synod considers it expedient that the young men who study in our bounds, with a view to the ministry of our church, should be enabled to prosecute their studies in Divinity, also, in our midst; instruct their Clerk to bring this deliverance before the notice of the Presbyteries of the Church, and ascertain, for the information of the Synod, at its next meeting, what amount could probably be depended on from each for such a Scheme; empower the Home Mission Board to correspond with the Colonial Committee on the same subject, to ascertain if an annual grant could be obtained to carry it out efficiently; and request the Home Mission Board, with the addition of such names as may be given by the Synod, to specially consider the whole subject of Theological Education during the ensuing year.

The Synod, in accepting the resignation of Alexander Jardine, Esq., as Treasurer of the Board, instructs the Clerk to convey its thanks to that gentleman for his valuable services, and appoints G. P. Mitchell, Esq., as Treasurer.

APPENDIX D.

Report of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

In connection with the above Scheme, the Committee have to report the following:—The injunctions laid upon Presbyteries by the Synod of last year were entirely neglected by some, partially acted upon by others, and fully carried out only by one. The Presbytery of Halifax, to which the honour belongs of having made the first definite move in this matter, adopted the following plan of operations, which the Committee would venture to recommend as a model for others:—

(1.) They considered on what scale the whole sum proposed to be raised ought to be apportioned among the several Presbyteries, and came to the following resolution, viz., that Halifax Presbytery should undertake to raise \$2,750, if St. John would undertake \$2,000, Pictou \$1,500, P. E. Island \$750, and Miramichi and Restigouche \$500 each.

(2.) They secured the formation of a Committee of Elders, who, for Halifax city, drew up a statement to which was affixed a fly-leaf, containing a form of promise to pay, extending over three annual instalments, the last being due on July 1st, 1874; a copy of this form, including statement and fly-leaf, they addressed to each pew-holder in the city churches, with the request that, if inclined, he would tear off the fly-leaf, fill in what amount he would undertake to pay, and place the same in the collection-plate next Lord's day. This was done, and with such good effect, that in Halifax city alone, promises have been given to the amount of \$2,300. But, whether adopting this or any other method, the Committee venture to think that the other Presbyteries ought to experience no great difficulty in raising the sums already mentioned as being what is deemed their fair proportion.

In view of the hope which the action of the Halifax Presbytery justifies, that the Widows' and Orphans' Scheme may be reasonably expected to be brought into successful operation, the Committee would make the following suggestions:—

(1.) That the Committee formed in Halifax be a Central Committee, J. J. Bremner, Esq., to be Convener, and Mr. Menzies, Treasurer; and that the Committees which may be formed in the other several Presbyteries be enjoined to place themselves in correspondence with Mr. Bremner as to their action and progress.

(2.) That the Central Committee be empowered to enter into correspondence with the Convener of the Widows' and Orphans' Scheme in Ontario and Quebec, with a view to ascertain on what terms (should it seem good to your

Synod) we might combine our proposed Fund with theirs, and report to next meeting of Synod.

(3.) For the sake of removing any erroneous impressions that may exist in the minds of some, the Committee would state that the benefits of the Fund, it is proposed, are to be exclusively prospective, *i. e.*, to be imparted only to such as may be left widows and orphans by ministers settled in charges at and after the present year. All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) DONALD McRAE, *Convener.*

APPENDIX E.

Report of the Union Committee.

In reporting to the Synod concerning Union negotiations during the past year, it is deemed necessary merely to resume the subject at the point where it was left at the close of last session. The Committee was then re-appointed and enlarged, with the understanding that negotiations should be continued. Your Committee has had several conferences with the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, at which it was agreed, *first*—to use every endeavor to have the next meeting of the Joint Committee held in the Maritime Provinces; and *secondly*, to adopt some method of consulting the inferior courts of both Churches as to the desirability and practicability of the proposed Union.

In reference to the first of these arrangements, your Convener corresponded with the only two persons with whom correspondence could be held at the time, Dr. Bayne and Principal Snodgrass,—Dr. Topp, the Convener of the Canadian General Assembly's Committee, having gone to Scotland. Principal Snodgrass expressed his willingness to call his Committee to meet in any town of the maritime provinces, but spoke of the difficulty of calling the other Committee in Dr. Topp's absence. If Principal Snodgrass were to have come here, it would have to be before the commencement of the session in Queen's College. Upon the whole, it was thought that further correspondence would lead to nothing, so we rather reluctantly consented to meet again in Montreal.

As to the second and more important matter—the consultation of the inferior courts—this was done, when the answers of Kirk Sessions were, with few exceptions, in favor of Union. If it should be thought advisable that the replies should form part of this Report when printed in the *Record*, in order that the opinion of the Church upon this important subject may be preserved in a permanent and acceptable shape, then these can be embodied in it for publication.

The Joint Committee met in Montreal on 26th Sept., 1871. A certified copy of the minutes of this meeting has been received and is now on your table. The minutes shew some changes of considerable importance upon the Basis of 1870. These do not require to be particularized, and can best be understood by comparing the articles of this with those of the former year.

As on the previous occasion, it was found much easier to agree on a doctrinal basis, than on the practical matter of colleges around which denominational and local sympathies are concentrated.

The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church met at Toronto on the 7th November, to consider the resolutions of the Joint Committee, when 76 ministers and 43 elders were present out of a membership of 202. The first, second, third and fourth articles were carried over some amendments, and agreed to.

The article on worship of the Joint Committee was remitted back to the Committee, with a view to their considering whether it was necessary.

The General Assembly approved of the application of the Temporalities Fund for the support of aged ministers, but declined to undertake the payment of \$200 per annum to those ministers entitled to receive it, and approved of

the last clause of the Joint Committee's resolution on this subject, recommending that this demand be met in some other way.

After much debate, the General Assembly agreed, by a division of 64 to 11' 10 not voting, in reference to colleges, to a resolution moved by Dr. Proudfoot, according to which the colleges were to be received as they are. During an adjourned term of *three* years, the Canada Presbyterian Church was to raise \$250,000 for education, and the Church of Scotland \$100,000, and the repeatedly expressed opposition of the Canada Presbyterian Church to State grants to denominational colleges is re-affirmed.

Our Synod in Ontario and Quebec was not convened, owing to the action of the General Assembly, which rendered a special session unnecessary.

At a meeting of the members of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, held on the 30th day of January, it was agreed "that it would be unwise to ask the Moderator to put the members of Synod to the inconvenience of attending a special meeting, the more so as it was by no means clear to the Committee that anything favorable to the progress of the negotiations for Union could by such a meeting be effected, that might not be accomplished equally well, and with as little loss of time, by allowing the matter to stand over until the meeting of Synod, at Kingston, in June next."

At the meeting of the Canada Synod, all the articles of the Basis were agreed to. The resolution of the Committee on Worship was slightly altered.

After a long discussion on the disposal of the Temporalities Fund, it was referred to the Committee, upon a motion of Prof. McKerras to the following effect:—"That whereas the Committee on Union desire instruction as to the mode of making provision for the payment of \$200 per annum to all ministers on the roll at the time of Union until such time as they become beneficiaries of the Temporalities Fund, the Synod refer the matter to the wisdom of the Committee, to arrange such method of provision as they may deem best, drawing, if necessary, but only as an extreme measure, when no other method of meeting the difficulty can be devised, upon the capital of the fund, the same to be repaid to the capital before any distribution of the principal fund takes place."

In reference to colleges, the first decision of the Committee was this:—The discussion brought out a determination to support Queen's College as it is, and a firm determination to refuse assent to the opinions of the Canada General Assembly in reference to denominational grants.

In the Canada General Assembly, after much discussion, the resolution come to was as follows:—"That the four articles which have now been adopted separately form the basis of Union for the united Churches, but in view of the fact that many esteemed members of this Assembly desire a recognition of the Headship of Christ over His Church, it be an instruction to the Union Committee to endeavor to secure, in some way, such a deliverance as shall meet the views of all parties in this Church, and report to next Assembly." This passed by 80 to 31; several dissenting—some because the resolution did not go far enough on the Headship of Christ, and others because they thought it unnecessary to ask for any further deliverance on the question at all. Such is a brief epitome of all the action that has been taken, and information that has been obtained, in reference to this important subject.

ALLAN POLLOK, *Convener*.

APPENDIX F.

Report of the Foreign Mission Committee.

Your Committee have to report, with deep thankfulness to God, that another missionary from our Church arrived safely in Australia, and, according to intelligence received, has ere this reached his destination in the South Sea Islands. Mr. Robertson's letter has been very gratifying, not only as convey-

ing information of the safety and health of himself, his partner, and the other missionaries, but especially for the missionary spirit which pervades it, and the strong religious trust with which he contemplates the arduous labors before him. This is more to be valued because that dreary region, with all its privations and perils, is a field of which his views have been formed not from report or fancy. A residence of years divested the mission field of all its romance to him, and when on his way to labour there, he contemplates not a scene which imagination may have helped to fill up, but the stern and real facts in all their repulsiveness. In these circumstances, it is most encouraging to hear him speak in language so full of strong but humble confidence, and that confidence resting where it cannot be disappointed. The following beautiful passage from his letter deserves to be repeated:—"I believe, however, our Heavenly Father, who has ever watched over us from childhood up to manhood, by day and by night, on the sea and on land, in sickness and in health, among friends and with strangers, in our native land and on dark heathen wastes, in joy and in sorrow, when friends smiled and when they frowned, with christian friends at home and with unbelievers on ship-board, in sunlight and in shadow, amid darkness and gloom, will abide with us still. Of this I have no doubt. I never yet have been disappointed by Him. He never has refused me any good thing I asked of Him. If I but trust Him still, a door of usefulness will be opened up for us somewhere." These are precious and truly christian sentiments, and if by such sentiments our missionary continues to be animated, the God of missions will own his labours, and largely bless them. To the individual who acknowledges God in all his ways the promise is given, that the Lord will direct his steps. No language can be plainer or more simple than this promise, and of its fulfilment, in every case, we cannot err by over-much and too strong a confidence. Our gracious Lord means what He says, when He directs us to acknowledge Him and to seek His guidance, and that He will never fail us. The man who will take these words, and honestly act upon them, will pass uninjured through every ordeal of peril and trial; and the messenger of Christ, whether laboring at home or in heathen lands, who thus commits himself into his Master's hands, and leans upon His strength, will never be left to labour in vain. An invisible arm will uphold that servant, and a power which the world sees not will remove every hindrance. It is ours to work, to trust and to wait patiently, and we shall assuredly see the salvation of our God.

Your Committee are constrained to refer with much anxiety, though not with desponding fears, to the circumstances in which, by latest accounts, your other beloved missionary and his amiable, dear partner were placed. Difficulties have been created in his field of labour, and the prospects of success have been darkened by the thirst for unrighteous gain, which, for some years back, has led unprincipled men to persist in a traffic abhorred and denounced by all the civilized of mankind. The outrages committed by these slavers, which haunt the shores of the islands, have resulted, as was naturally the case, in feelings of savage resentment and the resolve for revenge. Nor can we wonder at it. The poor savage has been injured by the white man, and against the white man his feelings are therefore embittered. When, however, the missionary makes it evident that he is of a different spirit from these traders—that he is a friend, and that he loves them; when they are convinced of this, then he is safe in their midst. It is in the spirit of love alone that the missionary can overcome. The prophet, when in vision he beheld the glorious results of the Gospel of Christ, exclaims: "A little child shall lead them." Thus must the missionary of the Cross go forth to his work. Not as a strong man, but as a little child, leaning and loving—leaning on his Father's hand and labouring for men because he loves them. Your Committee heard, with deepest regret, of the death of the godly Bishop Patteson, and others, during the past year, by natives, in revenge for the loss of relations torn from them by the slave vessels, and with feelings of the same nature they must regard the information, that one

of her Majesty's ships of war found it necessary to retaliate, to the loss of property and life on some of the islands.

While your Committee would not express an opinion regarding this course pursued by her Majesty's officer, they would repeat their sincere conviction that the hopes of our mission, and the success and the safety of our missionaries, must rest on keeping at a distance from every measure and every action which are, or *may seem*, of a retaliatory character. Unless the missionary be known and recognized as a man of peace, and the messenger of peace and love, his work will prove a failure and his labour will be lost. The work is the Lord's, and we must leave it with Him to watch over and protect it. He "maketh the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder of that wrath He will restrain." While resting by faith in the sure promise, we can look on with composure, and cherish no fears of the result. When Christ commands us to preach the Gospel to every creature, he adds the pledge, "I will be with you always, even unto the end of the world." This promise is sure, for we know who is pledged to fulfil it. Having this and faith to grasp it, we need no more. It tells that all will be well, nay, that all is well. The storms may rise and the night may be dark, and dangers may appear on every hand, but all is well, for Jesus is in the ship with His disciples. Your Committee, therefore, while asking for the sympathy of the Church and the earnest prayers of all our christian people, for our dear missionary in the savage and dark Santo, do not feel that we should be depressed by doubtful and anxious thoughts. He whose command led our missionaries to the dark places, is more interested in the work than we can be, and most confidently may we leave all its issues with Him—and if we and our missionaries entrust, with humble confidence, these issues to his care, success cannot fail to reward our efforts. We may be disappointed in our hopes of Santo and other places. The time to favour that lovely island may not yet have come, but this we are not to regard as a proof, or as an indication, that the object of our mission may be liable to fail. It is by no plans, nor by any arrangements which our wisdom can make, that success can be secured—and the less we rest in such confidence, and on what the arm of flesh can do for us, the more we honour our Divine Master, and the more certainly shall we be blessed in our labours.

Our part is to work, for our Lord gives the command, and to wait for His appearing in the power of His grace to remove the hindrances; for He has promised to come and go with us, while working for Him.

Our motto must be, "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Our strength is weakness, and we cannot rescue one perishing soul, but "the zeal of the Lord of Hosts will accomplish this." When we see fears in the way, and prospects becoming darkened, let it, instead of weakening our hopes, invigorate our efforts and our prayers. Our Lord will surely come. Never did His promise fail, never did His word return unto Him void, and never did the missionary enterprise, entered upon from love to Christ and to the undying soul, fail in producing glorious results.

Your Committee are most gratified in being enabled to report to this Synod that a very marked increase of interest in the Foreign Mission, and of liberality on the part of our congregations, has been manifested by the contributions of the past year. This is most encouraging, and tracing, as we may justly do, this enlarged liberality to the good hand of our God, in the mission work, we can see in it a token that His blessing will not be withheld. He who put it into the hearts of our people to come so nobly forward and give of their means, will not suffer their contributions and their prayers to fall to the ground. But, while this increased liberality is so cheering, we must guard against the thought that we have done all that was our duty to do. The fact to which your Committee can thus so thankfully refer shews, not that we have come up to our obligations, but that our liberality and resources were far larger than we were disposed to see or admit. The amount collected last year is, indeed, a considerable increase over any past contribution, but what were

the efforts required? How much self-denial was imposed on any congregation, or on any individual? How many can assert that in doing their share there was a necessity for depriving themselves of some comforts, or even luxuries? No such assertion can be made. No congregation was burdened, nor could less easily meet every other engagement, and no individual man or woman was deprived of one necessary comfort by the effort which secured the amount in funds. This teaches a lesson we are slow to learn. There is no truth more clearly revealed, in the word of God, than that giving as He hath prospered us will not impoverish the individual, nor lessen the resources of any church. "He that watereth, shall be watered also himself." Your Committee would humbly express the hope that the increase in the contributions for the present year is not the result of any spasmodic effort, which may again give place to apathy, but rather the natural fruits of real interest in the work, and the adoption of a right system on the part of our congregations. If we can enlist the affections of the young towards this Scheme, and succeed in impressing the conviction that there is honour and also happiness connected with the labours of the humblest collector from house to house—that every such collector, when prompted with the desire to extend the blessings of the Gospel, is engaged in the same work in which apostles and prophets gloried, and over which angels rejoice,—could we succeed in this, then would our mission be secure, and would it go on enlarging, and the day would not be far distant when we should look back and wonder that we were so satisfied with our present efforts. We have already had some experience in this. This day we feel astonished when we remember the past, when we felt at rest while neither doing nor attempting to do anything in obedience to our gracious Master's last command. We thank God for what we have been permitted to see, and that, as a Church, we have been honoured to occupy even a small portion of the wide mission field; and may the Lord grant that it may yet be said of our Church and her mission efforts, "a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation; I the Lord will hasten it in its time."

The following contributions were received by our Treasurer during the Synodical year now closed. The amount from each congregation is given as correctly as possible, but the different sums for salary and mission goods are not stated separately:—

<i>Presbytery of Pictou.</i>	<i>Presbytery of P. E. Island.</i>
Barney's River.....\$ 18 26	Charlottetown.....\$ 83 00
Pugwash and Wallace..... 44 75	Belfast..... 162 28
Roger's Hill..... 70 61	St. P. R. and B. Point..... 110 80
McLennan's Mt..... 52 92	Georgetown, Cardigan and Montague..... 25 00
E. B. East River..... 21 73	DeSable, per Rev. T. Duncan..... 34 48
W. B. and Hopewell..... 8 73	
Fox Brook..... 3 44	
Glengary..... 6 34	\$424 24
W. B. East River..... 25 75	Per Rev. J. McColl, from DeSable and Orwell Head, and received after Synod met..... 22 23
A. Douglas..... 0 75	Coll. by Mrs. M., Lot 49..... 8 64
Albion Mines..... 43 75	Donation of late Miss Hensley, Charlottetown..... 3 24
Westville..... 30 00	
St. Andrew's, Pictou..... 107 43	\$449 73
Pictou Island..... 1 00	
New Glasgow..... 137 08	
Salt Springs..... 132 16	
Gairloch..... 52 00	
Cape John..... 27 00	
River John..... 25 80	<i>Presbytery of Miramichi.</i>
Earlton..... 7 97	Red Bank.....\$ 6 00
Sutherland's River..... 13 54	Chatham..... 42 20
Garden of Eden..... 18 00	Newcastle..... 55 00
A. McPhee, S. R., Antigonish..... 8 00	Tabusintac and Burnt Church..... 8 88
	Black River..... 39 00
\$856 01	\$151 08

<i>Presbytery of Halifax.</i>		<i>Presbytery of St John.</i>	
St Andrew's.....	\$ 67 28	Donation from Rev. P. Keay.....	\$ 1 95
St Matthew's.....	385 57	St. John.....	178 06
Musquododoit.....	36 98	Fredericton.....	60 00
Richmond.....	39 46	St. Stephen's.....	69 00
P. McAuley, per Rev. G. M. Grant.	4 00	Greenock Church, St. Andrew's....	13 94
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	\$533 29		\$322 95
<i>Cape Breton.</i>		<i>Presbytery of Restigouche</i>	
Joseph Hart, Esq.....	\$ 6 00	Bathurst.....	\$18 50
Mid. River, per Rev. Mr. Brodie....	30 00	Campbelton.....	80 00
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	\$36 00	Dundee.....	4 00
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			\$118 50

St. Paul's Church, Truro, \$40.75, which was received after Synod met.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MACLEAN, *Convener.*

The above gives the amount from each congregation, as correctly as I could ascertain. If there should be any mistakes, I shall be happy to see them corrected. In the report, I am aware that justice is not done to every congregation, for the simple reason that in some cases valuable boxes of cloth were sent, but not valued, and therefore their contributions could not appear. The congregations who valued their boxes at a certain amount are credited in the report to that amount. My own congregation forwarded a box containing at least 130 yards of cloth, and should be valued at over \$70. I state this to suggest to congregations how to act in future contributions of this kind.

A. MACLEAN.

APPENDIX G.

Report on Young Men's Bursary Scheme.

Your Committee, in submitting their Annual Report to this Synod, cannot refrain from expressing their gratitude to Almighty God for the success with which their efforts in the past have been crowned, and the brightening prospect which seems to be before the church in her endeavor to supply, through this Scheme, a native ministry. Notwithstanding the discouraging fact that some, assisted from the funds of this Scheme, have failed to implement their engagements in prosecuting their studies for the ministry, and towards whose labours, under the fostering care of the Home Mission Board, the church was looking forward with longing desire; yet that our people have not abated in their willingness to assist those who wish to prepare themselves for the work of the ministry, and may require assistance in prosecuting their studies, is evident from a comparison of the contributions of the past year with those of former years.

That the breaking of the engagement under which each bursar comes, who receives assistance from the Board, when, tempted by the offer of easier or more remunerative work elsewhere, he refuses, on completing his studies, to return and place his services at the disposal of the Home Mission Board, has an injurious effect, not only upon this, but upon all the other schemes, cannot be doubted; and the Committee would therefore suggest that the Convener be enjoined by Synod to forward a copy of the agreement which each bursar signs, and also a statement of monies received, to the clerk of any Presbytery outside of the limits of Synod in which any one aided from this scheme, in breach of his engagement, after completing his studies, shall accept a call.

Your Committee have much pleasure in stating that, of the seven young men now receiving assistance, viz., Messrs. J. Sutherland, D. K. Campbell, George Murray, John McLean, W. Cruickshanks, Hector Campbell, and

Dugald McLean, two, Messrs. J. M. Sutherland and D. K. Campbell, have this year completed their curriculum, and are but awaiting license and ordination to return to their native land.

Mr. George Murray at Glasgow, and J. McLean and W. Cruickshanks at Dalhousie College, continue to prosecute their studies with vigor and success.

Messrs. H. Campbell and D. McLean, who received assistance during the term of 1870-71, preferred, last year, to attend a preparatory school for the purpose of giving more attention to the ground-work of their education, than it would be possible to do at College, that they may enter this year with every advantage; they therefore made no application for assistance, but are expected this year to renew their application.

Mr. Duncan McKenzie, also, whose application for assistance was favorably received, is diligently preparing himself to enter Dalhousie College as an undergraduate at the first ensuing term.

Intimation has been received by the Convener that applications for bursaries will be made ere long by two young men from the Presbytery of Pictou.

Your Committee, deeply impressed with the propriety and desirability of securing the services, as Catechists during the summer months, of all students assisted by this scheme, would strongly recommend this Synod to take such steps as, in its wisdom, may seem best suited to accomplish that end.

While your Committee have great reluctance in throwing even apparent obstacles in the way of its students, who may desire to go abroad for the purpose of attending classes in any of the celebrated Schools of Divinity of sister churches, yet they cannot feel that the church is justified in building up such schools by calling upon its people for contributions to establish scholarships, or bursaries, tenable in them, when large sums are granted annually by the Colonial Committee to aid in upholding a College and Divinity Hall in our own country; they, therefore, recommend that, in future, bursaries be granted *only to students* prosecuting their studies in one or other of the Colleges or Halls of our own church.

As to the financial condition of the scheme, your Committee have great pleasure in reporting that the amount in the Treasurer's hands is larger than ever before, while the number of students receiving aid is as great as at any other period since the scheme has been organized. The following is an abstract:

By balance in hands of the Treasurer from last year..	....	\$347 36
Returned Loan .....	....	200 00
Church-door Collections....	....	530 00
Total .....	....	\$1,077 36
To Remitted to D. K. Campbell .....	....	\$100 31
J. M. Sutherland....	100 12
George Murray...	100 00
John McLean	50 10
William Cruickshanks....	60 13
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		\$410 66
Leaving a balance of...	\$666 70

in Treasurer's hands, to which, if there be added collections received too late to appear in the Treasurer's account, will amount to over Seven Hundred Dollars.

Mr. McQuarrie has intimated that he will be able to refund a first instalment of arrears due by him to this fund, early in the winter.

Your Committee would likewise beg to suggest that a bursary of \$100 be again offered for competition, to be given to the Student most successful in an examination on subjects to be prescribed by the Committee. And, indeed, it appears to your Committee a matter worthy of earnest consideration by Synod, whether it would not be better to offer all sums granted by the Board in such manner, and subject to the same conditions as at present disbursed. While

the Synod has done a great and noble work through this its most important scheme in the past, amid not a few discouragements, and has just and good grounds for self-gratulation in seeing its waste places repaired, there yet remains much to be done ere our fellow-countrymen be supplied with stated Gospel ordinances; for, within its limits, there are yet districts where the Sabbath bell is silent, the sanctuaries unbuilt, or closed, sheep wandering without a shepherd, souls hungering and thirsting, and no hand to minister to their wants—the aged and infirm passing away without a voice to warn or cheer: your Committee would, then, earnestly, yet respectfully, urge this Synod to suggest and employ such measures as may be fitted to deepen the growing interest of our congregations in this scheme, until such results be produced as will be an honor to the Synod, and gladden the now destitute places that have long and loudly been calling upon us to “come over and help them.”

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WM. McMILLAN, *Convener.*

P. S.—DeSable, Orwell Head and Truro, have forwarded their collections too late to appear in the Treasurer's Account for the present year.—W. McM.

APPENDIX H.

Sabbath School Report.

The Committee regret, in again coming before the Synod, that they have nothing particularly new to present; still, believing in the great importance of Sabbath School work, they would report favorably concerning the Sabbath Schools under their charge. Statistics have not been this year called for; but if it appear to the Synod that this should be done for next year, your Committee, on receiving such instructions and authority, will gladly endeavor to have these collected.

There is no congregation within your bounds, the Committee believe, without its Sabbath School.

The following new matter will perhaps be found to possess some interest:—

1. Sabbath School Unions are being formed, composed of schools in churches of all Protestant denominations both in town and country; and conventions also have been formed from those, whose object is to collect and impart information in regard to the whole machinery and efficiency of Sabbath Schools.

One of these conventions was held last summer in St. John, N. B., and another is to be held in New Glasgow, N. S. Although these are yet in their infancy, your Committee would approve of and recommend them to the favorable attention of churches in connection with our Synod.

2. Notes on the scheme of lessons as printed in the *Record*. Your Committee have gladly seen and would own the obligations of the teachers to these notes, furnished by several ministers of our Synod. They supply a lack long felt, and afford assistance. Where young teachers labor, who have not access to larger works, or where the desire is greater than the ability, there the notes are invaluable. Moreover, as so many of our schools make use of the Halifax Scheme of Lessons, the service rendered is one that extends throughout the church. In view of their continuance (which your Committee would earnestly crave) it would obviously be requisite, that the one scheme of lessons were used generally throughout the church.

3. Missionary effort. Many Sabbath Schools are accustomed to make collections for missionary purposes; some for the Juvenile Orphanage; others for the South Sea Mission, and a few towards the support of the *Dayspring*. We think that these efforts should be enlarged, and that liberality should early be taught the young by practice as well as precept; for experience teaches that those young persons who begin early are sooner taught habits of giving than those who commence at a later age, and that the time has now come for the young to take their stand in the foreground, and not only give their means, but give themselves to the missionary work, saying, “Here are we—send us.”

4. As to Conversion. Though your Committee can say nothing on this head, still they desire to remind the church that the great object of Sabbath School attendance is not repeating so many lessons, however well, but this—instructing the conscience and impressing the heart of the pupil, with a view of presenting every one perfect in

Christ Jesus. For this end prominence should be given to Christ's finished work, love, and invitations to the young, and to the necessity of seeking the Holy Spirit to take up His abode early in the heart and to make it His temple. Where pastor and teacher co-operate for this great object, then the happiest fruits for time and eternity may be expected to follow.

In conclusion, the position of the Sabbath School, as a feeder for the church and a nursery for heaven, is not to be forgotten. Parents should be exhorted to visit and countenance these schools, for they are much helped by them. Youths too old to learn should be pressed in as teachers; and pastors, so far as their time and work permit, should oversee this important institution.

Finally, if in any department, undoubtedly in this should dependence be exercised on the great Shepherd. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord," is to be remembered here. Then let us be steadfast both in labor and prayer. "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. HERDMAN, *Vice-Convener.*

APPENDIX I.

Resolution anent Rev. Dr. Masson's Visit.

The Synod, having enjoyed the pleasure of receiving Dr. Masson as a Delegate from our beloved Mother-Church of Scotland, and hearing his interesting accounts of his experience in the mission fields of Ontario and Quebec, and explanations of the purposes of his mission, records the great satisfaction with which it views his presence amongst us in his capacity as Delegate, and its earnest hope that his visit may be profitable to us, and interesting and beneficial to himself; and desires the Moderator to convey the thanks of the Synod to Dr. Masson for his readiness to leave his home for a time and labor amongst us, in dispensing ordinances among our Gaelic people, and its hope and prayer that Dr. Masson may, in due time, be restored to his home and family, and stated ministerial work.

Further, the Synod instructs the Clerk to write to the Colonial Committee, thanking the members for their liberality and consideration in sending out so acceptable a minister and so able a Delegate as Dr. Masson, and for their accurate appreciation of our wants as a church, on this and other occasions—expresses its deep sense of the desirability of frequent visits of delegates from the mother-church, who might thus put the Colonial Committee in complete possession of facts and circumstances, which may be imperfectly understood by epistolary correspondence; and whose presence, also, might tend to preserve harmony of action and sympathy between our beloved mother-church and her devoted daughter in the Maritime Provinces; and, finally request of the Colonial Committee, if it would be possible, to maintain and even increase this profitable intercourse, at stated intervals, in the future.

APPENDIX J.

Report of Committee on Sabbath School Committee's Report.

The Report of the Sabbath School Committee having been received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod conveyed to the Convener and Vice-Convener—

Resolved, That the Synod record its sense of the great importance of this work, and its gratification at the formation of Sabbath School Unions, and the holding of Conventions for its promotion; instruct the Committee to confer with the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, with the view of selecting a Scheme of Lessons which may be recommended for use in the Sabbath Schools of both; and also take measures for the preparation and publication, in the *Record*, of notes on the lessons for the aid of Teachers; rejoice at the interest manifested by the young in missionary effort, and hope that they will not only continue to give their means, but also that many of them may be led to consecrate themselves to this work. And further, impress on Pastors and Sabbath School Teachers, the importance of keeping in view, as the great end of Sabbath Schools, the conversion of the young.

R. McCUNN, *Convener.*

APPENDIX K.

Synod Fund Report.

The Committee on the Synod Fund beg leave to submit the following Report for the past year:—

Collections have been received from thirty-four congregations; and your Committee have the satisfaction of reporting that the congregations have responded very liberally to the Convener's appeal for an increase in the contributions to meet the expenses of delegates to the Union Conference at Montreal, and the meeting of the Canadian Synod at Kingston. In order to guard against any deficiency in this year's account, your Committee thought it advisable last year to reserve a balance of \$61 after paying the usual claims on the fund.

The whole amount contributed by the Congregations this year is.....	\$416 98
Balance from last year, with interest.....	64 00
Total.....	\$480 98

EXPENDITURE.

Salary of Clerk, \$80; Printing, Stationery and Postage, \$5.23.....	\$ 85 23
Paid Expenses of Rev R. J. Cameron and Rev. N. Brodie to Montreal....	52 84
“ “ Rev. Wm. Wilson and Thos. Duncan to Kingston.....	28 00
“ Travelling ex. Ministers and Elders to and from Synod at Ch'town.	184 91
“ Sexton St. James' Ch., \$5. Printing, Stationery and other exp's. \$5	10 00
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	\$380 98
Total Receipts.....	\$480 98
Expenses.....	380 98
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Balance.....	\$100 00
Paid, by order of Synod, Rev. Danl. McCurdy, the sum of.....	\$ 50 00
Balance to the credit of Synod in hands of the Convener	50 00

The Committee would again call the Synod's attention to the fact that two of the Union Delegates, Rev. G. M. Grant and J. J. Bremner, Esq., have made no claims on the fund for travelling expenses to Montreal or to this Synod, and to their liberality the Synod is indebted, to a large extent, for the above surplus of \$100.

GEORGE J. CAIE, *Convener.*

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM CONGREGATIONS.

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY.

St. Matthew's, Halifax—Rev. George M. Grant.....	\$32 56
St. Andrew's, Halifax—Rev. John Campbell	12 00
Richmond and N. W. Arm—Rev. J. Fraser Campbell.....	6 00
Truro—Rev. W. T. Wilkins.....	5 00
St. John's, Newfoundland—Rev. D. McDougall.....	10 00
Musquododoit—Rev. John McMillan.....	5 15

PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

New Glasgow—Rev. Ailan Pollok.....	12 47
West Branch East River—Rev. Donald McRae.....	18 80
Salt Springs—Rev. Wm. McMillan.....	11 50
River John and West Branch—Rev. Robt. McCunn, \$3.15 and \$4....	7 15
Pictou—Rev. Andrew Herdman.....	19 27
Wallace and Pugwash—Rev. James Anderson.....	11 50
Gairloch—Rev. Neil Brodie.....	9 00
McLennan's Mountain—Rev. Wm. Stewart.....	7 50
Albion Mines—Rev. Charles Dunn.....	5 00
Cape John and Rogers' Hill—Rev. Jas. Fraser, \$5.13 and \$8.11.....	13 24
Barney's River—Vacant.....	6 00

ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY.

Fredericton—Rev. Dr. John Brooke.....	12 00
St. Andrew's, St. John—Rev. R. J. Cameron.....	50 00
St. Stephen's, St. John—Rev. George J. Caie.....	29 00
St. Andrew's, New Brunswick—Rev. Peter Keay.....	9 50
Woodstock and Northampton—Rev. Wm. P. Begg, \$12.20 and \$2.38.	14 58

MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY.

Chatham—Rev. William Wilson.....	12 00
Newcastle—Rev. F. R. McDonald.....	14 80
Tabusintac and Burnt Church—Rev. John Robertson	6 00

RESTIGOUCHE PRESBYTERY

Dalhousie—Rev. James Murray.....	15 20
Campbelton—Rev. William Murray.....	13 00
Bathurst—Rev. Fredk. Home.....	8 00
Red Bank and Black River—Rev. Samuel Russell.....	9 00

P. E. ISLAND PRESBYTERY.

Charlottetown, P. E. Island—Rev. Thomas Duncan.....	15 00
Belfast—Rev. Alex. McLean.....	8 88
Georgetown—Rev. Peter Melville.....	6 88
St. Peter's Road and Brackley Point—Rev. John Moffat.....	10 00

\$416 98

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts of the Home Mission Board for the Years 1871-72.

TABLE I.

Amounts raised for Home Missions in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces from June 30th, 1871, to June 30th, 1872.

I.—HALIFAX PRESBYTERY.

	<i>Synod's Home Miss.</i>	<i>Presb. Home Miss.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
1. St Matthew's Halifax.....	\$ 70 00	\$573 79	\$643 79
2. St. Andrew's, do.	12 00	91 80	103 80
3. Musquodoboit.....	6 00	44 12	50 12
4. Richmond, N. W. Arm and Goodwood.....	13 00	48 06	61 06
5. Truro.	6 00	63 76	69 76
6. Newfoundland.....	20 00	.....	20 00
Totals.....	\$127 00	\$821 03	\$948 03

II.—PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

1. Pictou.....	\$29 87	\$99 88	W. Pictou Con.
2. New Glasgow.....	27 30	.....	.....
3. McLennan's Mountain.....	11 84	23 04	.....
4. Albion Mines and Westville.	43 33	.....	.....
5. Pugwash.....	20 26	.....	.....
6. Wallace.....	31 00	.....	.....
7. W. B. E. River .....	.....	30 03	.....
8. Pictou Island.....	.....	2 92	.....
9. River Inhabitants, West Bay, and River Dennis.....	.....	12 33	.....
10. Cape John.....	.....	12 98	.....
11. Fall Riv. Ch., Tatamagouche	.....	24 00	.....
12. W. B. River John.....	.....	65 34	.....
13. Barney's River.....	.....	19 00	.....
14. Saltsprings.....	.....	11 00	.....
15. Earltown.....	.....	19 00	.....
16. W. B. E. River.....	.....	19 00	.....
*Totals.....	\$163 50	\$348 52	\$512 02

III.—P. E. I. PRESBYTERY.

1. St. Peter's & Brackley Pt. Rds.	\$9 30	.....	.....
2. Georgetown, Cardigan, &c....	10 50	.....	.....
3. Belfast.....	20 60	.....	.....
4. Charlottetown.....	.....	100 00	.....
†Totals.....	\$40 40	\$100 00	\$140 40

IV.—PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

1. St. Andrew's St. John.....	\$150 29	\$160 00	\$310 29
2. New St. Stephen's do	13 00	50 00	63 00
3. Frederickton	20 09	.....	20 00
4. Stanley.....	2 50	.....	2 50
†Totals.....	\$185 79	\$210 00	\$395 79

V.—PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

1. Chatham.....	\$13 50	\$78 65	\$92 15
2. Newcastle.....	19 00	93 00	112 00
3. Tabusintac and Burnt Church	5 30	.....	5 30
4. Black River.....	.....	34 00	.....
Red Bank.....	.....	20 00	54 00
Totals.....	\$37 80	\$225 65	\$263 45

VI.—PRESBYTERY OF RESTIGOUCHE.

1. Bathurst.....	\$11 00	.....	\$11 00
2. Dalhousie.....	9 50	75 00	84 50
3. Campbelton.....	30 00	.....	30 00
‡ Totals.....	\$50 50	\$75 00	\$125 50

DONATIONS, &c.

From Joseph Hart, Baddeck....	\$5 00	.....	.....
Mrs. Hugh Ross.....	2 00	.....	.....
Given to Convener at last Synod.	60 91	.....	.....
Totals from all Presbyteries...	\$672 90	\$1712 29	\$2385 19

* No collections for Synod's Home Mission from half the congregations in the Presbytery.

† No collections from Rev. Mr. McColl's congregations. None for Synod's Home Mission from Charlottetown. None for Presbytery Home Mission from the other congregations.

‡ No collections for either Synod or Presbytery Home Mission from St. Andrew's, Nashwaak, and Woodstock.

‡ No collection from New Richmond.

TABLE II.

Supplements from 1st August, 1871, to 1st August, 1872, from Colonial Committee and Synod's Home Mission.

	Half year ending 1st Aug., 1871.	Half year ending 1st Aug. 1872.,	Total.
1. River John.....	\$80 43	.....	\$80 43
2. St. Andrew's, N. B.	120 58	\$80 00	200 58
3. McLennan's Mountain.....	75 00	72 00	147 00
4. Albion Mines and Westville.	167 86	.....	167 86
5. Black River and Red Bank..	50 36	50 00	100 36
6. Stanley and Nashwaak.....	120 63	80 00	200 63
7. Tabusintac & Burnt Church.	120 66	80 00	200 66
8. St. Peter's and Brackley Point Roads.....	50 33	20 00	75 33
9. Truro, &c.....	50 33	48 00	98 33
10. Richmond, &c.....	50 33	48 00	98 33
11. Wallace and Pugwash.....	75 43	72 00	147 43
12. Rev. J. Moffat.....	52 00	.....	52 00
13. Rev. D. McCurdy.....	50 33	50 00	100 33
14. Rev. W. P. Begg.....	20 00	122 00	142 00
15. Mr. G. L. Gordon.....	150 00	150 00	300 00
16. Building Grant for Loch Lomond, C. B.....	.....	100 00	100 00
Total.....	\$1234 27	\$977 00	\$2211 27

Of this total \$2211.27, \$695 49 was drawn from Colonial Committee Feb. 1st., and \$695 Aug. 1st. and \$150 for outfit and passage money of Mr. Gordon. The balance, \$670 75, was from the Synod's Home Mission Fund.