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Home Missions.

MABOU.

We are happy to learn that our friends in this place have not lost heart by the loss which they have sustained by the removal of their late pastor. Their conduct on the occasion was most becoming. They not only paid him in full what they had promised, but made him a present of a sum in addition. In this they have afforded a lesson to larger and wealthier congregations, some of which, on the removal of their pastor, have had little scruple in "repudiating" their engagements with him.

To show the spirit with which they are animated we may mention, that at a meeting held after the announcement of the vacancy, it was resolved to commence building a new Church, and arrangements have been entered into for carrying out their resolution. The building is to be sixty feet long by forty wide. Mr. John McDonald, elder of the congregation of Antigonish, who was present, has agreed to give a plan of the building gratuitously. The estimated cost of the building is £600. Of this sum, £271 was subscribed at the meeting, and persons were appointed to obtain additional subscriptions. An active building committee was appointed. It is intended to collect materials during the present winter, and to commence building in spring. We are extremely gratified with this report of their exer-

tions, and we commend them to the sympathy and assistance of their brethren in other parts of the Church. We trust too that the time is not far distant when, through the kindness of the great Head of the Church, their eyes shall behold their teacher."

BADDECK, C. B.

Our readers are aware that this place has lately been occupied by our Church as a mission station; and we have now the pleasure of laying before our readers the report of the Rev James McLean organizing a Church there.

Baddeck, or as it is commonly called in Cape Breton, Little Baddeck, is situated on the North Side of the Bras d'or Lake. Its position renders it a place of considerable importance. It is surrounded by a fine Agricultural country, the soil around the Bras d'or being in general unsurpassed, especially for grazing purposes, by any upland in the Province. It has a convenient harbor, and is central for the traffic of the interior of Cape Breton. It has however risen into importance, principally since the formation of the New County of Victoria, and its being made its shire-town. This has caused the erection of the Court House and other public buildings there. Previously too the roads were lamentably neglected, there being scarcely a single road fit for a carriage in what is now the County of Victoria. Since the division however, the roads

are rapidly improving, and they will naturally concentrate here. Already a considerable business is transacted here, and a large amount of produce is shipped, particularly for the Newfoundland market.

More than thirty years ago this neighbourhood was the scene of the missionary operations of our Church. At that time two of our Gaelic missionaries spent a winter on the Island, one of whom labored for a time in the adjacent settlements. And subscriptions were being made to secure his services permanently, when one of the agents of the Glasgow Colonial Society came along and persuaded the people to take a minister of the Church of Scotland. The Rev Alex. Farquharson was accordingly obtained, who settled at Middle River, about twelve miles distant from Baddeck, who has continued to supply the latter place as well as several other settlements.— The increasing importance of Baddeck has of late impressed upon many of its inhabitants a conviction of the necessity of more regular supply of preaching, and, if possible, of having a pastor settled among them. A few had gone to reside there from our Church, and naturally preferred our ministrations. But as the majority of the population around preferred the Free Church, and as they wished to cultivate friendly relations with them, they urged upon the members of that body the propriety of making exertions to obtain a resident minister, and offered to unite with them in his support. Some slight efforts were made, and a hope was entertained for a time of success. But finally, these efforts failing, our friends felt themselves bound in duty to a "rising village" and the interest of their families, to make a vigorous effort for more regular supply of gospel ordinances. They accordingly, about two years ago, forwarded a petition to the Presbytery of Pictou, with a subscription list annexed, for a portion of the missionary labors of our Church. This was complied with, and they have since received supply of preaching from our Church.

The supply has not been as regular as we could have wished, but it has been such as we could afford, and the station has made steady progress, and perhaps as rapid as we had reason to expect.— A place of worship has been erected, which will probably be completed in the course of next summer. They have

indeed met with considerable opposition, and, although they have quietly pursued the even tenor of their way, without interfering with other parties, vigorous efforts have been made to "put them down." These however have not arrested their progress, and feeling themselves ready for the introduction of Church order among them, they lately petitioned the Presbytery of Pictou to that effect. The Rev James McLean was accordingly requested to organize them. His report we subjoin. This is the first Church organized in Little Baddeck. When we visited it two years ago, we could not hear of a single Church member or elder belonging to any denomination, (except the few who had gone from other parts of our own Church,) and the Lord's Supper had never been dispensed. Now a Church is organized, which, though small, forms a respectable commencement, and which we trust will "make increase to the edifying of itself in love." In addition to Mr. McLean's report, we subjoin a letter from the Rev Hugh Ross.

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To the Reverend the Presbytery of Pictou.

In compliance with the request of Presbytery I preached at Baddeck on Sabbath, November 11th. After preaching I intimated to the people my appointment to organize their congregation, in compliance with the petition sent by them to the Presbytery. As this was the first Church which was organized in the place I thought it expedient to lecture on the Lord's Supper, which I did on Sabbath evening. On Monday I examined eight persons, who manifested a desire to be in communion with the Church, and after due enquiry encouraged them to come forward. On Tuesday, November 13th, after preaching, these eight were admitted to the fellowship of the Church. They with six others, who were in communion with the Church before they became residents at Baddeck, I after prayer, declared a congregation in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

After the congregation was organized I presided at the election of elders, when Thomas A. McKeen and Jacob Stiles Ingraham were chosen.

The station at Baddeck is thus a congregation consisting of fourteen members and two elders elect, and has every

prospect of success. They have met with as much success as they could reasonably expect since they became a missionary station, and they ought not only to be encouraged by the Presbytery and by the Church in general, but also to take courage and go forward, for God is with them. With their movements from the beginning I have been intimately acquainted, and have looked upon them with the deepest interest. I was the first missionary that was sent for any length of time to them, and was thus partly instrumental in collecting them together. I have visited them on different occasions since. I established a Temperance Watchman club among them, opened their new Church, and organized their congregation. By looking back and tracing their movements I see a gradual advancement, in which the finger of God seems to have been directing them. I trust there are many of them whose hearts the Lord hath opened. Their intention at present is to unite with the congregation of Mabou and get a part of the minister's time that will be settled there, until such time as they will be able to keep a minister among themselves. Baddeck will at some time be one of the most important places in Cape Breton, and no doubt the Presbytery will do what they can to supply them with the ordinances of religion. The members and adherents of our Church are willing to do what they can themselves, and therefore should be encouraged. They must not, however, be too sanguine. They have considerable opposition to contend with, the place is small and does not grow very rapidly, and there may be a few years before they become able to keep a minister entirely among themselves. God however in his own time will accomplish his purposes, and they should, relying on his promises, each in his own particular sphere, obey the command "Son go work to-day in my vineyard."

Your's faithfully,

JAMES MCLEAN.

Gay's River, Dec. 7th, 1855.

To the Editor of the Register.

MABOU, 13th Nov. 1855.

REV DEAR SIR,—

When recently supplying the new and promising congregation of Baddeck, Cape Breton, I convened the ladies that adhere to the congregation. At that convention I made a practical address relative to the state, the progress, and the prospects of their congregation.— Among other matters, I suggested and proposed to the ladies that they should raise among themselves an adequate sum for the erection of a neat and commodious pulpit for their new Church.— To this proposition they readily and unanimously agreed; but were afraid that the paucity of their numbers would render the scheme impracticable. At a second meeting the subject was revived, when the ladies took courage, and resolved among a very few to contribute *Five Pounds*. To fan the flame which had been kindled, I announced that I would personally apply to the ladies in New Glasgow, who are known to sympathize with the weak, and who perhaps would *give their assistance* to the good work. This personal application I have made, and the ladies in New Glasgow whom I have visited have promptly responded to my call. From ladies in the Rev George Walker's congregation I have received £8 7s. 8½d. From ladies belonging to the congregation of the Rev David Roy I obtained £2 3s. 6½d. From Mr James Yorston, Pictou, I received 10s. Those sums will be impulsive to the minds of the Ladies in Baddeck. To them shortly I expect to present these donations from distant friends, and doubtless the money will be received with their grateful acknowledgment. Should ladies of other congregations contribute to the completion of the Church at Baddeck they might find a pleasure in the act and a blessing in the gift.

I am, Rev Dear Sir,

Your's respectfully,

HUGH ROSS.

Foreign Missions.

LOSS OF THE MISSION GOODS.

We regret to have to announce the total loss of the goods collected through

our Church during the last sixteen months with so much industry, particularly on the part of the "godly women."

As intimated in our last they were shipped in the new vessel, the "Black Watch," for Glasgow. She was however, shortly after leaving port, totally lost near Cape North, and nothing of her cargo saved. This will be a great disappointment to many through the Church as well as to the missionaries, particularly as the stock contained a very great variety of goods and many personal presents to the members of the mission families. We are happy to say that the goods were insured to the amount of £250. This sum will in all probability be received shortly. And we understand that it is the intention of the Board of Foreign Missions not to place the amount in the General Mission Fund, but to remit the amount to London, to be expended under the advice of the missionaries at present in England, in articles useful to the mission and the missionaries. We may add that there are still some goods not shipped, and those who are still preparing articles may yet send them forward, as it is hoped that an opportunity will occur of forwarding them from Halifax in time to meet the "John Williams."

REV. G. N. GORDON.

Our readers will be happy to learn the safe arrival of Mr Gordon in England, after an agreeable passage across the Atlantic. We subjoin an extract of a letter to the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board giving an account of his present employment in London:—

"I am now prosecuting my medical studies in the London Hospital and College, where I enjoy the privileges which cost a student 84 guineas for a complete course of lectures alone. If I am not charged any thing, your acknowledgments will be due to the Council. I have lost much by not having been here, at least, two or three weeks sooner; but as the "John Williams" is not to sail before the spring, I will, if spared in health, be enabled to complete the winter term to my invaluable profit. I have learned that missionaries often find their medical knowledge very defective, which I think must be the case, when they have not studied anatomy. I am now attending to descriptive and practical anatomy, chemistry, and to patients, with Dr Clarke, of whom I may speak again. My expenses in the dissecting room will in a

short time be much more than those of a looker-on.

"I am at my old work on the Lord's-day among Sabbath-breakers, and, if I get safely through them till the spring without bruises, I shall be thankful to the Father of Mercies. I will preach occasionally (D.V.) on Sabbath evenings at mission stations. From what I can learn, this is the greatest Sabbath-breaking city in England.

"An appeal is now being made to children in England to fit out the "John Williams." As the appeal is seldom made, and the Society is much in debt and the vessel at our service, would it not be right to ask our juveniles to aid in this work?"

From the Missionary Magazine and Chronicle.

ABRIDGED REPORT

OF THE ELEVENTH MISSIONARY VOYAGE TO THE NEW HEBRIDES, AND NEW CALEDONIA GROUPS, AND SAVAGE ISLAND.

In the autumn of 1854, some few months before the "John Williams" left the Pacific on the return voyage to England, the ship proceeded on her visitation of the New Hebrides and other Westerly Groups. The incidents of the voyage have been supplied by the Rev. Charles Hardie, at present on a visit to this country; and from Mr H.'s journal, in an abridged form, we are enabled to lay before our readers the following details.

The facts narrated are some of them of a painful and even appalling nature, but, for the most part, they are truly gratifying; and of this latter class is the account of the location of the Rev Messrs. Creagh and Jones on the island of Mare, under circumstances of peculiar interest and encouragement.

"In again," writes Mr Hardie, "laying before our readers an account of the stations of the London Missionary Society at these islands, we have much of an encouraging character to add to the cheering statements contained in former reports. With the painful exception of those on one island, the stations that have hitherto been the least promising, encourage the hope that our labours there will yet be crowned with success; and at others, 'fields already white unto the harvest' promise a rich reward to the labours of the spiritual husbandmen.

"We sailed from Apia, Upolu, in the

John Williams, on the 26th of September, 1854, in order to visit the stations at the above-named islands. We had on board Mr and Mrs Sunderland, of the Samoan Mission, the two new Missionaries, Messrs. Creagh and Jones, for the Loyalty islands, and their wives and two children, together with Mrs Hardie and our little boy; ten native teachers and their wives, one unmarried teacher, fourteen children, and four servants, all from Samoa; thirteen natives belonging to the New Hebrides, the Loyalty Islands, and Savage Island; making, with the ship's company—twenty-two in number—eighty-five persons.

ANEITEUM.

"On the evening of the 3rd of October, after a run of ten days from Samoa, we reached this island; but the wind being light, we were obliged to stand off for the night. On the following morning, which was Sabbath, as our vessel was beating into the harbour of Aniligauhat, we were delighted with the improved appearance of things, and to see the people decently clothed, going to and returning from the house of God. As soon as we came to anchor, our esteemed friend the Rev J. Geddie came on board. We were sorry to find him in a rather poor state of health, from fever and ague, to which he is frequently subject, but glad to know that all the other members of the Mission were in good health, and that their work was prospering.

"In the afternoon, we went on shore with the teachers we had brought from Samoa, and received a most hearty welcome. We then went with our friends and the natives to the commodious new chapel, to unite with them in praise and thanksgiving to the Father of all our mercies. Addresses were given, and prayers and praise offered in Aneiteum and Samoan language. It was a thrilling and affecting scene to see so many who were but lately living in the lowest state of heathenism decently clothed, attentively listening to the Word of God, and earnestly engaged in prayer and praise. We could not help exclaiming, 'What hath God wrought!' Next day, Mr and Mrs Ingles arrived from their station on the other side of the island; and we were glad to see them in excellent health. They are devoted in their work and co-operate most harmoniously with Mr and Mrs Geddie. Messrs. G. and I. had nearly completed a census

of the island, by which they find that it contains about 4000 inhabitants. Of these, about 2600 have renounced heathenism, and profess Christianity. The remaining 1400, who are still more or less attached to heathen practices, are so scattered and disunited as to possess but little influence. The Christian party has gained a very decided ascendancy over the island, and the ancient customs are everywhere on the wane.

"A considerable band of natives and four Samoan teachers assist the Missionaries in their labours. Thirty schools are now in operation on the island, and the work of education is steadily progressing. About 1500 are under instruction. About one-third of these have learnt to read, and a considerable number can write a tolerable hand. One of the most promising features of the infant Mission on Aneiteum is its Missionary spirit.—Last voyage, it sent forth two native teachers to Fotuna; and we had the happiness, this voyage to take two more, with their wives, to Tana. What a rich reward has God given to the labours of his servants on this island!

TANA.

"Last report recorded the melancholy events occasioned by the introduction of the small-pox, which ended in the breaking up a second time of the Mission on this island. It will be gratifying to our Christian friends to know that a gleam of hope has again burst through the dark cloud that envelops this hitherto difficult field of labour.

"On the 14th of October, three days after leaving Aneiteum, we made the island of Tana on the south-east side, which fortunately happened to be where the chief, Jarisi, who, with his people, had been to Aneiteum, and with whom we were to leave the teachers, lived. Several canoes came off to the vessel, in one of which were some relatives of the chief. These immediately recognised the teachers, and were delighted to see them. As we pulled in, several canoes followed us, and natives to the number of about 300 assembled on the beach; the men, without any warlike weapons, and the women and children, joined in the crowd to gaze at the strangers. All behaved in the most orderly manner, and acted friendly and pleased. When we got close to the landing-place, the people very readily took the teachers and their things from the boat to the shore in their canoes; and

when the teachers' wives stood up to go into one of the canoes, the females on shore, as soon as they caught a sight of them, set up a loud and joyous shout, and ran forward to the landing place, leaping and dancing with delight. A more peaceable reception we could not have had.— Having accomplished our work here, we bade the teachers and their wives farewell, and returned to the vessel, thanking God for this fresh opening for the introduction of the Gospel to this unhappy island.

ERAMANGA.

"We left Tana in the afternoon of the 16th of October, and next morning reached Eramanga, and anchored in Dillon's Bay. We were delighted with the improved appearance of things. As the vessel was beating into the anchorage, a few of the people assembled on the beach, more or less dressed in English clothing. As soon as we came to anchor, the teachers came on board, whom we were glad to see so stout and looking so well. They reported that they and the other teachers and their wives had all been ill of ague and bilious fever, that two of their wives and one of the teachers were still ailing, but that all the rest were well again.

"Since last voyage, the number attending the religious services has been more than doubled. Sixty-seven, young and old, have renounced heathenism, and attend instruction regularly. Only one-third of these are females. With the exception of seven young men who were at Samoa, who can read and write, none of these know much beyond the letters of the alphabet. They are willing to learn, but the work of instruction has been much hindered by the illness of the teachers and the want of suitable school books.

"It is pleasing to know that the young men who were at Samoa, with the exception of one, keep steady in their adherence to the teachers. The interesting young man, Naldial, referred to in former reports, continues steadfast, and is a very valuable assistant to the teachers. He constantly takes part in conducting the schools and religious services. The poor fellow was quite overcome with joy to see his old friends on his native shores.

"The foreigners residing on the island speak favourably of the teachers. Captain Edwards, who has the charge of the sandal-wood station at Dillon's Bay, was very kind to them in supplying them with food in the time of scarcity. We called

on him and thanked him for his kindness. There are several sandal-wood stations on the island.

"Soon after we came to anchor in Dillon's Bay, Mr Sunderland and I went on shore and having ascertained the state of things, and learning that teachers would be received at other parts of the island, we decided to leave four more upon it.— These we advised to remain, in the meantime, with the teachers already there, and zealously attend to the acquisition of the language, as a primary object, and then when sufficiently advanced, to proceed two and two, to the most eligible stations they could find; taking into consideration whether it would not be advisable that two of them should go to Elizabeth's Bay, which the teacher formerly taken there had left.

"In the afternoon the teachers and their wives were landed, and at the same time, accompanied by the ladies, we all went on shore. When we landed, the people, quite delighted, crowded to the boat. Those who had been in Samoa, welcomed us with tears of joy. To the teachers, with whom they had been associated in Samoa, they showed much affection, and were delighted when they knew that they were to live among them. We then, surrounded by the people, first went to the teacher's house, and then to the chapel, and, after some pleasant intercourse, and tendering some words of encouragement, returned to the vessel, thankful to God for all we had seen and heard.

"Next morning, Mr Sunderland and I went again on shore, to visit the teachers. They had but poor accommodations, but we found them all well pleased with their first night on shore. We had a meeting with them and the people in the chapel. There were not very many present, most of the people being away at some distance, preparing food for the great feast. Prayer and praise were presented by the teachers in their native language. We then gave an exhortation to the people, which was interpreted by one of the teachers, after which we addressed a few words of advice and encouragement to the teachers. Our feelings were of no ordinary kind while engaged in these solemn and delightful duties, so near to the spot where Williams fell. Having taken an affectionate farewell of the teachers and their wives, we took on board with us the chiefs Naiuan and Kaiuau, with whom the teachers respectively reside,

and, making each of them a present, thus completed our deeply interesting duties at Eramanga.

FATE.

"We reached this island early in the morning of the 19th of October, and sailed along close in shore. A canoe came off, in which was a man who had been at Samoa. We got him on board, and learnt from him that the sad tale which we heard before we reached the island was too true, that some of the teachers had been killed. We then shortened sail, and stood close in towards the station at Erakor.

"In a short time the teacher came on board. Poor fellow! When he saw us he was deeply affected, and gave vent to his feelings by a flood of tears, being overcome by the thought that he was the only teacher whom God had spared amid the sad events which had happened to the Mission during the year. As soon as he could compose his mind he gave us a sad and distressing account. The bright hopes of last visit were all overclouded by a dismal tale of disasters. On the 20th of November last year, *only nineteen days after they were landed* under the most cheering and promising circumstances, the Rarotongan teachers, Pikika and Kavariri and their wives, who were left at Le'opa, were all barbarously murdered! Who could have thought that, so soon after so apparently hearty and enthusiastic a reception, such a bloody deed could have been perpetrated?—that a people seemingly so desirous of teachers, and who gave them so joyous a welcome, could so soon imbrue their hands in their blood? How true is it that 'the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.'

"The news of the horrid deed reached the teachers at Erakor two days after it was committed. They were told it by a man of a neighbouring village, to whom a part of the body of one of the teachers' wives had been sent. There are various reports respecting the cause of their murder, and also respecting the manner in which it was perpetrated. We could not ascertain the truth of the matter. It seems to be quite certain, however, that the Lolopa people killed them, and that their bodies were cut up, distributed, and eaten! It is said that, when the teachers were killed, the chiefs wished to take their wives for themselves, and that the poor women fled, and attempted to cross the narrow strait that separates the island

on which they lived from the main land, and were pursued, and, by order of the chiefs, were killed in the water. It is also reported that one of the chiefs spared the life of a little boy, the son of one of the teachers, but that afterwards he ordered him to be taken out to sea and cast away, which was done; but, having escaped from the deep, they cut off the poor little fellow's hands, and otherwise mangled him, and then killed and eat him!

"Whether it was superstitious fears of disease and death which they thought would be caused by the teachers and their religion, a desire for their property or their wives, or the anger of the chief on account of the death of his son, who had been at Samoa, and died suddenly about a fortnight after his return;—whether any or all of these, or some other cause, led to the murder of the teachers we cannot tell. Without doubt the deep ignorance and superstitious fears of the natives had much influence in leading them to commit such horrid deeds.

"The teacher Vaaru, who was left at Erakor last voyage, died of fever on the 15th of January, after eight days' illness. Tauri, the other teacher from the Hervey island at this station, died of dysentery on the 15th of May, after lingering for several months. Both died in the faith, exhorting their fellow-labourers to steadfastness and perseverance. Thus, besides the five from the Hervey Islands who were cut off by the hands of the natives, two more from that group have since last voyage fallen victims to the fatal climate of this island. The only remaining survivors are a Samoan teacher and the widow of the Rarotonga teacher Vaaru. These, and four natives of Fate and a Tongan man, who has been long on the island, we have brought to Samoa. One of the four Fatese is the son of Pomare, the chief of Erakor. The teachers at Erakor were, during the last year, frequently in danger of their lives.

"The only surviving teacher being promised by the deputation, last voyage, to be taken back to Samoa, and having fully made up his mind to return now, we thought of leaving Sualo and another in his place. We tried much to get Sualo to agree to this, but could not prevail on him to do so.

"We felt exceedingly for the poor people of Erakor, and, no doubt, they too felt keenly on being left without a teacher. But they have a little light^{er} pro-

them, which we hope will continue to burn and brighten, and yet spread over this dark land. A considerable number at Erakor have abandoned most of the heathen practices, and, to a great extent, at least in their external conduct, conform to the requirements of the Word of God. Family and public worship are regularly attended to by them, and they are very desirous of instruction. Seven men, including the chief, afford evidence that they have felt the power of the truth on their hearts, and have been for some time employed as assistants to the teachers. These will, no doubt, continue to conduct public services, and we cherish the hope that the day will yet come (may it be soon!) when the eyes of this people will again 'see their teachers.' Sualo, who is married to a daughter of the chief, and the teacher who has now left them, yet hope to return to live and labour among them.

MARE (NENGONI.)

"We left Fate (or the Sandwich Island) on the 19th, after sunset, and reached Mare on the 23rd. In the morning we were off Neche, in the district of Sekuama, the principal station on the island. The teachers came off and gave us the gladdening intelligence that all the teachers and their families were well, and their work going on prosperously. We got the boats down immediately, and Mr Sunderland and I, accompanied by the new Missionaries, Messrs Creagh and Jones, went ashore. The people crowded to the beach, and gave us a hearty welcome. [See next page.] We were much pleased with their respectful behaviour, and to see so many of them clothed. With very few exceptions they had all some covering, either native or foreign. We passed along through the crowd to the teacher's house, and, finding everything in a most encouraging state, we told the teachers that we wished to have a meeting with the chief and people. Very soon a large number eagerly assembled in the space before the house erected for the missionaries. We then asked them if they still held a desire repeatedly expressed by them for Missionaries to come and live among them—whether it was their wish that Messrs Jones and Creagh should do so—and, if they did, whether they would protect them and their wives, treat them kindly, and attend to their instructions. To all these questions the chiefs promptly answered in the affirmative. We then told them that, in case

of political difference, or of war breaking out, which we hoped never would, the Missionaries could take no part in them; that their aim would be to promote peace and friendship among all parties, and to labour for the present welfare and everlasting happiness of all.

"All being thus far satisfactorily arranged, the next thing was to get houses as temporary residences for our newly-arrived friends, and Mr and Mrs Sunderland, who were appointed to remain with them for a time to assist them in commencing their labours. As there were three families we wished to know what houses they might have to live in, and were told they might have any they might choose. We soon fixed on three convenient plastered cottages, which the owners gave up to them most cheerfully. Having thus got the way fully prepared for the landing of our friends and their property, we returned to the vessel and told our good captain, who soon brought the vessel to an anchor about two miles from the settlement, and commenced taking goods on shore. Early in the afternoon of the 25th of October the landing of the goods and cattle were completed, and our dear friends took up their residence at the most interesting station.—Seldom or ever has it been the lot of Missionaries to commence their labours under circumstances so favourable, among a people so prepared to receive them, and to benefit by their instructions. More than one half of the island have abandoned heathenism, and are thirsting for instruction; and in those parts where the people have not yet done so the teachers are well received, so that there is every reason to hope that the whole island will very soon profess Christianity.

"At Neche, the station at which the Missionaries now are, and throughout the district of Sekuama, the whole population, with the exception of the very aged and the very young, can read, and about forty can write. About one hundred persons are candidates for gospel ordinances, and there is every reason to hope that the Missionaries will soon have the happiness to form a Christian church.—The chiefs have each put away all his wives but one. Twelve plastered houses have been built; and, since last voyage, in place of a large plastered chapel which a storm had blown down, a strong stone chapel has been built, eighty feet long by sixty wide, which is filled to overflowing every Sabbath with attentive hearers.



"Having completed our work so auspiciously at this station we left it, Mr and Mrs Sunderland accompanying us, on the afternoon of the 25th, to visit the district of *Seuaeko*, where our other station on this island is.

"We came to anchor at *Unanalech*, where the teachers are stationed, in the morning of the 26th. Here we found things in a state of prosperity similar to that at *Sekuama*. Heathenism and polygamy are entirely abandoned; the people are equally desirous of Missionaries, and thirsting for knowledge. They very

much wished that one of the Missionaries should live among them. We told them that it was likely this would be the case, and that in the meantime the Missionaries would visit them till further arrangements could be made. At this station sixteen plastered houses have been built; and, since last visit, their plastered chapel, blown down by the storm, has been replaced by another, ninety feet long by thirty wide, which is crowded every Sabbath. Two hundred and fifty persons have learned to read well, and a large number, in different stages of pro-

gress, are learning. Nearly forty have learnt to write. There are eighty-five candidates for church-fellowship, and here too it is likely a church will be formed. We had a large and deeply interesting service here with the people. It was most encouraging and refreshing to hear them join in the song of praise to God, and to see them listen with so much attention to the Word of life.

"The teachers at both stations are highly respected and esteemed, and treated with great kindness. They have gained great influence, which they have used to good account, as appears from the large measure of success with which, under the blessing of God, their labours have been crowned.

"We left three more teachers from Samoa on the island, two of them married, who, with the four there before, will greatly aid the Missionaries in carrying forward the good work which has already been so successful.

LIFU.

"We left Mare in the morning of the 27th, and, after touching at Toka, we reached Lifu about three in the afternoon. The wind and sea prevented us from having any communication with the teacher at *Mu* (*Anerewil*), the first-formed station on this island; we therefore passed on to *Ue*, the station formed upwards of two years ago, which we reached about 4 P. M. We were glad to find that the teachers were well, and that their labours on the island were being increasingly blessed and prospered. With very trifling exceptions the whole population of the island profess Christianity, and their call for Missionaries is becoming louder and louder. They pleaded much to get one of those placed on Mare; but we could only leave with them two more teachers, expressing our confident hope that two Missionaries would be brought for them next voyage of the Missionary vessel; and in this we trust, neither we nor they will be disappointed.

"Having completed our work at Lifu we sailed again for Mare on the 1st of November, and arrived on the 3rd and went on shore with Mr and Mrs Sunderland, who were to remain for a time to assist in commencing Missionary operations. We found our esteemed Missionary friends on shore all well and comfortable in their little cottages, and animated by the promising state and pleasing prospects of their Mission; and having affectionately commended each other and our

work to God in prayer, we bade all our dear friends farewell and sailed for

NIUE, OR SAVAGE ISLAND.

"We reached this island in the afternoon of the 24th of November, just three weeks after we left Mare. One of the teachers came off and remained on board all night; and on the following day we saw all the teachers, and got their reports. We were happy to find that, with very trifling exceptions, heathenism had been abandoned throughout the whole island. The people now go from land to land without fear of each other; and the teachers can pursue their work everywhere without interruption, and are kindly treated by the people. The desire for instruction is becoming general. To use the word of one of the teachers, 'The mountains of difficulty are now all removed; the Word of God is growing, and will grow rapidly in this land.' It was our happiness to convey to them 1000 copies of an excellent elementary school-book, containing select portions of the Old and New Testaments, and also a small collection of hymns. It will be a great boon to the people, and will be highly prized by them. This book was translated by the teachers into the native language, and printed at Samoa.

"The desire for teachers is great, and we ought, as soon as possible, to send two more efficient men, who, with those already there, will fully supply the island.

"The facts above narrated will speak for themselves, and will show our friends who are interested in our work in these seas how much cause there is for thanksgiving to the Hearer of prayer. Though some of our courageous and noble pioneers have fallen in the high places of the field, and a gloom has, for the present, been cast over one fair island, yet what a large amount of success has crowned the work of the devoted labourers in our infant Missions! What a large return has been made to the comparatively small outlay that has been expended upon them! It is therefore to be hoped that the earnest and affecting appeals which are constantly being made from so many of our stations will be speedily responded to, and a sufficient number of well-qualified and devoted men be found for them in the churches. May the God of Missions bless His people with a spirit of prayer and liberality, and speedily send forth an adequate number of labourers to these fields, which 'are white unto the harvest!'"

News of the Church.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at Green Hill on Tuesday 18th ult. Mr John Wm. Matheson, student of Theology, delivered a lecture on Eph. ii. 1-5, and a popular sermon on Psal. xxiii. 4, read an exercise with additions on Rom. viii. 4, and was examined on the 4th century of Church History, the first ten psalms in Hebrew and the New Testament, *ad aperturam libri* in Greek, all which were approved by the Presbytery. These being all Mr. Matheson's trials for license, the question was taken "sustain them *in cumulo* or not," when it carried unanimously sustain. The question was next taken, "Proceed to license or not," when it carried unanimously proceed. The Moderator then put to Mr Matheson the questions of the Formula, and, having engaged in prayer, he as the mouth of the Presbytery and in the name of the Great Head of the Church, solemnly licensed him to preach the everlasting gospel.

A report was read of the Rev James McLean's proceedings in the forming the new congregation of Baddeck. His conduct was approved, and steps were taken for the ordination of the elders elect.

On Tuesday the 4th ult. the Rev James McLean, recently of Mabou, was inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Gay's River, Shubenacadie and Lower Stewiacke.

Rev P. G. McGregor preached an appropriate discourse. Rev J. Cameron narrated the steps taken by the Presbytery in the matter, and the people, having by a show of hands, declared their adherence to the call, Mr Cameron proposed the usual questions, which having been satisfactorily answered, he offered the induction prayer. Rev Mr Sedgewick charged the minister and Mr McGregor the congregation. May the great Lord of the Harvest give strength and perseverance to his servant in cultivating the field on which he has entered, and provide, in his abounding grace, a faithful successor to labour in the equally destitute section of country which he has just left.—*Witness.*

The congregation of Salem Church acknowledge with thanks the receipt of an elegant Timepiece for their Church,

a present from Hugh McDonald, Esq., South River, Antigonish.

On Thursday, December 6th, the ladies of Elder Adamson's district of the Rev J. Watson's congregation presented their pastor with a beautiful Seal-skin Fur Coat, as a token of their esteem for him, and of gratitude for his labors among them, particularly in the Bible Class. It was accompanied with a complimentary address.

The new Presbyterian Church in Upper Stewiacke village was opened on Sabbath the 7th ult. by the Rev James Smith, pastor of the congregation, who preached an able discourse, extending over both the forenoon and afternoon services, from the fifty-sixth chapter of Isaiah, last clause of the 7th verse, "Mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." This spacious and magnificent edifice now brought to a completion is one of the finest churches in the Province. It contains, very comfortably, one thousand sitters; and reflects great credit on the taste and public spirit of this thriving settlement. It is but three years last July since the new church in the Middle Stewiacke, or lower section of this congregation, was opened; and now active preparations are making for the erection of another in Eastville district, at the opposite or upper end of the congregation. The people of Stewiacke are almost exclusively Presbyterians—and have enjoyed for a long term of years, reaching back nearly to the infancy of the settlement, the preaching of the gospel and administration of ordinances. The Rev Hugh Graham, translated from Cornwallis, was the first settled minister, and was succeeded about twenty-five years ago by the Rev James Smith, who still continues his labours faithfully among them. The congregation, now the largest in the body, is about being divided, middle Stewiacke being detached to be united with Brookfield and form a new congregation: the upper settlement will form a congregation of itself, and retain the services of Mr Smith. Sound, orthodox Presbyterianism is not losing ground in our Provinces, but on the contrary is advancing steadily with the growth of the population.—*Witness.*

Finance.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1854-5.

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1854.

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| July 4. | Balance of Accounts at date | £157 | 1 | 11 |
| 15. | Cavendish Congregation, P E I, 40s 2½d, Mr Hogg, Pict. Island, 5s | 2 | 5 | 2½ |
| Aug 19. | Ladies Religious and Benevolent Society, New Glasgow | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | “ Evangelical Society, do | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 20. | Evangelical Society, Mr Roderick McGregor | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | “ Mr Ross, Margaree, 1s 3d, Mrs Ethridge, 10s 5d | 11 | 8 | |
| | “ Mabou Congregation | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept 5. | Collection Prince Street Congregation | 10 | 19 | 0 |
| 16. | A Friend of the cause in Canada, per Rev P G McGregor | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 27. | Melville Church, Toney River, per Mr George Redpath | 7 | 1 | ½ |
| Oct 6. | Baddeck, C B, £11 12s 2d, a friend Margaree, per Rev A McKenzie, 1s 3d | 11 | 13 | 5 |
| 9. | West Branch Congregation | 2 | 6 | 9 |
| | “ West Chester Congregation | 16 | 5 | |
| 12. | William Chisholm, senior, New Glasgow | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| 21. | Mr Robert Smith, Truro | 9 | 0 | 5½ |
| 23. | Students' Missionary Society | 7 | 7 | 10 |
| | “ Contribution Greenwood Congregation, Wallace River, per Mr Smith | 8 | 13 | 5 |
| Nov 20. | From Annapolis Congregation | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Dec 14. | Ragged Islands, per Rev J Cameron | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. | Francis Beattie, junior | 10 | 0 | 0 |

1855.

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| Jan 16. | A Friend to the cause, Gay's River, per Rev R Sedgewick | 10 | 0 | |
| 17. | Mr Robert Smith for Harvey Mission | 1 | 2 | 4½ |
| 19. | Salem Church Society for Religious purposes | 5 | 10 | 7 |
| Mar 6. | Collection Margaree River | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| | “ Mrs Ethridge, 5s 2½d, John Ross, 2s 6d, Margaree | 7 | 8 | ½ |
| | “ John Carmichael, do, 5s 2½d, Jacob Ross, do, 5s 2½d, Alex McRae, M. R., C. B., 5s 2½d | 15 | 7 | ½ |
| | “ Baddeck, £4 0s 0d, Wm Hall, Sheet Harbor, £4 0s 0d, Mr Wright, do, 10s 5d | 8 | 10 | 5 |
| | “ Collection Quoddy and Mosure River, 18s 6d, Annapolis, 100s | 5 | 18 | 6 |
| 30. | Juvenile Missionary Society, Noel | 3 | 11 | 8 |
| 31. | Collection Primitive Church, New Glasgow | 11 | 12 | 3½ |
| April 5. | Mr Robert Smith, Truro | 8 | 11 | 0 |
| May 22. | William Matheson, Esquire, 100s | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | “ Collection at Cheverie by Mr Grant | 2 | 19 | 6 |
| | “ Thomas Malcolm at do, per do | 12 | 6 | |
| | “ Collection at Petite do | 1 | 9 | 9½ |
| | “ Sunday subscriptions at do | 2 | 17 | 6 |
| | “ Annapolis, per Mr D M'Curdy | 5 | 16 | 3 |
| | “ Digby do do | 10 | 2 | ½ |
| June 7. | Joggins, 17s 10d, Mr B Gibson, 5s, Mrs Gibson, 5s, Mr J Leetch, 3s 1½d, | 1 | 10 | 11½ |
| | “ Collection half-way River, 7s, J Davis, 3s 1½d, J Haining, Parsboro, 20s | 1 | 10 | 1½ |
| | “ Parsboro, 44s, Miss G Stewart, Chester Mountain, 1d | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| | “ Mr W Stewart, 10s, J J Stewart, 1d, Mrs Aitkinson, 5s, Miss M McL. Pepperd, 5s | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | “ J Stewart, 2s 6d, B Purdy, 2s 6d, D Atkinson, 2s 6d, J Atkinson, 2s 6d | 10 | 0 | |
| | “ Messrs C & J Stewarts, 8s 4d, J McPherson, 1s 3d, Mrs McDonald, widow, 2s 6d | 12 | 1 | |
| | “ P Robertson, 1s 3d, Miss J Stewart, 2s 6d, J Scott, 2s, J Stewart, 7s 6d | 13 | 3 | |
| | “ Robert Stewart, 4s 6d, J Blanderd, 1s 3d, Brookfield, £2 16s 0d | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| | “ Salmon River, 30s, Baddeck, £10 0s 0d | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| 8. | Bedecque congregation | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| | “ Young Ladies' Religious and Benevolent Society, W River | 2 | 0 | 11½ |
| 15. | Ladies' penny a-week Society do | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| | “ Ladies' penny a-week Society, R Hill | 2 | 0 | 0 |

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| " | Young people's Missionary and Benevolent Society, do | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. | Prince Town, P E Island, per Rev H Crawford | 2 | 19 | 3 |
| " | Covehead do do | 8 | 8 | 6½ |
| " | St Peters and Bay Fortune do | 21 | 2 | 4½ |
| 27. | Mr Robert Smith, Truro | 11 | 6 | 1½ |
| July 7. | from Mabou, C B, 20s, donation from Rev A McKenzie, £2 13s 5d | 3 | 13 | 5 |
| " | River John congregation, 50s, Upper Londonderry, £5 6s 3d | 7 | 16 | 3 |
| " | Shelburne and Clyde, £2 15s 9d. Poplar Grove Church, £15 0s 0d | 17 | 15 | 9 |
| " | Richmond Bay, including lots No. 11, 13, 14, 16, and 17, P E I currency, £3 16s 10½d | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| " | Poplar Grove Church towards building Church, Baddeck | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Poplar Grove Church towards building Church, Cheverie | 5 | 0 | 9 |
| " | Yarmouth congregation, £6 6s 6d, Lower Londonderry, £15 9s 6d | 21 | 16 | 0 |
| " | Mr Philip Peebles, Canada | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Half of the collection taken missionary meeting, | 1 | 16 | 8 |
| " | Newport, £10, Nine Mile River, £8 0s 0d | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Stewiacke, £11 16s. Miss Mary Johnston, 5s 2½ | 12 | 1 | 2½ |
| " | Mrs Hugh Dunlap, 12s 6d, David Whidden, 5s | 17 | 6 | |
| " | Thank Offering, 3s 1½d, J Dunlap, 50s, David L Geddes, 5s | 2 | 18 | 1½ |
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PAYMENTS.

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| 1855. | | | | |
| July 15. | Rev W Miller, C B. | £5 | 0 | 0 |
| Aug 20. | Rev James Waddell, R John | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. | Rev James Bayne, expense to Cape Breton | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| Sept 12. | Rev J Bayne for Covehead congregation, being collection taken at Prince Street Church 19th Sept 1852 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| Oct 7. | Rev W McCulloch for Harvey | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| " | To assist building Church, Baddeck | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Rev A McKenzie, Mission to Cape Breton | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. | Mr McLean, Mission to West Chester | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| 20. | Mr Thompson, do Folly Mountain, &c. &c | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| " | Rev D McCurdy, do West Chester, Parsboro, &c | 7 | 16 | 1½ |
| Nov 6. | Mr McLean, do Annapolis | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 20. | Rev J McG. McKay, balance of services | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| Dec 4. | Mr S McCully, Mission to Cape Breton | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| " | do supplying Londonderry | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| " | Rev Hugh Ross's Mission to Annapolis | 8 | 11 | 6 |
| " | Mr R Grant, Sheet Harbour | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Rev J McLean Extra on Mission to Harvey | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Rev J Cameron for mission to Ragged Islands, &c | 6 | 10 | 8½ |
| 1855. | | | | |
| Jan 13. | Rev Hugh Ross " Annapolis, &c | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Feb 17. | Rev Mr McCulloch for Harvey, paid in by mistake | 1 | 2 | 4½ |
| Mar 6. | Rev D McCurdy, mission Cape Breton | 16 | 10 | 0 |
| 16. | Mr R Grant do Petite and Cheverie | 2 | 17 | 9 |
| " | do do Sheet Harbor and neighborhood | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| 30. | Rev J Sprott do Digby and Annapolis | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Rev A McKenzie do do | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| " | Rev George Christie, half year's supplement | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| " | Rev J Bayne, expenses of Presbytery to Cape Breton | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| May 12. | Rev D McCurdy, extra expense on mission to Cape Breton | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 23. | Mr R Grant, mission to Petite and Cheverie | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Mr McCully, balance of do. to P E Island | 13 | 5 | ½ |
| " | Mr S McCully, mission to Annapolis and Digby | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Rev A McKenzie, do New Brunswick | 8 | 11 | 10 |
| June 7. | Mr J McG. McKay, missionary labor Truro Presbytery | 19 | 10 | 0 |
| " | do do Cape Breton | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| July 7. | Rev A McKenzie, supplying Lower Stewiacke | 2 | 13 | 5 |
| " | Stationery, Postages, &c, paid Rev G Patterson | 2 | 13 | 6 |
| " | Rev Allan Fraser, balance due on mission to P E Island | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| " | Rev Hugh Ross, missionary labor Truro Presbytery | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| " | Rev George Christie half-year's supplement | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| " | Rev D McCurdy, balance due in Halifax Presbytery | 2 | 10 | 8½ |

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| " Mr R Grant, for sundry services | 3 0 0 |
| " Rev J McG. McKay, extra expenses on missions | 5 0 0 |
| " Rev Wm McCulloch, advanced by him for Harvey, £4 7s 11½d | } 4 16 11½ |
| " do for postage, 9s | |
| " J L Murdoch, to assist building Church Cape Sable | 10 0 0 |
| " do do do Cheverie | 10 0 0 |
| " Rev J L Murdoch, from Poplar Grove Church for Cheverie | 5 0 0 |
| 12. Paid Rev William Miller, Cape Breton | 5 0 0 |
| " Commission on £326 0s 0d at 2½ per cent. | 8 3 0 |
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| " By amount of credits to date | £333 16 1 |
| | 483 9 6½ |
| 1855. | <hr/> |
| July 7. By balance due the Board at date | £149 13 5½ |

ABR. PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*

July 25.—Examined this account and find it correct.

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| GEORGE WALKER, | } <i>Auditing Committee.</i> |
| ALEX. FRASER, | |
| RODERICK MCGREGOR. | |

ABSTRACT OF HOME MISSION ACCOUNT UP TO 15TH DEC'R 1855.

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| 1855. | | |
| July 7. By balance of account at date | L.149 | 2 5 |
| Dec 15. monies received to date | 40 | 3 7½ |
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| | L.180 | 6 0½ |
| Dec 15. To amount paid out to date | 116 | 6 9 |
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| | Balance 15th Dec'r 1855. | L.72 19 3½ |

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

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| 1854. | | |
| July 4. Bal | Account at date | £666 8 5 |
| 15. Cav | P E Island currency, £15 0s 0d | 12 10 0 |
| " Ne | do do £7 1s 0d | 5 17 6 |
| Aug. 6. A Friend, per Miss Geddie, 5s, from Little Harbor, per do, 5s | | 10 0 |
| 19. Juvenile Missionary Society James' Church, New Glasgow | | 7 0 0 |
| " Evangelical Society do do | | 5 0 0 |
| " David Dickson, Albion Mines, 10s, Mr John Dicks, 2s 6d | | 12 6 |
| " Ladies' Religious Benevolent Society James' Church, N. Glas- | | |
| gow, 60s, for Printing Press, 40s | | 5 0 0 |
| 20. Evangelical Society, Fish Pools, per Mr Rod. McGregor | | 2 0 0 |
| " Mr Murray, Mabou, per Rev J Bayne | | 1 0 0 |
| " Prince Street Church Sabbath School for Printing Press and | | |
| Types | | 6 16 2 |
| " Young Men's Bible Class taught by Rev J Bayne for do | | 3 3 6 |
| " " Ladies do do do | | 1 3 9 |
| " Miss Isabella Jackson, 3s, a Stranger, 10d | | 3 10 |
| Oct. 11. A friend to Mission, Forks, Middle River | | 10 0 |
| 12. Late D Stiles Sabbath School Prince Street Church for Print- | | |
| ing Press | | 7 6 |
| " Rev James Watson for Printing Press | | 13 0 |
| 20. Mr Robert Smith, Truro, quarter ending 30th Sept. | | 4 15 5 |
| 23. Student's Missionary Society | | 7 7 10 |
| " Springville Sabbath School for Printing Press | | 1 9 4½ |
| " Children's Mission Box, family of R McDonald, Esq, Cape George | | 10 0 |
| " A Friend, Cape George | | 10 0 |
| Nov 20. Female Society Prince Town, P E I, for Printing Press | | 3 5 0 |
| Dec 15. N P Olding, P T Gut, 5s 2½d, Mrs Olding, 3s 1½d, per Rev G | | |
| Walker | | 8 4 |

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| | " Ladies' Benevolent Society Primitive Church, New Glasgow | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | " R McNaughton, 7s 6d, Joseph McNaughton, 2s 3d | 10 | 0 | |
| | " Samuel McNaughton, 2s 6d, Isaac McNaughton, 2s 6d | 5 | 0 | |
| | " Ladies' Missionary Society, Tatamagouche, L.8 0s 0d, Mrs Mc-Coll, Guysboro, 10s | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| | " Juvenile Missionary Society, Noel, per Mr Cameron, for Printing Press | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | " Ephraim Scott (boy), Halifax, 1s 3d, Frances Beattie, junr, 10s | 11 | 3 | |
| 1855 | | | | |
| Jan 3. | Mrs Jacob Hatferld, Yarmouth, for Printing Press, per Rev G Christie | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 12. From two little Children, Pictou | 1 | 3 | |
| | 13. A Friend, per Rev G Walker, 20s, do for Printing Press, per do, 20s | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 16. A Friend to the cause, Gay's River, per Rev R Sedgwick | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 17. Mr Robert Smith, Truro | 13 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | 19. Salem Church Society for religious purposes | 6 | 12 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | 23. A Friend, for Mr Geddie's special use, per Rev G Walker | 12 | 6 | |
| Feb 3. | Mrs James McDonald, Barney's River, 5s, United Presbyterian congregation, Paris, C W, 50s | 2 | 15 | 0 |
| | 20 Mr George Roy, Pine Tree, per Rev G Walker | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| | " Ladies' penny a-week Society, Prince Street Church, Western District, Printing Press, &c | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | " Congregation Missionary, and Benevolent Society, Rev J Jennings, C West | 10 | 13 | 0 |
| | " Sabbath School Missionary Box, per do | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | " Master Maxwells Stranges Missionary Box, do | 3 | 9 | |
| | " A Friend to Aneiteum mission | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| | " A Henderson Esq, do | 10 | 0 | |
| | 24. Ladies at Still Water, St Mary's | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mar 7. | Hugh McDonald, Esq, South River, Antigonish | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 23. Wm Irvine, Barney's River, 5s, Mr E McNeil, Little Harbor, 5s | 10 | 0 | |
| | 30. A little Girl, West River | | | $7\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | " A contribution from congregation Clark, C W, per Rev Geo Lawrence | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | " Mr James B Fraser, Bondhead, C W, Mission Box, per do | 5 | 0 | |
| | " Prince Street Church Sabbath School, River John and Cape John Road | 1 | 5 | |
| April 5. | Mr R Smith, Truro, quarter ending 30th March | 17 | 19 | 4 |
| | 20. Congregation Gay's River and Shubenacadie | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| | (The remainder of this Account unavoidably deferred till our next No.) | | | |

Acknowledgments.

Monies received by Treasurer from 27th Nov. to 15th Dec. 1855, for
HOME MISSION.

1855.

Nov. 29, from Greenfield, 4s. 6d.; Folly Mountain, 5s. 3d.; West Chester, 3s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; per Rev D McCurdy—L.0 12s 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

REGISTER.

Dec. 1—From Agent, L.3 10 0
FOREIGN MISSION.

Dec. 5—From Tatamagouche Ladies' Missionary Society, per Mrs M. Williamson, L.8 0 0

" Part of Mr Gordon's passage money not required, 12 10 0

We are requested to state that the value of the box acknowledged by the Rev

George N. Gordon as received from the ladies of James' Church, should have been L.5, instead of L.2 as stated.

Rev P. G. McGregor acknowledges the receipt of the following sums during the past month for the Cape Sable Island Church:—

From Hugh McDonald, Esq., S. River, Antigonish L.2 0 0
Rev David Roy, James' Church 1 0 0

Messrs. John & J. Yorston acknowledge receipt of the following for the Foreign Mission, viz:—

A Box Clothing from the congregation of Bedeque, P. E. I., valued at L.9 9s, per Kenneth McKenzie. A Box from the Rev John McLeod's congregation, St Eleanor's,

P. E. I., containing 160 yards homespun cloth, full dressed, and trimmings for a suit for the Chief, 30 yards unbleached cotton, 28 yards print; handkerchiefs, thread, yarn, buttons, thimbles, needles, &c. &c., value L.26 10s Od.

Pictou, Dec'r 20, 1855.

Francis Beattie, junr., Pictou, acknowledges the receipt of the following sums on account of Register for 1855:—

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| Rev'd P. G. McGregor, | L. 2 | 5 | 0 |
| " John Cameron, | 2 | 15 | 0 |
| " David Roy, | 2 | 8 | 9 |
| " John McLeod, | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| " A. L. Wylie, | | 10 | 0 |
| Mr Kenneth McKenzie, | | 7 | 6 |
| " R. S. Morrison, | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| Small sums, | | 4 | 3 |

Notices.

The Board of Foreign Missions will meet at New Glasgow, on Monday 21st January.

The Presbytery of Pictou will meet at Merigomish, on Tuesday 22nd January next, at 11 o'clock. Sermon by the Rev David Honeyman.

The Board of Home Missions will meet at New Glasgow, on Wednesday 23rd January next at 11 o'clock.

The Presbytery of Truro will meet on Tuesday 15th inst.

Distribution of Probationers for January.

| <i>Probationers.</i> | <i>Presbyteries.</i> |
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| Mr Robert Grant, | Halifax. |
| " Samuel McCully, | Truro. |
| Rev Hugh Ross, | Pictou. |
| " Daniel McCurdy, | P. E. Island. |
| Mr William Keir, | Truro. |
| " Samuel Johnston, | Pictou, 2; Truro, 2. |
| " John W. Matheson, | Pictou. |

Foreign Missionary Wanted.

The Board of Foreign Missions having been directed by the Synod to endeavor to secure the services of Two Missionaries to labor in the South Seas, are now prepared to receive applications for that service, from Ministers and Licentates of the Church in Nova Scotia, or the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, or its branches in the Colonies. Applications to be directed to the Rev James Bayne, Secretary of the Board, Pictou.

Boards, Standing Committees, &c.

Board of Home Missions.—Rev Professor Ross, Rev Messrs Patterson, Watson and Walker, together with the Presbytery Elders of Green Hill, West River, and Primitive Church. Rev George Patterson, Secretary.

Board of Foreign Missions.—Rev Messrs Baxter, Keir, Roy, Walker, Bayne, Watson, and Waddell, and Messrs Ebenezer McLeod and Daniel Cameron, of West River; A. Fraser, of New Glasgow, and John Yorston, of Pictou. Secretary, Rev J. Bayne.

Educational Board.—Chairman, Rev J. Bayne. Treasurer, Abram Patterson, Esq. Secretary, Rev James Ross.

Seminary Board.—The Professors, ex officio. Rev Messrs McCulloch, Bayne, Christie, McGilvray, Watson, George Patterson, and Messrs Daniel Cameron and J. McGregor. Mr McCulloch, Convener. Rev Mr Watson, Secretary.

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Committee of Correspondence with Evangelical Churches.—Rev Messrs E. Ross, Baxter and Wylie. Mr Ross, Convener.

Committee for Friendly Conferenee with Committees of other Presbyterian Churches.—Rev Messrs Ross, Sedgewick, Bayne, Cameron, and McGregor, and Mr C Robson. Rev Professor Ross, Convener.

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Communications to be addressed to the Rev George Patterson, Alma Way Office, West River, and must be forwarded before the 10th of the month preceding publication. Small notices may be sent to him or the Rev P. G. McGregor, Halifax, up till the 22nd.

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