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THE
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OF THE
Presbyterian Church
OF THE
LOWER PROVINCES
OF
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

AUGUST, 1862.

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&c., &c., &c.

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1862.

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

Monies received by the Treasurer to 20th July, 1862:

FOR FOREIGN MISSION.

Rev Mr Fraser's congregation, Casumpeque,	£16 13 4	Loch Lommond, 16s. 7½d.; Wainoo, L4 1s.; Campbelltown, Lot 4, L1 0s. 10d.,	5 18 6½
Strathalbyn, LA 2s. 7d.; Covehead, L11 3s. 5d.,	15 6 0	Mr and Mrs McKay, Tignish, 4s. 2d.; Dartmouth, L3 7s. 10½d.,	3 12 0½
Lot 14, P. E. I., L5 14s. 4d.; D. Ramsey, Esq., 16s. 8d.; Brookfield, 35s.,	8 6 0	Musquodoboit Settlement, L2 7s. 6d.; Lower Salmah, Miss. T. Society, 14s. 7½d.,	3 2 1½
Richmond Bay, 20s.; Mr A. K. McKinlay, Halifax, L50 14s. 11½d.,	51 14 11½	Rockville Miss. T. Society, 2 Congregations, Maitland, 38s. 8d.; Jew Miss. Society, L6 1s. 0½d.,	7 19 8½
R. Smith, Esq., L10 2s. 6d.; Woodville, P. E. I., 17s. 3d.,	10 19 9	Nine Mile River Congregation, L9 10s.; East Jordan, Mr R. Martin, coll. 7s.,	9 17 0½
Rev. G. Sutherland's Church, Charlottetown,	5 3 4	Upper Stowinacko, L11; Cape North, per Rev D. Sutherland, L3,	14 0 0
St. Mary's, Sherbrooke, L10; Glenelg, L10 1s. 9d.; Caledonia, L6 15s.,	26 16 9	1-3 Coll. Missionary Meeting, 40s. 2d.; Central Church, W. R., additional 6s. 8d.,	2 6 10
James Teal, Esq., Canso, 6s. 3d.; A. Sutherland, Caledonia, 10s.,	0 16 3	E. B. E. River, L3 15s.; Ladies penny-a-week Society, R. Hill, 10s. 4d.,	4 5 4
Poplar Grove Church, L6; Ladies penny-a-week Society, R. H., 23s. 9d.,	7 3 9	Lunenburg, L6 2s.; Brown's Creek P. E. I., L1 15s.; Upper Londonderry, L6 19s. 3d.,	14 16 3
Young Ladies Society, R. H., West River Church,	1 3 9	J. Muirnead, Esq., Sommerville, 16s. 8d.; Late Mrs J. McEwen, Campbelltown, L4 3s. 4d.,	5 0 0
The late Albert Morrison, Onslow, L2 10s.; Lower Londonderry, L15 8s.,	17 18 0	Donald Gunn, Esq., Country Harbour,	0 5 0
Isaac Logan, per Rev. J. I. Baxter, L5; Benevolent Society, Onslow, L5,	10 0 0	Section of Rev A. Sutherland's Congregation, R. H., by Miss Dinwodie, coll.,	1 9 6
Ladies Society, Onslow, L2 10s.; Clifton, L3 3s. 1d.,	5 13 1	Collection taken St. John's Ch., Chatham, Rev J. McCurdy's,	20 0 0
Shelburne, Miss J. McGill, coll. 46s. 10½d.; Miss B. Downey, coll. 16s. 10½d.,	3 3 9	Juvenile Missionary Society, half for educating Mr Goddie's children, per do.,	2 0 0
Janet McKay, coll. 9s. 4½d.; Knox Church, N. G., L15 16s. 4½d.,	16 5 9	Religious and Benevolent Society, per do., L2; a friend in Newcastle, 5s.,	2 5 0
Mrs C Cairns, Cavendish, 8s. 4d.; Mr D. Thompson, French River, 10s.,	0 18 4	Rev Dr McLeod, L16; Ladies, Primitive Church, N. G., L2 4s. 6d.,	18 4 6
Windsor, L12 10s.; Bay Fortune, L1 18s. 4d.; Rev D. Morrison, L47 6s. 3½d.,	61 14 7½	Congregation of Whyccomah, per Rev C. L. Ross,	14 0 0
Cavendish, L4 3s. 4d.; Lochabar, L1 15s.; Princetown, P. E. I., L25 12s. 6d.,	31 10 10	Hopewell Congregation, West Branch, E. R., per Rev Mr McKinnon,	9 4 6
Blue Mountain, L6; Barney's River, L3; Central Church, W. R., L6 11s. 1½d.,	15 11 1½	Late Mrs Lait, Edinburgh, annual subscription, per do.,	1 5 0
New London, North, L4 13s. 4d.; South Cornwallis, L6 18s. 10d., loss 10s. expenses L6 8s. 10,	11 2 2	From Rev D. Morrison,	14 8 11
Newport and Kempt, L10; Economy and Five Islands, L4 7s. 6d.,	14 7 6	SYNOD FUND.	
Middle Stowinacko, L13 12s. 3d.; St. Ann's, C. B., L6 17s. 4d.	20 9 7	Amount from Mr A. K. McKinlay, 10s. 10d.; Tatamagonche, 40s.; Woodville, P. E. I., 13s. 5d.	3 4 3
Baddeck, C. B., 13s.; Middle River, 7s. 6d.; James Church, N. G., L23 10s.,	24 10 4	North Cornwallis, 40s.; Sherbrooke, 30s.; Glenelg, 30s.; Caledonia, 20s.,	6 0 0
		River John, 30s.; Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, L5; Jordan Section, Shelburne, 10s.,	7 0 0
		Shelburne, 30s.; Upper Londonderry, 20s.; Lower do., 60s.; Onslow, 40s.,	7 10 0
		Rev J. Stewart's Church, N. G., L2 13s. 4d.; Bedeque, 30s. 5d., Clifton, 33s. 9d.,	5 17 6

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD

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Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
4 Robert S. Patterson	Hugh Montgomery	Bedeque
1 James Allan	1 David Auld	Covehead
3 Isaac Murray	5 John Clarke	Cavendish & N. Glasgow
1 Alexander Munro	Sweenie Campbell	Brown's Creek [Fortune
3 Henry Crawford	Hon. Dr. Jardine	East St. Peters and Bay
1 George Sutherland	1 Robert Robertson	Ch'town., Free Church
5 Allan Fraser	Robert Gordon	Cascumpec
1 Donald McNeill	1 Murdoch McLeod	Woodville
5 Robert Laird	James Bearisto	Princetown
5 William Ross	Ewen McMillan	West River and Brookfield
7 Allan McLean	William Hunter	Dundas
Vacant	Johnstone Aitken	Murray Harbor
Vacant	W. L. Douglas	West St. Peters
Vacant	5 David Laird	Ch'town., Queen Square
Vacant	Malcolm Gillis	Strathalbyn
Vacant	Malcolm McLean	New London, South

Presbytery of Truro.

Thomas S. Crowe		Maitland and Noel
1 James Smith, D. D.	E. Tupper	Upper Stewiacke
1 John I. Baxter	Thomas B. Dickson	Onslow
1 James Ross, Professor		
1 William McCulloch	1 David W. Archibald	Truro
1 James Byers		Clifton
1 Ebenezer E. Ross	1 Robert Morrison	Upper Londonderry
3 Alexr. L. Wyllie	1 Joshua Thompson	Lower Londonderry
1 James McG. McKay	1 James Graham	Economy
Samuel Johnston		Harvey, N. B.
1 John Currie	3 Adam Dickie	Maitland [Brookfield
2 Alexr. Cameron	Hugh Dunlop	Middle Stewiacke and
Jacob McLellan	Robert Faulkner	Maitland
6 Duncan McKinnon	William Adams	Parrsboro.

Presbytery of Pictou.

1 Angus McGillivray	John McKinnon	Upper Sett. East River
1 David Roy	1 John Fraser	James' Ch. New Glasgow
1 John McCurdy	1 John Hardie	Chatham, N. B.
2 John Stewart	1 William Morton	Knox Ch. New Glasgow
1 John Campbell	1 Henry Archibald	St. Mary's
1 George Walker	1 George Murray, M. D.	Primitive Ch. N. Glasgow
1 James Bayne	1 George Grant	Prince St. Church
5 Andrew P. Miller	2 James Ryan	French River
1 Alexr. Campbell	Robert Stewart	Lochaber.
5 Alexr. Sutherland	Murdoch McKenzie	Earltown.
1 Duncan B. Blair	1 Duncan Dewar	Barney's River
1 George Patterson	4 Daniel McLeod	Salem Ch. Green Hill
1 James Thompson	1 Lawrence Miller	Central Church, W. R.
1 George Roddie	1 David McLean	West River
2 John McKinnon	4 John McLean	Hopewell
2 Thomas Downie	2 James Buraside	Antigonish
1 Alexr. Ross	John F. Logan	Knox Church, Pictou.
Vacant	1 James McDonald	Merigomish
Vacant	Angus Cameron	Goshen
Vacant	George Munroe	Salt Springs

Presbytery of Halifax.

2 John L. Murdoch	James Sweet	Windsor
3 Andrew King		
1 Robert Sedgwick	4 William Archibald	Musquodoboit
1 P. G. McGregor	1 Charles Robson	Halifax
George Christie		Yarmouth
9 William Duff		Lunenburg
Walter Thorburn		Hamilton
9 John Cameron	James A. Scott	Nine Mile River
1 George M. Clark	Philip Bower	Shelburne
5 William Forlong	John S. Newcomb	S. Cornwallis
1 John M. McLeod	Archibald Smith	Newport
1 James McLean	4 David Moore	Shubenacadie
1 William Murray	John Burgess	N. Cornwallis
Alexr. Stuart	James Farquhar	Porters Lake & Lawrence- town
		Dartmouth
3 Alexr. McKnight	Edward Taylor	West Cornwallis
Howard D. Steele	Stephen Burgess	Lower LaHave
1 Donald McMillan		Bridgewater
1 John Morton		Annapolis, &c.
1 Donald S. Gordon	George Runciman	Ch. Imers Church
Vacant	Francis W. George	Clyde & Barrington
Vacant		Sheet Harbor & Tangier
Vacant		

Presbytery of Cape Breton.

2 Hugh McLeod, D.D.	Sydney
James Fraser	Boularderie
Matthew Wilson	Sydney Mines
Moses Harvey	St. Johns, N. F.
Alexr. Ross	Harbour Grace, N. F.

Presbytery of Richmond.

4 Murdoch Stewart	West Bay
William G. Forbes	Plaster Cove
4 James Ross	Grand River

Presbytery of Victoria.

Abram McIntosh	St. Ann's
2 Kenneth McKenzie	Baddeck
Charles L. Ross	Whycocomah
4 Donald Sutherland	Cape North
1 Alexr. McDonald	Maheu

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

2 James Watson	2 Robert Byers	New Annan
1 John Munro	1 Wm. McDonald	Wallace
2 Hector B. McKay	2 Ephraim Langille	River John
1 Thomas Sedgwick	1 John Clark	Tatamagouche
Vacant	John Dickson	Goose River, Mt. Pleasant
Vacant	J. W. P. Chisholm	Wentworth

NOTE.—The figures indicate the Sederunt at which the persons so marked were present for the first time. Those without any figure were not present at the Synodical Session of 1862.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF THE
Lower Provinces of British North America.

HELD AT PICTOU, JUNE & JULY, 1862.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

*At New Glasgow and within James' Church,
On Wednesday the 25th day of June, 1862,
11 o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, met, and was constituted, after a sermon by Rev. James Smith, D. D., the Moderator, from 2 Cor. viii. 9: "For ye know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, &c." Sermon.

It was reported that the following changes affecting the Roll of Synod had occurred since last meeting. That it had pleased the Great Head of the Church, to remove by death, the Rev. Samuel Fulton Johnston, ordained missionary on Tana, and the Rev. George N. Gordon, ordained missionary on Erromanga, and that the Board have removed their names from the list of missionaries under their oversight. Changes caused by death.

That the following ministers had demitted their charges, and that the pastoral relation between them and their respective congregations had been dissolved:— By demissions.

- Rev. Neil McKay of Murray Harbor, July 10th, 1861.
- Rev. W. S. Darragh of Goose River, July 30th, 1861.
- Rev. D. Morrison of Strathalbyn, March 12th, 1862.
- Rev. H. McMillan of Clyde, Barrington, June 7th, 1862.

That the following Inductions have taken place:— By Inductions.

- Rev. H. D. Steele to the pastoral oversight of West Cornwallis, June 10th, 1862.
- Rev. A. P. Miller to the pastoral oversight of French River, June 24th, 1862.

The following Probationers having accepted Calls, have been ordained and inducted and their names enrolled:— Ordinations.

- Rev. D. McMillan to the charge of congregation of Lower LaHave, Dec. 4th, 1861.

Rev. John Morton to the charge of congregation of Bridgewater, Dec. 5th, 1861.

Rev. Duncan McKinnon to the charge of congregation of Parrsboro and Maccan, June 4th, 1862.

Rev. Donald S. Gordon to the charge of congregation of Annapolis, June 12th, 1862.

Rev. Allan McLean to the charge of congregation of Dundas, P. E. I. June 19th, 1862.

**Probationers
Licensed**

The following Probationers have been licensed :—

By the Presbytery of Halifax, Mr. Wm. R. Frame.

By the Presbytery of Pictou, Mr. Adam McKay, Mr. Alexr. Falconer, Mr. Kenneth J. Grant, Mr. William Sinclair.

By the Presbytery of P. E. Island, Mr Allan McLean, Mr. John F. Sutherland.

The Presbytery of Pictou farther reported that Mr. Adam McKay Probationer, had received a certificate of standing, with the intention of joining the Canada Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island reported that two congregations under their inspection, viz : Cavendish and New London, and Richmond Bay have been divided, forming four congregations. 1st. Cavendish and New Glasgow—2nd. New London North and Summerfield—and 1st. Richmond Bay East and 2nd. Richmond Bay West.

The Presbytery of Halifax reported that the Rev. John Sprott, having declined to acknowledge the authority of the Presbytery, had been declared to be no longer a minister in connection with this body.

New Moderator

On motion of Rev. R. Sedgewick seconded by Rev. G. Walker, the Rev. Hugh McLeod, D. D., was chosen Moderator. Dr. McLeod not being present the retiring Moderator was requested to preside until his arrival.

**Report of Com.
on Bills and
Overtures**

The Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures was then read and adopted ; and the Clerk directed to have 100 copies printed for the use of the members of Synod.

James' Cottage, New Glasgow, June 17th, 1862.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures met this day in this place, and agreed that the following subjects be taken up in the order after specified, by the Synod, at its ensuing meeting in New Glasgow.

1. The Synod after the first sederunt, shall meet at 10 o'clock, A.M., and adjourn at 1 P.M. Re-commence at 3 o'clock, P.M., and adjourn at 6 P.M.—Again in the evening to commence at half past seven and to adjourn at 9 o'clock, except on the last evening, when the sederunt may be protracted *ad libitum*.

2. Devotional Exercises.

3. Report of Committee on Colportage.

4. Report of Committee on Title Deeds.

5. Report of the Home Mission Board.

6. Report of the Foreign Mission Board.

7 Report of the Seminary Board.

8. Report of the Educational Board.

9. Report of College and Academy Board.

10. Report of Committee on Union with other Presbyterian Bodies.

11. Report of Committee to prepare an address to the Churches.

12. Report of Committee of Correspondence with the Parent Churches.

13. Report of Committee on Widow's Fund.

14. Report of Committee on Popery.

15. Report of Committee on Temperance.

16. Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance.
 17. Report of Committee on Rules of Procedure.
 18. Report of Presbyteries on the subject of the constituent membership of the Church Courts.
 19. Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on Statistical questions, and questions on Presbyterial visitations.
 20. Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on the Formulas, sent down for consideration.
 21. Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions, anent the mode of the ordination of Elders and Deacons.
 22. Report of the Committee on the subject of Marriage Licenses.
 23. Report of Publication Committee.
 24. Overture by the Rev. John Munro.
 25. Supply of Professor Smith's pulpit during the Session of the Hall.
 26. Report of Committee on Statistical Returns.
 27. Report of Committees on Presbytery Minutes and the Minutes of the Boards.
 28. Report of Auditing Committee.
 29. Professor Smith's Memorial.
 30. Mr. John Fraser's appeal.
 31. Report of General Treasurer.
 32. Synodical Expenditure.
 33. Next Meeting of Synod.
 34. The Committee recommends to the Synod, that one half hour be spent in Devotional Exercises, at the commencement of each business sederunt in the evening.
- The Missionary Meeting to be held on Monday evening, at half-past seven, when the Report of the Foreign Mission Board shall be first read, next the Report of the Home Mission Board, and lastly, the Report of the College and Seminary Board, shall be read.

DAVID ROY,

Clerk of Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Synod adjourned till 3 o'clock. Closing with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by Rev. Dr. Smith, the retiring Moderator, when the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. McLeod having entered, and having been informed of his election, took the chair; and having thanked the Synod for the unexpected honour conferred on him, expressed his satisfaction at being called to preside over this united Synod, assigning various reasons, for his cordial approval of the Union, from the consummation of which, in Pictou in October, 1860, he had been very reluctantly absent.

One hour was then spent in devotional exercises. Rev. Messrs. R. Sedgewick, and J. Stewart leading in prayer, the Word of God being read and praises sung at intervals.

Rev. Messrs. Allan, McNeil, and Mr. David Auld, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee to receive and arrange Statistical Returns. Mr. Allan, Convener.

Rev. Messrs. G. Sutherland, McDonald, and Dr. Murray, Ruling

Moderator's
Speech

Devotional
exercises

Com. on Statis-
tics

Committee on
Minutes.

Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries in Nova Scotia proper. Mr. Sutherland, Convener.

Rev. Messrs. J. Stewart, Alexander Campbell, and Mr. John Fraser, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, and of the three Presbyteries in Cape Breton. Mr. Stewart, Convener.

Rev. Messrs. Roy, McGillivray, and Mr. Charles Robson, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the different Boards of the Synod. Mr. Roy, Convener.

Com of Reports of Presbytrs Rev. Messrs. J. Campbell, Walker, and Mr. Henry Archibald, were appointed a Committee to receive and classify the Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions, on the matters remitted to them by Synod last year. Mr. Campbell, Convener.

Dr. Forrester and Common School Education. Rev. Dr. Forrester being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member. The Dr. on acknowledging the courtesy, intimated his intention of asking the Synod to hear him on the subject of Common School Education. The Committee of Bills and Overtures were directed to select a suitable time for the Synod to hear the Dr. on this important subject.

Corresponding Members Rev. Professor Lyall and all Ordained Missionaries present, viz: Rev. Messrs. Darragh, A. W. McKay and Morrison, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

Report of Com. on Colportage The Report of the Committee on Colportage was then read by the Rev. John I. Baxter, shewing that 60,000 volumes had been sold and circulated at a cost of £5000. since the commencement of this effort, ten years ago, but that little had been done during the past year, owing to the dulness of the times and the scarcity of money; and that the work, as at present conducted, must either cease or receive pecuniary support. The Report was received and the diligence of the Committee approved, when the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

Same Day, and Place, half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and after the singing of praise and reading the Word of God, was constituted by the Moderator.

Protest of Prof. King The Rev. Professor King being present for the first time, called attention to a resolution of Synod which was passed last year, when he happened to be absent, in which the right to a seat in Synod by Professors of Theology was ignored; and read and laid on the table a Protest against any legislation which should deny or call in question the right of the Professors of Theology to a seat in the higher Church Courts, as a violation of the constitution of this Church as expressed in the Basis of Union.

Devotional exercises A portion of time was then occupied in devotional services, the Rev. George Patterson leading in prayer, after the reading of the Word and praise.

Colportage 1st motion Resumed the consideration of Colportage. It was then moved by the Rev. E. Ross, "That the scheme be closed and the books sold to pay the debt."

2nd motion Rev. G. Sutherland moved as follows: "Resolved, That the Synod

renew the expression of their high approbation of the work prosecuted by the Colportage Committee—authorize the Committee to procure books from the Presbyterian Board or other sources, not as an actual purchase, but as depositaries for their dissemination, and direct them to employ if possible, suitable persons in suitable localities for the sale of the books on hand, and such as may be received, the Colporteurs to be paid a per centage on their sales."

Rev. James Bayne moved, "That under present circumstances, the Committee be directed to continue their operations as during the past year." 3d motion

The vote being taken, the third motion was preferred to either of the other two, and the Committee were re-appointed and authorized to proceed as during the past year.—Closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, Thursday 26th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and after praise and the reading of the Word, was constituted by the Moderator, when the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Currie, Morton, A. Cameron, and Mr. Lawrence Miller, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of two, out of the four Presbyteries in Nova Scotia proper. Another Com.
on Presbytery
Minutes

The Report of the Committee on title deeds was read by Rev. George Patterson, the Convener, narrating the steps taken in procuring an Act of the Legislature, for giving greater security to the property of our congregations, and giving an account of its leading provisions. The Report of the Committee was received and their diligence approved, and they were directed to lay before the Synod a copy of the Bill as soon as received. Report of Com.
on Title deeds

The Rev. James Bayne then read the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, giving full details of a succession of calamities, which during the past year, have befallen the islands of the New Hebrides, from hurricanes and infectious disease, and of the exasperating effects of these on the native mind, leading to the death of Mr. Johnston on Tana, and to the barbarous murder of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon by the savages of Erromanga, and to the expulsion of Messrs. Paton and Matheson from the island of Tana. The Report being heard with feelings of deep sorrow, was received, and the diligence of the Committee approved. Rept. of Board
of Foreign
Missions

At the request of Synod, the Rev. Professor King offered special prayer, acknowledging the hand of God in the recent trials which have befallen the Mission, with confession of sin, acknowledgment of past mercies, and earnest prayer for farther direction and blessing. Special Prayer

Rev. Messrs. McCurdy, Bayne, and G. Patterson, were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable statement respecting these trials to be entered on the Minutes. Mr. McCurdy, Convener. Statement to be
prepared

The suggestions of the Board were then taken up in detail. First, Shall the request of the Missionaries for a larger vessel be granted by this Synod, undertaking to bear one fourth of the cost, and similar pro- Missionary
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portion of maintenance? While the subject was under consideration, the Synod adjourned—Concluding with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and after praise and the reading of the Word of God was constituted by the Moderator, when the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Thanks to Dr. Rev. D. McNeil moved "that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Smith, &c. Rev. Dr. Smith, for the excellent discourse preached at the opening of Synod, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication in the *Record*."

It was moved in amendment "that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Smith, for the excellent sermon preached at the opening of the Synod," when the question being taken, the motion passed by a large majority, and the Moderator accordingly tendered the thanks of the Synod, and requested the Dr. to publish the discourse.

Vessel to be Resumed Foreign Mission business, when the following Resolution was provided moved by the Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by Rev. J. L. Murdoch, "That the Board be authorized to take the necessary steps to provide a vessel, such as the Missionaries have requested and consider necessary for the efficiency of the Mission, of about one hundred tons burthen, and to appeal to the children of the Church for the sum required.

Date of Mis- In reply to the inquiry of the Board, respecting the time when the salary sionaries should commence, it was agreed on motion of Dr Murray, Salary that the Missionary should be on salary from the date of ordination and designation to the work, and, if previously an ordained minister, from the date of his acceptance and actual employment in the service of the Board.

Home Missions The Synod re-appointed the ministers now on the Board, with power to add to their number such elders and laymen as will give them efficient aid.

Rev. Mr. McKnight then read the Report of the Board of Home Missions, when the Synod adjourned, closing with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Devotional ex- The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator, who was fol- croises lowed in prayer by the Rev. Professor Ross, with praise and the reading of the Scriptures.

Home Missions Resumed Home Mission business, when the accounts and other papers were read. After an expression of opinion from members, on the matters embraced in the report, it was received and the diligence of the Committee approved. Closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, June 27th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and after praise and the reading of the Scriptures, was constituted by the Moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Resumed Home Mission business, when it was agreed to read, *seriatim* the Rules prepared by the Board, for the guidance of Probationers and Catechists. These Rules as amended, were adopted and directed to be published. Rules for Probationers

The following Board was appointed:—Rev. Professor King, Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, McKnight, Cameron, McGregor, Mr. Charles Robson, and Mr. James Barnes, with the Clerks of Presbyteries as Corresponding Members. Board

Rev. John McCurdy moved the following resolution:—"That the Board shall not take under its charge, Probationers and Ordained Ministers from sister Churches, till such Probationers or Ministers have been duly received by a Presbytery of this Church." Reception of Ministers.

Rev. G. Patterson moved, "That the Synod proceed with other business," when the question being taken, the Synod resolved to proceed with other business.

Rev. E. Ross, the Secretary of Board of Superintendance, then read the report of that Board—shewing that 42 Students had attended the Seminary in Truro, 5 being from New Brunswick, 3 from Prince Edward Island, 3 from Cape Breton, and 31 from Nova Scotia proper, and that their proficiency had been highly creditable. Rept of Board of Seminary

It farther appeared that 16 Students prosecuted the study of Theology in Halifax, and the greater number of these gave good promise of success. The report recommended greater strictness in requiring adherence to the proper standard of admission, and the appointment of a Synodical Committee to consider the question of the consolidation of our educational establishments in one locality and under one roof.

Written statements by the different Professors, giving an account of the course, the attendance, and the proficiency of their respective classes, were read by the Secretary, and also a memorial from the Students who had attended the last session at Truro, requesting that the term be shortened to five months. Reports of Professors
Student's Memorial

The accounts having been read, the following resolution was passed:—*Resolved*, That in accordance with the suggestions of the Board, a large committee be now appointed to consider the present state and prospective liabilities of our Educational Institutions, and to bring such recommendations on the whole subject, for the guidance of the Synod in present circumstances, as they may see cause to make. Closed with prayer. Com. on Education

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator with prayer, preceded by praise and the reading of the Scriptures.

The following committee were appointed in accordance with the minute

Com. on Educational Institutions

of last sederunt on the subject of our Collegiate Institutions, the Professors, the Moderator, the Rev. Messrs. McCulloch, John Munro, M. Stewart, J. McCurdy, G. Patterson, J. Murray, G. Sutherland, K. McKenzie, and McGregor, and Messrs. Robson, D. W. Archibald, R. L. Byers, and Dr Murray, ruling elders, the Moderator to be Convener.

Minute on state
of Foreign
Mission

The following statement submitted by Mr. McCurdy, was approved and directed to be entered on the minutes:—

The Committee appointed to prepare a statement to be entered on the minutes of Synod relative to the trying condition of the Foreign Mission during the past year, and the duty of the Church in view of them, beg to submit the following:—

That, in the ravages of disease, by which so many of the natives, both christian and heathen, have been cut down, in the removal by death of Mr Johnson, in the cruel and barbarous murder of Mr and Mrs Gordon, and in the appalling circumstances which compelled Mr Paton and Mr and Mrs Matheson to abandon their stations, the Synod recognizes a series of trials which call for deep searchings of heart, and for humility and contrition on account of our manifold shortcomings.

That the Synod while recording its high sense of the zeal, fortitude, and self-denial of the fallen missionaries would, express its deep sympathies with the widow in a strange land and the surviving relatives of the deceased missionaries, with the missionaries who have had to flee for their lives, and with the whole mission band, over whom wave after wave has thus been made to pass.

That while called on to contemplate judgments, the Synod would hail with gratitude, and as incentives to a renewal of trust in God, various evidences of the success of missionary labor on both Tana and Erromanga, seen only since the labourers have fallen, or have been constrained to abandon their posts.

That the Synod recommends to the pastors of all our congregations, to make special reference to these mysterious dispensations on the third Sabbath of August, that the people may have an opportunity of uniting in exercises of humility and penitence, and of wrestling together in prayer to Him who hath said "In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting mercies will I gather thee;" and "all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ."

That the Clerk of Synod be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the surviving missionaries.

JOHN McCURDY, Convener.

Conference

A letter was read from Rev. Allan Pollock, Convener of a committee appointed by the Synod of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland, addressed to the Clerk of this Synod and expressing their readiness to confer with any committee which this Synod may appoint on the subject of the Collegiate education in the province, and suggesting a suitable time and place. It was agreed that a committee be appointed to meet at the time and place mentioned with our brethren of the other Synod, and the Rev. Professors King and Ross, Rev Messrs. McCulloch and McGregor, and Mr. C. Robson, were named. Mr McCulloch, Convener. The Synod then reappointed the Board of Superintendance.

Report of Com.
on Preliminary Educa-
tion.

Rev. Professor Ross read the report of Committee appointed to consider the course of Preliminary and Theological instruction intimating that the committee were not prepared to report any change.

Report of Edu-
cational B'd.

Rev. Professor Ross gave a verbal report of the proceedings of the Educational Board, and Mr Sedgewick of the fulfilment of appointment of Committee for preparing and publishing a Pastoral Address to the Churches. Both reports were received and the diligence of the committees commended.

Rev. J. L. Murdoch, Convener of Committee on union stated, that no communications had been given or received by the committee during the past year. The committee was re-appointed. Com. on Union

Rev. Professor King read the correspondence with the Parent Churches so far as the work had devolved upon him. 1st. A letter addressed to the General Assembly of the Free Church informing that Body of the Union, accomplished here and furnishing a copy of the Basis of Union, 2nd. A letter addressed to Rev. Dr. Bonar, Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church, acknowledging obligation for past kindness and aid especially in the advancement of ministerial Education, and soliciting for a time the continuances of this aid. Report on Correspondence with Parent Churches

A reply was read from the Rev. Dr. Bonar, together with extracts from the minutes of the Colonial Committee, expressing their deep interest in the welfare of this United Church, and their regret that the increasing demands upon their funds, shut them up to the necessity of discontinuing at the end of their financial year, the aid hitherto granted. Reply from Dr. Bonar

The following letter from Rev. Dr. Guthrie, Moderator of the Free Assembly, having been read and heard with deep interest, was ordered to be entered on the minutes :— Reply from Free Assembly

To the Very Reverend, the Moderator, and Remanent Members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

The General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly, this 29th day of May, 1862.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—

We have received with the greatest pleasure, your communication announcing the consummation of the Union, and incorporation of the two Churches in Nova Scotia, formerly known as the Presbyterian Church and the Free Church respectively.

From other sources we had previously been informed of this event, and of the basis on which this Union had been effected. We rejoice in this opportunity of expressing anew, our high satisfaction with the spirit in which the transactions connected with this Union have been carried forward, and the declaration which you have made of principles held sacred by this Church.

We rejoice to hope, that by the blessing of God, your now united Church will prove a powerful and effective instrument for advancing the cause of the Redeemer, and for maintaining and illustrating the authority of Christ as sole Head of his Church, and as the Governor among the nations.

Assuring you of our earnest desire to strengthen the bonds of brotherly fellowship with your Church, by mutual sympathy, counsel, assistance, and intercourse—we commend you and the congregations of your communion to Him, who is able to bless you and to make you a blessing in the land of your habitation.

In name, and by authority of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

THOMAS GUTHRIE, Moderator.

The Rev. Professor Ross, who conducted another part of the correspondence, not being present, the Synod passed for the present to another subject. Business unfinished

A letter was read, signed by the Moderator and Clerks of the Canada Presbyterian Church, informing this Synod of the Union recently effected there between the Free and the U. P. Churches of Canada, giving information respecting the extent, and resources of that Church, and expressing their fraternal regards for this body, and their readiness to welcome Ministers from this Church as fellow labourers in Canada. Letter from Canada Presbyterian Churches

The Synod having expressed gratitude at the reception of this letter, the Rev. Professors King and Ross were appointed to prepare a reply, to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Report of Com. on Widows The report of the committee to prepare a scheme of support for the widows and orphans of Ministers, was read by the Rev. J. Stewart, from which it appeared that owing to want of information and the local separation of the committee, nothing of consequence had been done. The committee was discharged, and it was agreed that another be appointed, with instructions to report during the present Synodical Session. Rev. Messrs. Bayne, Stewart, Blair, A. Sutherland, G. Sutherland, G. Patterson and Dr. Murray, were appointed. Mr. Bayne, Convener.

Report of Com. on forms of procedure The Rev. G. Patterson then read the report of the Committee on rules and forms of procedure. The report gave an outline of the course pursued in preparing a work for publication, adapted to the wants of this Church, and recommended the appointment of a second committee, to review their work prior to the publication of a small edition to be used as *ad interim* rules, until sanctioned finally by Synod. The report was received and the diligence of the committee approved. The Synod re-appointed the Board, approved of their proposals for prosecuting the work, and direct the different Boards to prepare, as requested, a written statement of their rules and modes of doing business. Closed with prayer.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by prayer by the Moderator, after which one half hour was spent in devotional exercises, the Moderator having been followed in prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, with praise and the reading of the Word. Read and corrected the minutes of last sederunt.

Dr. Forrester's address Rev. Dr. Forrester then addressed the Synod on the subject of Common School Education.

Thanks It was moved by the Rev. James Bayne, seconded by the Rev. Wm. Duff, and agreed, "That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Forrester for his able and eloquent address," which was done accordingly.

Com. on Common School Education A committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. Messrs. Bayne, McKnight, Ross, (Pictou) William Murray, and Dr. Murray were appointed to consider the suggestions made by Dr. Forrester, and report in reference to them at a future sederunt. Closed with prayer.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, June 28th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Com. on expenses of travelling The Rev. Messrs. Duff, Walker, J. Stewart, and Mr. Robert Robertson, ruling elder, were appointed a committee to ascertain travelling ex-

penses of members of Synod, and to prepare a scale of payment. Mr. Duff, Convener.

Agreed that the dissent and complaint against a decision of Prince Edward Island Presbytery be taken up on Monday afternoon.

In accordance with the recommendation of the committee on rules and forms of procedure, to appoint another committee to revise their work, the Rev. Professors King, and McKnight, and the Clerk were appointed.

Rules of procedure

Rev. W. McCulloch read the report of the committee on marriage licences, pointing out existing evils and the propriety of Synodical action on the matter, both as respects the Government and the Church, and stating that for reasons given, they had not made application to the Government on the subject.

Report of Com. on Marriage Licences

The committee was re-appointed, with the addition of Rev. Professor King, and Rev. Messrs. Murdoch and Cameron; and directed to bring various abuses under the notice of Government, with a view to their rectification, said committee to correspond with the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, in order that a similar application may be made to the Government of that Island.

Com. enlarged

Rev. Professor McKnight then submitted the Report of the Publication Committee, shewing that the Record now had a circulation of 2,800 copies, and left after the payment of all expenses a surplus of £35.

Report of Publication Com.

The Synod Re-appointed the committee and approve of their diligenced during the past year, and directed them to collect arrears on the periodicals of the two bodies prior to union, and to apply the surplus to the payment of the debt on these.

Re-appointed

After notice given, the following motion was moved by Rev. Wm. Murray. "That a Special Committee be appointed to consider the subject of systematic giving, and report to the Synod a method by which it may be secured, that every church member and every adherent give something to the schemes of the Church, regularly, and as far as possible, according to their ability." The motion passed and the Rev. Messrs. Wm. Murray, J. Cameron, J. McLean, McLeod, and McKenzie, and Messrs. C. Robson and Adam Dickie were appointed. Mr. Murray, Convener.

Com. on systematic giving

The committee appointed to classify the reports of Presbyteries, on the constituent members of church courts, submitted the following report:—

Report of Com. to classify returns of Presbytery

TRURO PRESBYTERY reports "That the right belongs to ordained Ministers employed as Professors in the Institutions of the Church, and to ordained Ministers employed as Foreign Missionaries, but not to such as are not in the service of the Church, or to such as are labouring as Home Missionaries."

PICTOU PRESBYTERY reports, "That ordained Ministers having pastoral charges, and Elders representing Kirk Sessions, be the only constituent members of Church Courts."

VICTORIA PRESBYTERY reports, "That this Presbytery is of opinion, that all ordained Ministers, Pastors of Congregations, with their representative Elders, together with ordained Foreign Missionaries; and all ordained Professors engaged in the Institutions of the Church, alone are eligible members of the Courts of the Church."

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY reports "That, with respect to Professors of Theology, they find that it is not an open question, as they hold a constitutional right to sit in the higher courts of the Church; it is therefore the opinion of the Presbytery, that the Pastors and representative Elders of Congregations, and the Professors of Theology, and they only, can be recognized as constituent members of the higher Church Courts."

TATAMAGOUCHE PRESBYTERY reports "That the opinion of this Presbytery,

anent the right of ordained Ministers without charges, to sit in Church Courts, seemed to be, that such have no right to a seat in the Courts of the Church."

RICHMOND PRESBYTERY reports "That they are of opinion, that the Pastors and representative Elders of Congregations, and ordained Ministers holding Professorial appointments alone should be recognized."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESBYTERY "were of opinion that Pastors, Professors of Theology, and Foreign Missionaries while home on a visit, with Elders, are alone entitled to sit as members."

While the subject was under consideration, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod adjourned till Monday, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, June 30th, 1862, 10 o'clock.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Dr. Smith, in the absence of the Moderator, after devotional services. The minutes of last sederunt were read and corrected.

Constituent
Members of
Church Courts

Resumed the consideration of the question, who are constituent members of our Church Courts.

It was moved by Rev. G. Patterson, seconded by Rev. Wm. Duff, "That this Synod having received the opinions of Presbyteries on the question sent down for consideration, and finding that there is not a majority in favour of granting seats in the higher church courts, to any but those who have hitherto been regarded as holding a constitutional right to seats, viz.: Professors of Theology, ordained ministers, having pastoral charges, and Representative Elders, the Synod recognize only those as constituent members of Presbyteries and Synod; but this shall have no *ex post facto* reference to Professors Ross and Lyall, (who were recognized in the respective bodies now united as constitutional members of the higher Church Courts,) so long as they shall hold professorships under this Synod."

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Mr. Baxter, seconded by Rev. Mr. Watson, "That the whole subject be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions by overture, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare an overture for the consideration of Synod." Before the question was put the Synod closed with prayer.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Dissent and
complaint

Took up the dissent and Complaint of Rev. Mr. Munro and other members of Presbytery of P. E. Island, against the decision of Presbytery, granting the moderation of a call to the congregation of Queen's Square.

Parties heard

The minutes of Presbytery were then read, also reasons of dissent and replies to these reasons. The Rev. Messrs. Munro, Sutherland, McNeil

and Ross, and Mr. Robert Robertson, ruling elder, were then heard in support of the dissent and complaint. Rev. Messrs. Allan, and Murray were then heard in reply, and while the latter was addressing the Synod, the hour of adjournment arrived, when the Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, leaving the evening to be occupied by the Synodical Missionary Meeting. Closed with prayer.

THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, July 10th, 1862, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and after devotional exercises, was duly constituted by the Moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read.

Resumed consideration of the dissent and complaint from the minority in Prince Edward Island Presbytery, when the Rev. Isaac Murray concluded his address, and was followed by Rev. R. S. Patterson, and by Messrs. David Laird and John Clarke, ruling elders, and by Rev. Messrs. Laird and Fraser. Dissent and
complaint
defence

The defence of the Presbytery having been closed, the Rev. G. Sutherland and Rev. Mr. Munro spoke in reply, after which the Synod closed with prayer. Defence closed

FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and after devotional exercises, was duly constituted by the Moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read. Resuming the consideration of the dissent and complaint, questions were asked of the parties at the bar by different members of Synod. Parties having been removed, the Rev. J. McCurdy moved, the Rev. John I. Baxter seconding, "That the dissent and complaint be dismissed, and the action of the Presbytery sustained." Questions
Motion

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Wm. Duff, seconded by Rev. R. Sedgewick, "That the Synod having fully heard all parties, sustain the dissent and complaint against the action of the Presbytery, in proceeding to the Moderation of a call without consulting Synod, but in doing so, think that the congregation of Queen's Square had reason to complain of the course adopted, in the large expenditure upon Prince Street Church, so soon after the meeting of Synod as tending to defeat the object of the Synod's resolution; and in view of the whole case, find that in the present position of affairs in Charlottetown, the Union of the two congregations there, in the spirit contemplated by the Synod at its last meeting, to be now impracticable, and authorize the Presbytery to proceed in the call, which they have sustained from the congregation of Queen's Square, according to the rules of the Church." Amendment

The Synod shewing a decided preference for the amendment, and Mr. McCurdy having retired, Mr. Baxter withdrew his seconding of the motion, when the amendment passed without a division. Amendment
carried

The Committee of Conference, with the Synodical Committee of the Com of Confer-
ence

Church of Scotland, on the subject of a Provincial University, reported that the two committees having met, were agreed as respects the object contemplated, and in recommending to their respective Synods to co-operate in efforts to secure it. It further appeared that the other Synod had empowered their Committee to act in concert with any one which this Synod might see fit to appoint to act in the matter, after the Synods shall have adjourned. The Report was received and the procedure of the Committee approved.

The Moderator then appointed the Rev. Professors King and Ross and Rev. Messrs. McCulloch, McGregor and Patterson and Mr. C. Robson, the Committee to confer with the Governors of Dalhousie College. Rev. P. G. McGregor, Convener.

Report of Com.
on Seminary
Resolutions.

The committee on the present state and prospective liabilities of the Synods Institutions for Ministerial Education, submitted their report, shewing that they had given the subject their earnest and prayerful consideration, and as the result hereby agreed to, submit the following resolutions for the consideration of Synod :—

1. "That the Synod are of opinion, that if Dalhousie College were established on such a footing as to afford the usual branches of a Collegiate Education in a satisfactory manner, it would be an immense boon to the Province, and the Synod would encourage their Students to avail themselves of the advantages which it would afford."

2. "That a committee be appointed to confer with the Governors of that Institution, as soon after the rising of Synod as practicable, and in concert with any similar committee that may be appointed by the other Presbyterian Synod, to ascertain whether an arrangement could be effected, by which the branches now taught in the Synods Institution at Truro, might be obtained either in whole or in part from the former Institution."

3. "That the committee to be appointed, should receive instructions from the Synod, for their guidance in any negotiations which might be found necessary with the Governors of Dalhousie College."

4. "That the committee be authorized, if they can obtain satisfactory terms from the Governors of Dalhousie College, to conclude an arrangement, but should the terms which they can secure, appear unsatisfactory, so that the committee may feel doubtful respecting the wisdom or propriety of concluding an arrangement, that the committee be empowered to call a special meeting of Synod to consider and decide in the matter."

5. "That in the event of no such arrangement being made within three months, the Board of Superintendance be directed to issue an urgent appeal to the Church, to raise, during the present year, six hundred pounds, as the lowest sum, necessary to maintain the Synods Institution, in efficiency, and they be authorized to appoint deputies to visit the different parts of the Church, to excite deeper interest on the subject."

6. "In reference to the Memorial of Students at Truro, to shorten the term from six months to five, that pending these negotiations, no change be made in the length of the term."

Resolutions
adopted

The Report having been received, and the diligence of the committee approved, the Resolutions were read and considered *seriatim*. The first, second and third were adopted, when the requisite instructions were given. The fourth and fifth were then adopted.

The sixth having been read, it was moved by Rev. J. McG. McKay, that the term be *five months*, commencing the middle of November.

It was moved by Mr. Bayne, that the term be *six months* as formerly, but that the date of commencement be the middle of November.

The amendment passed, when Mr. McCulloch gave notice of motion to

rescind, to be brought forward at the beginning of next Sederunt. Concluded with prayer.

FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and after praise was constituted by the Moderator, when one half-hour was occupied in devotional exercises, the Rev. Mr. Baxter following the Moderator in prayer, with the singing of praise. Devotional exercises

The minutes of last sederunt were read, when Mr. McCulloch moved that the resolution passed at the close of last sederunt, altering the time of opening the Seminary be rescinded. The motion being carried, the recommendation of the committee was adopted, that for reasons already recorded, no change be made for the present.

Rev. Professor Ross read the second part of the Correspondence conducted by Professor King and himself with the Parent Churches, being a letter addressed to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, in which besides the grateful acknowledgement of past aid and counsel, full information was afforded respecting the Union of 1860, and the resources of the United Church. Letter to U. P. Church

The Report was received, the diligence of the committee approved. Title Deeds

The Convener of the committee on title deeds having informed the Synod that the Act had not been received, was directed to publish it when received with explanations. The Synod adjourned, closing with prayer.

SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, July 2nd, 1862, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator, after praise and the reading of the Word, when the minutes of last sederunt were read.

On motion of Rev. Mr. McKnight, it was agreed, 1st.—That the Theological Hall with the Institutions formerly known as the Free Church Academy, as well as the curriculum of arts, be placed under the superintendance of the Board. 2.—That the designation of the Board be modified so as to read, "The Board of Superintendance of the Educational Institutions of the Synod." 3.—That the Rev. P. G. McGregor, Rev. J. McLean, and Messrs. A. James, J. H. Liddell and J. S. McLean be added to the Board. Resolution on Hall

Agreed that the appeal of Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser be taken up in the afternoon, and parties notified. Appeal case

Resumed the question of constituent members of Church Courts. Discussion occurred on the general question, when Mr. McCulloch moved that the whole question be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions for further consideration. Constituent members of Ch. Courts

Mr. Baxter having withdrawn his motion in favour of Mr. McCulloch's, the question was taken, when the motion of Rev. Mr. Patterson, recorded in the minute of the 11th sederunt, passed by a large majority.

The Rev. James Rayne read the report of the committee, appointed to Report of Com. on Widow's Fund.

prepare a scheme for a fund for the widows and orphans of Ministers, proposing to raise by appeal to the more wealthy members and adherents of the Church, a capital fund of \$4,000 to increase this fund, that a collection shall be taken up in each Church; and while open at all times to the donations and bequests of the benevolent, that the fund shall depend for its future support, on the annual contributions from both Sessions and Ministers.

The raising of a capital fund of \$4,000, by appealing to the liberality of the wealthy, and of increasing it by collections in each congregation was approved, and it was remitted to the committee to carry out the object, in the way which they judge best. It was further agreed, "That for the present year the chief effort shall be the raising of the capital fund, and that the details for the management and distribution of funds be a matter of future consideration;" and the committee were directed to have a scale of distribution prepared, to be submitted to Synod next year. The committee was re-appointed, with the addition of Rev. D. Roy.

Appointment to
Chatham

Rev. Thomas Sedgewick was appointed to assist Rev. J. McCurdy, in dispensing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, at Chatham, on the 4th Sabbath of July.

Report of Com.
on Popery

The Rev. G. Sutherland read the report of the committee on Popery, shewing the incessant danger of our Protestant Institutions in the Lower Provinces, from the large numbers of the Romanist population, under the guidance of an influential priesthood; and recommending an application to the Protestant Institute of Scotland, to send at least one Evangelical labourer to be employed among our Roman Catholic brethren; and recommending co-operation with other Protestant bodies, to counteract the designs of the Papacy. The report was received and the diligence of the committee approved, and the committee re-appointed with the addition of Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Moses Harvie, Rev. Mr. Downie.

Motion on
Scripture
Readers

On motion, agreed that the committee be authorized to open negotiations with the Protestant Institute of Scotland, and the French Canadian Missionary Society, to ascertain if Scripture readers to labour among the Gaelic and French population, may be obtained, and at what cost, with directions to report to next meeting of Synod. Closed with prayer.

SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Statistical
Table

The Rev. James Allan then submitted the Statistical Returns arranged in tabular form and stated to the Synod what congregations had failed to make returns. It was agreed that prior to publication of the table, the Clerks of Presbyteries be directed to use diligence to have returns forwarded to the Clerk from the vacant charges, as well as from all settled ministers. The Clerk was directed in future to send the questions to the Clerks of Presbyteries instead of to individuals as heretofore.

Appeal fm. Mr.
& Mrs. Fraser

Took up an appeal against a decision of the Session of Prince Street Church, which decision had been sustained by the Presbytery of Pictou, by which Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser were suspended from Church privi-

leges for keeping a public-house, where intoxicating liquors had been for a time vended contrary to law, and in which, when the sale was subsequently legalized, disorderly practices were allowed.

Papers having been read, Mrs. Fraser appeared, in the absence of her husband. Rev. Messrs. Baxter and Wm. Murray were appointed to give her counsel and aid in conducting her case.

Rev. Mr. Bayne and Mr. George Grant appeared on the part of the Session, and the Moderator and Clerk appeared for the Presbytery.

Mrs. Fraser was then heard, in support of her appeal. Mr. Bayne then spoke on the part of the Session, and the Clerk of Presbytery in defence of the Presbytery's decision. Replies were given by Mrs. Fraser and also by Messrs. Baxter and Murray. Questions were asked and parties were then removed, when it was moved by Mr. C. Robson, seconded by Rev. P. G. McGregor, sustain the appeal, on the ground that the proceedings of the Session have been vitiated by the want of any meeting of the parties with the Session, and of any citation to the parties to meet the Session; but in sustaining the appeal, and in reversing the decision of Session and Presbytery, the Synod declare that in their opinion the keeping of a house, in which liquors are illegally sold, or which is disorderly in its character, is a good ground of suspension, and if persevered in, of exclusion from the membership of the Church.

The Rev. H. Crawford moved, Rev. A. Fraser seconding, whereas the late Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia declared that carrying on the liquor traffic by members of the Church is inconsistent with the obligations of their christian profession, and as the Session preceded in the premises in accordance with that declaration, the Synod dismiss the appeal and sustain the action of the Session and Presbytery.

The question being taken, the first motion passed, and the appeal was sustained accordingly.

Parties being called on, the decision was intimated to them, when the Synod closed with prayer.

EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator, when, after reading of the Word and praise, the Rev. W. McCulloch lead in prayer. The minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

The Rev. H. Crawford read the report of the committee on Temperance, and submitted resolutions for the Synods consideration. The report was received and the following resolutions adopted, as recommended in the report:—

1st, That in view of the state of our Church and Community, in these Lower Provinces, as now brought under our notice, we regard ourselves as under special obligations to advocate by persuasion and example, the principles of Total Abstinence.

2nd, That the members of this Synod, be earnestly recommended to co-operate with the friends of Temperance in their several fields of labor, in all judicious efforts for the success of the cause,—to preach at least one sermon each year on temperance, and to refer to the subject occasionally in their public discourses.

3rd, That the Synod do strictly enjoin on Sessions and Presbyteries, greater

fideliity and diligence in carrying out the discipline of the Church, against those who continue in the liquor traffic wherever evil consequences to morality are clearly traced to it.

The committee was then re-appointed and their expenses ordered to be paid.

Report of Com.
on Sabbath
observance

The Rev. R. S. Patterson read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, exposing prevalent evils, and shewing that the proceedings initiated in this Synod last year, in reference to the military music in the streets of Halifax, had resulted in a united application from the Protestant ministers and leading laymen of Halifax, to Major-General Sir Charles Hastings Doyle, which had been favourably received and the practise discontinued.

Thanks to Sir
C. H. Doyle

Agreed, that the Clerk of Synod convey to Major-General Doyle, the cordial thanks of this Synod, for his prompt response to the application of the Christian community.

Saturday mar-
ket at Char-
lottetown

It was further agreed, that the committee be authorized in the name of this Synod, to make a strong representation to the City Council at Charlottetown, against the continuance of the Saturday market in Charlottetown, as leading to much Sabbath desecration.

£10 to Mrs.
Blackwood

An application was made by Dr. Smith, for the sum of ten pounds, still due to Mrs. Blackwood, the widow of the late Rev. R. Blackwood, for arrears of stipend. Agreed that the money be paid.

Vote to Mrs.
Miller

Agreed that £7 10s. be paid from the Board of Home Missions, to Mrs. Miller of Mabou, widow of the late Rev. Wm. Miller.

Systematic giv-
ing

The Rev. Wm. Murray read the report of the Committee on Systematic giving, submitting a plan for securing regular monthly contributions of all office bearers, members and adherents of this Church. The report was received and the diligence of the committee approved. The committee was re-appointed and directed after revision to publish their scheme in the *Record*; and though the Synod, for want of time for discussion, cannot at present give it their formal sanction, yet they desire the committee to keep it before the Church during the year.

Synodical re-
mits

Rev. G. Walker reported as Convener of committee to examine the remits of Synod, that on the Statistical Questions no reports had been received—that on the subject of Questions to be put at Presbyterial Visitation, various changes were proposed both by Presbyteries and Sessions. Agreed, that the Statistical Questions be adopted, with the addition of a column for expenses in Church building, another for preaching stations.

On motion, agreed that the consideration of the reports of Presbyteries and Sessions, on questions for Presbyterial Visitation, on the mode of ordination of elders and of deacons, and on formulas for the licensing of preachers, and ordination of preachers, elders and deacons, be postponed till next meeting of Synod.

Prof. Smith's
pulpit

Agreed, that Professor Smith's pulpit be supplied as last year.

Repts. of Coms.
on Minutes

Reports of the committees appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Halifax, Truro, Prince Edward Island, Richmond, Cape Breton, Victoria, Pictou, and Tatamagouche, were submitted, from which it appeared that while there were some inaccuracies in nearly all the Records, yet minutes generally were kept with accuracy and business regularly conducted.

Boards

The report of the committee to examine the minutes of Boards was submitted, shewing that minutes of proceedings are regularly kept.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's accounts, and found them to be accurate. Rept. of Auditing Com.

The following abstract of the state of the accounts was submitted:—

ABSTRACT OF SYNOD ACCOUNTS, JUNE 1862.

FOREIGN MISSION.

Amount collected in the year,	£1029 12 2½	
“ Expended “ “	858 14 10½	
Received over expenditure,	£170 17 4	
Balance in hand, June 1861,	403 6 3½	
Balance in Treasurer's hands, June 1862.		£574 3 7½

HOME MISSION.

Amount collected in the year,	£391 2 0½	
“ Expended “ “	345 11 11½	
Receipts over Expenditure,	£45 10 1	
Balance in hand, June 1862,	4 2 0	
Balance in Treasurer's hands, June 1862.		£40 12 1

EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

Amount collected in the year,	£659 14 0	
“ Expended “ “	1485 11 11	
Expenditure over Receipts,	£825 17 11	
Balance in hand, June 1861,	865 14 8½	
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1862.		£39 16 9½

TURKISH MISSION.

Amount collected during the year,	£31 17 0	
From committee late Free Church,	222 18 5	
Amount Expended in the year,	£254 15 5	
	203 17 1	
Receipts over Expenditure,	£50 18 4	
Balance in hand, June 1861,	3 2 6	
Balance in Treasurer's hand, June 1862.		£54 0 10

THEOLOGICAL SUMINARY.

Amount collected in the year, *	£205 3 9	
“ Expended “ “	587 2 7	
Expenditure over Receipts.	£381 18 10	

DEMERDISH BUILDING FUND.

Received from com. late Free Ch.,	£95 17 3½	
Collected during the year,	21 6 6	
By Balance in Treasurer's hands,	£117 4 9½	

SPECIAL EFFORT.

Amount collected in the year,	£113 9 10½	
Bal. in Treasurer's hands, June 1861,	31 4 0	
By Balance in the Treasurer's hand,	£144 13 10½	

SYNOD.

Amount collected in the year,	£111 5 7½
“ Expended “ “	150 11 2½
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Balance due the Treasurer.	£39 5 7

CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS.

Amount collected in the year,	£6 6 9½
Remitted to Rev. D. Crawford,	6 6 9½
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EDUCATION OF MR. GEDDIE'S CHILDREN.

Amount collected in the year,	£7 15 6
“ Expended “ “	7 15 6
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PROTESTANT INSTITUTE SCOTLAND.

Amount collected in the year,	£6 17 8½
“ Remitted Rev. D. Crawford,	6 17 8½
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COLLEGE EXPENSES.

Amount collected in the year,	£19 14 3
“ Credited Seminary account,	19 14 3
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MATHESON BEQUEST HOME MISSIONS.

Balance in hand, May 1861,	£165 13 0
Loaned money returned,	7 0 0
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Expended during the year,	£172 13 0
	108 0 3
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By balance in Treasurer's hand, £64 12 9

Thanks

The report was received, the diligence of the committee approved, and the thanks of the Synod tendered for their services, by the Moderator and acknowledged by Rev. G. Walker.

Return of money

Agreed, that £22 10s. contributed by Mr. Hugh Dickie, for Church Building in Demirdesh, be returned at the request of the donor, the money never having been applied to the object for which it was given.

Supplement for Eastern shore

Rev. R. Sedgewick presented an application from Halifax Presbytery, in favour of Sheet Harbour and Tangier for a supplement, in order that they may be able to procure the services of a settled pastor. Remitted to the Board of Home Missions, to be dealt with as liberally as the funds at their disposal will admit of.

Com'n. School Education

The report of the committee on Common School Education was then submitted by Rev. Dr. Smith, containing a strong expression of the committee's opinion of the importance of the subject, and in favour of assessment for the support of Education, and submitting a draft of a petition to the Provincial Legislature, embodying these views to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk in the name of Synod, if approved. The Synod having approved of the procedure of the committee, adopted their recommendations, and it was ordered that the petition, when thus signed, be duly forwarded.

Return of papers

A letter was read from Mr. D. McEwan, requesting the return of certain papers which were in the Clerks hands, and which were, or might be, valuable to him. Agreed that the papers be returned.

At the suggestion of the Moderator, it was unanimously agreed, that an Address of condolence be forwarded for presentation to Her Majesty, in the deep affliction with which it has pleased the Allwise Ruler to visit our revered and beloved Queen. The following draft was submitted, adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk:—

Address to Her Majesty.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, convened in Synod, humbly beg leave to approach your Majesty with the expression of our warm attachment to your Majesty's person and loyalty to your Majesty's Throne.

We desire to express to your Majesty, the sentiment of deep solemnity and sorrow, with which we have received the death of your Majesty's illustrious Consort. We feel the pain and suddenness of the stroke, which has removed from his career of usefulness, in the very vigour of his days, in the beauty and strength of his manhood, one so conspicuous among Princes for his virtues and talents, one so eminently respected and so universally beloved.

While we thus deplore the irreparable loss which the nation has sustained, we would also express our sense of the greatness of the bereavement, which has deprived your Majesty of the presence and support of a kind husband and enlightened adviser; your Majesty's children of the counsel and training of an affectionate father; and the community at large, of a Benefactor who was peculiarly able and disposed to devote his high attainments to the best interests of his adopted country.

It is our earnest and sincere desire that He who sent the affliction, may supply to your Majesty true consolation, that He may abundantly bless your Majesty with all "spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," that He may sanctify to your Majesty, to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and to the Royal Family, all His Providential dealings, that He may long spare your Majesty to reign over us, and finally receive your Majesty into His Rest.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that the very cordial thanks of this Synod be tendered to the people of James Church, Knox Church and Primitive Church, for their great hospitality during this protracted, but most pleasant Synodical Session.

Thanks

Motions were made, that the next meeting of Synod be at Sydney, at Charlottetown, at Truro, and at Halifax, when Charlottetown was selected, and the next ordinary meeting appointed to be holden in Prince Street Church in that city, on the 4th Wednesday of June, 1863, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Committee of Bills and Overtures were empowered to fix the sederunts, when some of the more important and interesting items of business will be taken up next year.

Next Meeting

Business arrangements

The minutes of the present sederunt were read and corrected. The Moderator addressed the Synod with deep solemnity and tender affection. The last three verses of Psalm 122nd were sung, when the Session was closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

Minutes

Closed

PETER G. MCGREGOR, *Synod Clerk.*

New Glasgow, July 2nd, 1862.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Letters have been received from Mr. Matheson. We have only room in our present No. for the last, containing an account of the late disaster on Tana:—

January 31st, 1862.—Since the above was written, we have again been passing through the waters of affliction—deep has been calling unto deep—God's waves and billows have been rolling very heavily over us. On the night of the 16th, we were visited by one of those tremendous hurricanes, which sometimes pass over these islands, sweeping nearly every thing before it. In this instance, nearly everything in the shape of native food was destroyed, and as famine stared the natives in the face, they concluded that we were the cause of the storm, and their anger against us was apparently boundless. On the morning of the 17th, the messenger of death entered our dwelling, and took from us the dear little babe, whom God had loaned us 8 weeks and one day. On the night of the 19th or the morning of the 20th, the station at Port Resolution was broken up, as brother Paton was obliged to flee for his life. In reference to the breaking up of that station, I need not enter into particulars. * * *

What result the breaking up of the station at Port Resolution may have upon the work on this side of the island, remains yet to be seen. The marvel is, that our people have not ere this, resorted to the same measures with us, as the working or the keeping up of this station is (humanly speaking) entirely dependent upon the prosperity of the harbour station. Since we first came here, our people have invariably told us, that they were going to act towards us in everything just as the natives at Port Resolution would act towards their missionary if, say they, the people at Port Resolution will be good to Mr Paton, we will be good to you—if they receive the word of God, so will we—if they remain in darkness, so will we—if they drive Mr. Paton away, we will drive you away—and if they kill Mr. Paton, we will you.

Since Mr. P. came round here, we have been endeavouring to the best of our ability, to keep matters moving on in the right direction. It is, however, becoming evident that the enemy of souls is mustering more of his forces, and causing them to bear against us; and how long we may be able to hold on, or how soon we must surrender, is known only to God. The work is the Lord's, and what awaits us we know not—but whether we are to fall at our post, or whether God may for a time have us abandon the field—we know that there has been seed sown on Tana, which will yet bring forth fruit unto eternal life.—Though the past month has been in many respects a very trying month—yet during it, I have experienced more real heart satisfaction in the work, than ever before among this people. I believe that more real soul-saving knowledge has been communicated this month, than has ever before been since the commencement of this mission—and there has evidently been a spirit of enquiry among the people, in reference to things spiritual and divine, such as has never before been displayed. The day before yesterday, Kapukid, our young chief, handed over to me all his deceased fathers household gods, which fell to him by right of inheritance, saying that he did not require them any longer—These gods are simply small rude stones, which they supplicate on all occasions, e. g., one is supposed to be a god of war, that they supplicate before going to war—another stone represents a god of the sea, whose favour they supplicate when going to sea, either for the purpose of fishing or of going from one island to another—one stone represents the god of sickness—another of storms, &c. Some chiefs have more, some less of these sacred stones—Kapuka had 20, all of which he has given up. The receiving of these gods, or the seeing of him giving up his idols, has, as you naturally may suppose, ten thousand fold repaid all that we had endured on benighted Tana. Truly the day on which an influential chief on dark Tana delivered up his gods, declaring that he had no further use for them, may well be recorded as "A day of the right hand of the most high."

Ancitum, February 20th.—When I last wrote, matters were worse at our station than I was really willing to believe; I knew that there was a good deal of bad talk among the natives, but I had still hoped for the best, and tried to

persuade myself that the storm might blow over without breaking up this station, my hopes were however disappointed. On Saturday the first of February, there was a consultation held among the chiefs, (of which neither our friendly natives nor I knew anything until afterwards) at which it was agreed that they should burn our houses, rob us of our property, and oblige us flee the island. On Sabbath night, our Church which had previously been partially injured by the hurricane, was burnt, and an attempt it is said, made to burn our house. Our friends say that the design of our enemies was to burn the Church, to murder us all in our beds, to rob, and then to burn the mission house. Their design was however frustrated, as we saw the fire shortly after it was kindled. There were a number of armed and painted savages about the Church, who said that they had come for the purpose of extinguishing the fire. It is evident that the fire must have been kindled by some of the party present, as they live some two or three miles distant, and were seen by us upon the spot immediately after the fire had originated—as nothing could be done to save the Church, I did not leave Mrs. Matheson, who was then very ill,—Mr. Paton however went out and prevented them from setting fire to the house. As I was not out they took it for granted that I was sleeping, and Mr. Paton overheard them asking one another where we slept, at the same time there was an unarmed native (followed closely by an armed one,) attempted to collar Mr. Paton—as he advanced Mr. P. presented his revolver, the seeing of which caused the murderous assassin to retrace his steps.

I was pleased to see that none of our friends were present, from which I inferred at the time (and which I afterwards found to be true,) that they knew nothing of the secret plots, which our enemies have of late been laying for the overthrow of the Gospel upon this island.

The following morning Kati came to see us, and seemed quite delighted with the proceedings of the past night. Knowing that he was the instigator of the burning of the Church, I asked him if they were going to continue their bad conduct, he coolly replied yes, we are going to burn your house to-day or to-morrow, if you don't go away; I asked him, if they burnt our house where we would live—he said, you can go and live on Aneiteum, or in some other land—he also went on to say, Missi, you don't know what we have been talking among ourselves, but I will now tell you the truth, and you may believe my word. It is my word and the talk of all the dark-hearted people on Tana, that if you do not all go away to-day or to-morrow, we will burn or break down your house, and steal everything that you have; before you came here, people used to hear my word far and near, they used to believe that I could do anything and make anything, they also used to say great is the word of Kati, but now you tell them God makes everything, and the people are beginning to hear your word; and all who receive the word of God don't hear my word, or believe that I am god of the sea, of sickness, of food, &c. If, continued he you will all go away, we will let your house stand until it rots, as the natives at Port Resolution did with Mr. Turner's. It was in vain to attempt reasoning with him, he had passed his word that he would not protect us any longer; and while we were at his tender mercy, he might command any person to despatch us any moment, and his command no man dare disobey, under penalty of death. I told him that I was not afraid of them, that I had come here with God's word to them, and that God's word was never going to leave Tana. I said you see that Mrs. Matheson is now very weakly, and perhaps I may go away with her, until she gets strong; but I am going to come back again, when two moons come and go, he said no, you are not to come back, I told him that perhaps God might make his heart good before two moons would be past, and that he might then want me back. While we were talking, the natives saw a vessel bearing down to our station—we regarded it as a special interposition of providence—and after some little consultation as to what was best to be done, Mr. Paton and I agreed that we should signalize her; we did so; and shortly after, the Captain suspecting that something was wrong, sent the mate on shore, saying that if we were in distress, he would be happy to afford us any relief in his power. The mate seeing the perilous situation in which we were placed, returned to the vessel and got a body of armed natives. During his absence,

we packed up some of our most valuable articles; on his return some of his armed natives assisted in carrying what was packed, down to the harbour, while others of them remained there to prevent our Tanese from stealing everything, that might be left in the house. Even with all their trouble, many articles were lost between the house and the boat harbour. Having succeeded by sunset in getting two boats load of our property collected at the harbour, and leaving the remainder packed in the house, we concluded that as we knew the natives were thirsting for our blood, that we should go to sea that night in the boat, even though we feared that we should not find the vessel, as it was then quite dark, and so it happened we could not find her, and were therefore obliged to sleep in the boat all night. The two boats kept pretty nearly together, and sometime during the night, we ran in Port Resolution, hoping to have fallen in with the vessel. The vessel was, however, drifted away with contrary winds and currents, and did not pick us up until the following evening. When we left our station, the mate intended to have gone back the next morning, but the wind and sea were unfavorable; as soon as we were picked up by the vessel we set sail for Aneiteum, where we arrived safely on Saturday forenoon. Upon our arrival, we were kindly welcomed by Mr. Geddie and family, with whom we are still living.

On Tuesday morning Mr. Copeland came round. After some conversation respecting our leaving Tana, the brethren seemed cordially to approve of the step which we had taken under the circumstances of the case. It was also agreed that we still regard Tana as our field of labour, and that every facility be afforded us in carrying on the work in connexion with the Tana Mission, as will be seen from an accompanying copy of the minutes of our meeting.

In reference to what has been or will yet be saved at our station, in the shape of mission and personal property, I cannot say positively; all moveable mission goods have been saved, and are here. The vessel has since returned to Tana.— Previously to her going, Mr. Paton and I instructed the Captain to pick up everything upon which he could lay his hand at either station, but as the vessel has not yet returned, I know not what may be missing, or what the natives may since have stolen or otherwise destroyed. I also sent for some of our natives who were friendly to us on Tana. Some of whom were living in daily peril, on account of their attachment to the new religion. The vessel was going to Erromanga before returning to this island. She left on the 11th inst., on the 12th the mate went ashore at our station and gathered up some more of our property, he also got some of the natives for whom I sent. As the wind did not favour their going to Erromanga, and as they were running short of water, they landed my natives on the other side of this island, last Friday night, and on Saturday they walked round to this side. The following are the names of some of the natives who have come up from my station, all of whom are now under daily Christian instruction, viz., Yaresi and his wife, Gwaiou, Via via and his wife, Kafou, Kapuku and his wife Rafa, together with five boys from 6 to 12 years of age.

Thus you see though the devil has succeeded in driving us from Tana, yet he has not kept all the Tanese from us. Since our Tanese came, I spend a portion of every day with them, in endeavouring to impart religious knowledge. I have also family worship with them morning and evening.

All things considered, I hope that our residence here for a time may tend even more to the building up of the Tana Mission, than if we were upon the spot; while we were on Tana, I believe that Kapuku would have declared himself on the Lord's side, were it not for the persecution to which he was subjected—he dare not come near the mission premises, either by day or night, for the purpose of receiving instruction as he earnestly desired. Time and again have they threatened to shoot him, if seen near the mission premises—but in the face of all their threatening, and in the midst of all our opposition, he stuck by us, declaring that he was resolved to receive and know the Word of God—his conduct is very consistent and I think he may be regarded as the first fruits of the Tana mission on this side of the island.

J. W. MATHESON.

West River and Brookfield, P. E. I., 10s. 10d.; Merigomish, 20s.; New Annan, 13s. 3d.,	2 4 1	Ladies Society, Onslow, 25s 10½d; Miss J. McMill, Shelburne, collector, 20s,	2 5 10½
West Bay, C. B., 22s. 6d.; Princetown, P.E.I., L2 10s. 5d.; New London, North, 12s. 2d.,	4 5 1	Miss J. McKay, Shelburne, collected 13s 1½d; West St. Peters, loan returned, L4 10s,	5 3 1½
South Cornwallis, 13s. 4d.; Economy and Five Islands, 20s.; Middle Stewiacke, 50s.,	4 3 4	Windsor, L12 10s; Bay Fortune, P. E. I., 14s 4½,	13 4 4½
St Ann's, C.B., L3 2s. 5d.; Green Hill, 40s.; Annapolis, 20s.; Baddeck, C. B., 32s. 7d.,	7 15 0	Princetown, P. E. I., L4 3s 4d; Central Church, W. R., 57s 1½d, South Cornwallis, L2 5s 5d;	7 0 8½
James Church, N. G., 50s.; Loch Lommond, 10s. 1½d.; Grand River, 16s. 2½d.,	3 16 4	Newport and Kempt, L5,	7 5 5
Wallace, 31s. 4d.; Cascumpeque and West Point, 50s.; Antigonish, 30s.; Dartmouth, 34s. ½d.,	7 5 8½	Economy and Five Islands, 30s; Middle Stewiacke, L13 12s 3d,	15 2 3
Primitive Church, N. G., 50s.; Musquodoboit, 60s.; Dundas, P. E. I., 6s. 3d.,	5 16 3	St. Ann's, C. B., L4 4s 8d; Baddeck, C. B., L2 3s 7½d,	6 8 3½
Parrsboro, 17s. 2d.; 2nd Congregation Maitland, 66s 9d; Prince Street Church, Pictou, 96s 8½d.,	9 0 7½	Loch Lommond, 5s 2d; James Church, N. G., L9 3s 1½d,	9 8 3½
Nino Mile River, 40s; Upper Stewiacke, 100s.; Earltown and W. Branch, 20s,	8 0 0	Wallace, 47s 6d; Campbelltown, Lot, 4, Mr Fraser's congregation, 16s 8d,	3 4 2
Hopowell, 20s; E. B. E. River, 23s 10d; Truro, 60s; Lunenburg, 31s; East St. Peter's, 16s 8d,	7 10 8	Loan to a Student, returned, 40s; Dartmouth, L2 13s 9½d,	4 13 9½
Bay Fortune, 27s 6d; Blue Mountain and Barney's River, 48s 6d; Central Church, W. R., 28s 6d,	5 4 6	Maitland Juvenile Missionary Society, 34s 2d; John O'Brien, senr., Noel, 2s 6d,	1 16 8
Windsor, 40s; Knox Church, N. G., for 1861, 75s; Chatham, 10s. West River, P.E.I., 10s; West River, Pictou Congregation, 30s,	2 0 0	Nine Mile River, L8; East Jordan, Shelburne, Miss A. Martin, collected 6s,	8 6 0
FOR HOME MISSION.			
Casumpeque, P. E. I., L3 15s; Strathalbyn, L2 4s 9½d,	5 19 9½	Upper Stewiacke, L10; 1-3 coll. Missionary Meeting 40s 2d,	12 0 2
Covehead L5 2s 6d; Mr A. K. McKinlay, L27 17s 9d,	33 0 3	Barney's River, 25s 10d; Ladies penny-a-week Society, R. H., Central Church, W. R., 10s 3½d,	1 16 1½
R. Smith, Esq., L4 2s 9d; Tata-magouche Cong., L3 16s,	7 18 9	E. B. E. River, L3 5s 4½d; Blue Mountain, L2 11s,	5 16 2½
Juvenile Missionary Society, St. John's Church, Chatham, Rev J. McCurdy,	1 0 0	Central Church, W. R., additional, 6s 8d; Lunenburg, L6 2s,	6. 8 8
Religious and Benevolent Society, John's Church, Chatham, Rev J. McCurdy,	2 0 0	Religious Society, Salem Church, Green Hill,	3 5 0
Woodville, P. E. I., 17s 1½d; North Cornwallis, L7 12s; River John, additional, 10s,	8 19 1½	Rev Dr McLeod, L13 10s; Ladies Primitive Church, N. G., L4 9s,	17 19 0
James Teal, Esq., Casco, 6s 3d; Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, L10,	10 6 3	Rev A. Munro, P.E. Island, 20s,	1 0 0
Ladies penny-a-week Society, West River congregation, Upper Londonderry, L5; The late Albert Morrison, L2 10s,	4 0 0	SEMINARY.	
Lower Londonderry, L7 10s 3d; Clifton, L3 5s 7d,	7 10 0	Casumpeque, P.E.I., 50s; Strathalbyn, 13s 10d; Covehead, 33s 7d,	4 17 5
Isaac Logan, Esq., L5; Benevolent Society, Onslow, L2,	7 0 0	Amount received from A. K. McKinlay, Esq., Halifax,	1 5 0
		R. Smith, Esq., L10 15s 3d; N. Cornwallis, L10 10s; Sherbrooke, 90s,	25 15 3
		Glencg, 80s; Caledonia, L5; A. Sutherland, 10s; Poplar Grove Church, L20 7s 10d,	29 17 10
		West River congregation, 40s; Upper Londonderry, L5 5s 10d,	7 5 10
		Lower Londonderry, L6 18s 3d; Benevolent Society, Onslow, L2 8s 6d,	9 6 9
		Ladies Society, Onslow, 25s 10½d; Knox Church, N.G., L4 4s 6½d	5 10 5
		Mr D. Thompson, senr., Tryon, P. E. I., 1s 8d; Bay Fortune, 17s 11d,	0 19 7
		West Bay, Cape Breton, 23s; West River, P. E. I., 9s 3d; Mr H. Robertson, Cavandish, L4 3s 4d,	5 15 7

Lochar, 3s: Princetown, P. E. I., L7 10s: Central Church, W. R., L3 6s 1½d,	12 11 1½	Cash Mr John S. Archibald,	0 2 6
Newport, L6 4s 3d: Economy and Five Islands, 20s: Baddeck 3s 9d,	8 18 0	“ Miss McShannock,	0 2 6
Wallace, 20s 1d: Campbelltown, Lot 4, 16s 8d,	1 16 9	Ladies Religious and Benevolent Society, Truro Village,	5 0 0
Dartmouth, 40s: 2nd Congregation Maitland and Noel, L5 6s 4d: do. Juvenile Missionary Society, 21s 1d,	8 8 3	Half of collection Truro congregation, for June,	3 3 1½
Nine Mile River, L5 15s: Upper Stewiacke, L9 1s,	14 16 0	Religious and Benevolent Society, Up. River,	1 0 0
1-3 Collection Missionary Meeting, 40s 2d: E. B. E. River, 44s 7d,	4 4 9	Professor McCulloch,	1 0 0
Central Church, additional 9s 2d: Lunenburg, L4,	4 9 2	Five Mile River congregation, Noel,	2 0 0
Donald Gunn, Country Harbour, 5s: Collection Primitive Church, N. G., L17 13 1½,	17 18 1½	Truro Bible Class,	12 1 4
Rev Dr McLeod, Sydney, 50s,	2 10 0	Shubenacadie, Gay's River, and Lower Stewiacke, per Rev J. McLean,	17 11 5½
SPECIAL EFFORT			
Late Albert Morrison, 20s: Middle Stewiacke, LA 7s 6d: Captain J. Dougless, Maitland, 25s, David Freize, Esq., Maitland, L5 Middle Settlement. Musquodoboit, 40s,	6 12 6	Additional,	1 0 0
James F. Dunlop, 50s: James D. Graham, do., 10s,	7 0 0	Miss Johanna Rogers, Special Effort,	1 0 0
James McDonald, Green Hill, Pictou,	3 0 0	2 pairs Stockings from Mrs Susannah Archibald, Upper Stewiacke, value,	0 3 0
PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONG JEWS.			
Princetown Congregation, P.E.I.,	4 5 10	23 yards Cloth from Ladies of Hardwoodland Section, Nine Mile River congregation, value,	2 6 0
A Friend to the Jews,	4 3 4	24½ yards of Flannel, and a parcel from Eastville, Upper Stewiacke, value,	2 12 0
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.			
From Ladies of Primitive Church, New Glasgow, for the support of Mr Geddie's children, £2 4s 6d.		28 yards Flannel from Pembroke, Upper Stewiacke,	1 15 0
JAMES BAYNE..			
The Presbytery of Pictou will meet [D.V.] in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 12th August, at 11 o'clock.		HOME MISSION.	
GEORGE PATTERSON,		Ladies Benevolent Society, Onslow,	0 17 9
Presbytery Clerk.		Ladies Sewing Circle, Old Barns,	1 10 0
As it is in contemplation to publish a short memoir of the late Rev Samuel F. Johnston, any persons in possession of any of his letters, would oblige his surviving friends by permitting the use of them for a time. They may be forwarded either to the Rev John Currie, Maitland, or the Rev George Patterson, Green Hill, Pictou. Any other information of interest regarding him will be thankfully received by the same parties.			
ROBERT SMITH, Truro, acknowledges the receipt of the following:		Isaac Dunlap,	0 8 1½
FOREIGN MISSION.			
Ladies Benevolent Society, Onslow,	£ 2 10 0	Mr John S Archibald,	0 2 6
Ladies Sewing Circle, Old Barns,	2 0 0	Miss McShannock,	0 4 4½
Cash from Mr Isaac Dunlop,	0 7 6	Lower Onslow Benevolent Society,	1 0 0
		Half of Collection Truro congregation, June,	3 3 0
		Ladies Religious and Benevolent Society, Up. River,	1 0 10
		Professor McCulloch,	1 0 0
		Truro Village Bible Class,	12 1 4
		Shubenacadie, Gay's River, and Lower Stewiacke congregation,	7 7 6
		Additional,	0 5 0
		SEMINARY.	
		Ladies Benevolent Society, Onslow,	0 17 9
		Mr John S. Archibald,	0 2 6
		Lower Onslow Benevolent Society,	1 0 0
		Collection Truro congregation, May,	18 15 0
		Collection Old Barns and Lower Village,	1 12 11
		Professor McCulloch,	1 0 0
		Shubenacadie, Gay's River, and Lower Stewiacke, per Rev Mr McLean,	10 16 3
		Additional,	0 5 0
		SYNOD FUND.	
		Five Mile River congregation, Noel,	0 12 9
		Shubenacadie, Gay's River, and Lower Stewiacke, per Rev Mr McLean,	2 0 0