

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FIRST DIET.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, *St. John, N.B., June 28th, 1871.*

At which place and time the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland met, and, after an appropriate discourse by the Rev. Allan Pollok, the retiring moderator, from the text: Mark iv. 26, 27, was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. Allan Pollok.

The Synod Roll

was then produced and read by the Rev. Mr. Duncan, in the absence of the Clerk, and contained the names of thirty-two ministers and missionaries, and thirty-two elders; of these, there sat down, as members of the Court, twenty-two ministers and twelve elders.

Since last meeting of Synod, the following changes have taken place:

In the Presbytery of St. John, the Rev. Dr. Donald died on Feb. 20th, 1871, and the Rev. Robert J. Cameron has been appointed in his place.

In the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, having accepted a presentation to the parish of Ythean Wells, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, demitted his charge of Georgetown and Cardigan on 24th May 1871.

In the Presbytery of Pictou, the Rev. W. M. Philip demitted the charge of Stellarton and Westville in October, 1870, and accepted of a presentation to the parish of Skene, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The Rev. Charles Dunn was inducted into the charge of Stellarton and Westville, April 26, 1871. The Rev. D. McRae was inducted to the charge of West and East Branches East River, Nov. 15, 1870. The Rev. J. W. Fraser was inducted to the charge of Roger's Hill and Cape John, Dec. 29th, 1870.

In the Presbytery of Halifax, the Rev. D. McRae demitted his charge at Newfoundland and accepted a call to East River, Pictou. His place at Newfoundland has been filled by Rev. Daniel McDougal.

The minutes of last secedunt, as published, were then declared sustained; after which the Synod proceeded to

The Election of a Moderator.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried, that the Rev. A. McLEAN, of Belfast P. E. Island, be appointed Moderator for the ensuing year, and being present, he took the chair accordingly.

Resignation of Synod Clerk.

A letter was read from the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, tendering the resignation of his office as Clerk of the Synod. The resignation was accepted; whereupon it was moved, seconded and agreed to, that a committee be appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the regret felt by the Synod in view of the departure from their bounds of their late clerk. The Rev. Allan Pollok and the Rev. R. J. Cameron were appointed such committee.

On motion of Rev. G. M. Grant, it was resolved that Mr W. G. Pender be requested to act as clerk *pro. tem.*, and that a committee, composed of the moderators of Presbyteries, be appointed to consider the matter of selecting a clerk, and report.

Committees.

The following committees were then appointed:—

1. *On Business, Bills and Overtures*:—Rev. Thomas Duncan, *Convener*: Rev. R. J. Cameron, and Mr. Muaro of Georgetown.
2. *To Examine Presbytery Records*:—Rev. J. Anderson, *Convener*: Rev. Dr. Brooke and Rev. F. R. McDonald.
3. *To draft minute with reference to the late Dr. Donald*:—Rev. Dr. Brooke and Rev. A. W. Herdman.

Hours of Meeting.

The hours of meeting were then fixed:—from half past 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., from 3 to half past 5 P.M., and from half past 7 P.M. *ad libitum*.

Thanks to Retiring Moderator.

On motion by Rev. G. J. Caie, seconded by Rev. Dr. Brooke, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Allan Pollok, retiring moderator, for the efficient manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of last Synod, and also for the discourse delivered by him at the opening of this Synod, which discourse several members of Synod expressed a desire to see published in the *Monthly Record*.

Missionary Meeting.

On motion by Rev. R. J. Cameron, the Presbytery of St. John was entrusted with making arrangements for the supply of Sabbath services during the meeting of Synod, and also for holding a missionary meeting on Monday evening.

The Rev. C. Dunn of Stellarton was then appointed to conduct devotional exercises, and the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10.30, of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt closed with prayer.

SECOND DIET.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, *St. John, N.B., June 29th, 1871.*

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

Rev. Thomas Duncan, convener of the business committee, reported the order of business for the day; in accordance with which the Synod called for the report of the committee appointed to draw up a minute in reference to the departure from their bounds of the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, late Synod clerk. The following, which was received, and of which the clerk was instructed to forward a copy to the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, was submitted by the Rev. Allan Pollok:—

Minute anent Late Clerk.

The Rev. Alexander McWilliam, who has acted as Clerk of Synod during the last six years, having, on account of his acceptance of a presentation to the Wells of Ythan, resigned the office of clerk; the Synod, while accepting his resignation, cannot allow the event to pass without recording its high sense of the value of his services. His acquaintance with the forms of the church, orderly business habits, accuracy of expression and neatness of penmanship—and, above all, his uniform urbanity of manner and gentleness of disposition, have qualified him for rendering service to the church which cannot readily be forgotten. And, while recording its obligation to him as Clerk, the Synod would also express its exalted opinion of Mr. McWilliam as a scholar, a gentleman and a christian minister—the regret with which its members, in parting from him, break many happy relations and intercourse unembittered by a single unpleasant recollection, and its sincere hope that, in his approaching sphere of labor, he may enjoy every prosperity and happiness, and be rewarded with much success.

Appointment of Synod Clerk.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for securing the services of a clerk, reported, that as many moderators of Presbyteries as were present at last *secedant*, were convened, and resolved to recommend that Mr. Pender continue his services in that capacity for the present session until permanent arrangements can be made.

The Synod then called for the Report of the

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Rev. Mr. Grant reported verbally that there was no committee, but that the late Dr. Donald had been appointed to take charge of a small sum forming such fund, that he had published, as requested, a statement thereof in the *Monthly Record*, and that there were now invested for this fund, in the Savings' Bank, \$229.81.

Mr. Donaldson, who had shown great interest in the furtherance of the scheme, was heard in its support.

On motion by Dr. Brooke, seconded by Rev. A. W. Herdman, the thanks of the Synod were conveyed to Mr. Donaldson for the interest he has taken in the advocacy of this scheme.

After some deliberation on the subject of this Fund by the Synod, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Pollok, seconded, and agreed to, that a committee be appointed to prepare a resolution on the subject, and to report as soon as possible. Rev. D. McRae and J. J. Bremner, Esq., were appointed such committee.

The Synod then called for the Report of the committee on

The "Monthly Record,"

which was read by the Rev. J. Campbell, convener, showing (as will be seen by a reference to this report) an increased circulation over last year of 150 copies, and a probable balance at the end of 1871, of \$135. (*See Appendix A.*) Mr. Campbell complained of the difficulty he had experienced in the discharge of his duties as editor of the *Record*, owing to the fact that items of intelligence as to their doings had been sent him from but a few of the congregations of the church, some clerks of Presbyteries having failed, though once and again requested, to forward minutes of their proceedings for publication.

On submitting the report, he therefore tendered with it his resignation as convener of the committee and editor of the *Record*.

It was moved by Rev. Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Rev. Dr. Brooke, and unanimously resolved, that the Report be received, the thanks of the Synod be given to the committee, and especially to the convener, that the committee be re-appointed, and the convener requested to continue his services for another year.

The thanks of the Synod were conveyed to the committee and Mr. Campbell, who expressed his willingness to accede to the Synod's request and continue to act as editor for another year.

On motion by Rev. Mr. Grant, seconded by Dr. Brooke, the Synod enjoined upon clerks of Presbyteries to send reports of every meeting held, for publication in the *Record*.

The Rev. A. Pollok moved, that, as there was a surplus fund remaining after paying expenses of publication of *Record*, the sum of £12 be paid to Mr. Campbell as a slight acknowledgment of his services as editor for the past year. This being seconded, was carried unanimously.

Commissions.

The Rev. G. M. Grant then laid on the table commissions from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America in favour of Rev. Messrs. James B. Dunn and Charles S. Durfee, of the Presbytery of Boston, and Reuben Crooke, Esq., elder, who were appointed by that body to represent it at the present meeting of this Synod. The moderator ordered

their names to be added to the roll; and the Rev. Mr. Dunn, being present, was invited to sit and deliberate as a member of the court.

The Synod called for the Report of the committee appointed to prepare resolutions in reference to the

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Rev. D. McRae submitted a series of resolutions. After some conversation on the subject, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Grant, seconded by the Rev. Peter Melville, and agreed, that the subject lie over until a future sederunt, and that in the meantime the present committee confer with members and endeavour to ascertain the feeling of elders on the question, and again report.

Addition to "Monthly Record" Committee.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, convener of the *Record* committee, requested leave to add the name of Mr. Schwartz, one of the printers, to that committee. Granted.

Observance of the Lord's Supper.

The Rev. James Anderson moved, and the Rev. Mr. Grant having seconded, it was resolved—That a committee be appointed to confer with any committee that may be appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces to make arrangements for the dispensation of the Lord's supper on the evening of the first Sabbath in July. Rev. Messrs. Keay, Duncan and Anderson were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The Synod then called for the Report of the committee on

Statistics,

which was submitted by the Rev. George J. Caie. (*See Appendix B.*)

Considerable discussion took place with reference to this report, when the Rev. Mr. Grant having moved, and the Rev. Mr. McRae seconded, it was resolved:—That the thanks of the Synod be given to the committee on Statistics, especially the convener, for the great labor he has taken in the matter, and the success that has attended his efforts; that a full and corrected report of the results obtained be printed in the *Record*, along with a summary on the various points on which information has been sought; and that the committee be re-appointed, with instructions to take such steps to secure an accurate table of statistics yearly as shall seem to them most efficacious.

The Report of the Committee on

Inebriate Asylums

was then called for. Rev. Mr. Grant reported, verbally, that the Committee had not moved in the matter, as the Legislature had declined taking the initiative.

The Accounts of the

Dalhousie College Endowment Fund,

being called for, were read by J. J. Bremner, Esq., Treasurer. (*See Accounts.*)

The Rev. Mr. Keay moved, and the motion having been seconded by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, it was resolved:—That the Report just read be received and adopted. Rev. Mr. Grant moved, Rev. Mr. McRae seconded, and it was agreed to, that the Dalhousie College Endowment Fund Committee be instructed to pay Professor McDonald's salary of \$1,200, from the 1st of July, in Dominion currency.

Overtures.

Rev. Mr. Duncan reported that the Committee on Overtures had received no overtures of any kind for consideration.

The Synod then called for the Report of the

Home Mission Board,

which was given in by the Rev. Mr. Grant, Convener. (*See Appendix C.*)

Rev. Robert J. Cameron moved that the report now read by the Convener of the Home Mission Board be adopted, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Board, especially to the Convener, and that they be reappointed. This motion was seconded, and the Synod was proceeding with the discussion of the report, when

Commissioners from the Synod of Canada

in connection with the Church of Scotland, entered, who presented their Commissions, certifying that the Rev. Robert Campbell, A. M., Minister of St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal; the Rev. Daniel James McDonnell, B. D., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto; and the Rev. Daniel M. Gordon, B. D., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, were appointed, by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, Commissioners to correspond with the Synod of the Maritime Provinces at its present meeting. They were accordingly cordially welcomed, their names were added to the roll, and they were requested to sit and deliberate. Rev. Mr. Campbell addressed the Synod on behalf of the Commissioners and the Synod whose greetings they conveyed, in a few well chosen words.

Rev. Mr. Pollok gave notice of a motion to change the hours of meeting.

Reception of American Delegates.

In accordance with the order of business, announced for Friday, the reception of Delegates from the Presbyterian Church in the United States was arranged to take place at 7.30 P. M.

The debate on the Report of the Home Mission Board was resumed; and, on a motion to adjourn the debate being carried, the Rev. Daniel M. Gordon, of Ottawa, was appointed to conduct devotional exercises, and the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past 10, of which public intimation having been given, this sederunt closed with praise and prayer.

THIRD DIET.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, *St. John, N. B., July, 30th, 1871.*

The Synod met, and, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. D. M. Gordon, B. D., was constituted with praise and prayer by the Moderator. The Roll having been called, the minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

Rev. Mr. Pollok intimated that he would not bring forward his motion to change the hours of meeting at this late stage of the proceedings.

Rev. Thomas Duncan, Convener of the Business Committee, reported the order of business for the day.

Rev. D. McRae suggested an amendment in the resolutions submitted yesterday by the Committee, on the

Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund,

and reported that the Committee recommend the following resolutions:—

Resolved. 1st. That the institution of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund is indispensable to the welfare of this Church.

2nd. That the best method of entering upon its institution is, to attempt the collection of a capital sum amounting to at least \$6,000, the interest of which shall be devoted to the purposes contemplated by the Fund.

3rd. That, immediately upon the collection of the aforesaid amount, the Synod shall decide upon the further details of the scheme; such as determining the sums which shall be annually required from ministers and congregations to sustain and add to the capital, the appointing of annuities, &c.

4th. That the several Presbyteries are enjoined, without delay, to nominate Committees within their respective bounds, to effect the object of the foregoing resolutions; and that the Committee appointed to act in Halifax shall be a central Committee for Nova Scotia, and that in St. John for New Brunswick.

Rev. Mr. Wilkins moved, Rev. Mr. McCunn seconded, and it was resolved, that the report be received and adopted.

Committee to respond to greetings of Commissioners from American Church.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Grant, it was resolved that Rev. Messrs. Duncan and Wilson be appointed a Committee to draw up a resolution, and respond to the greetings of the brethren from the United States this evening.

Supply of Pulpits.

The Rev. Mr. Cameron asked Synod to confirm the action of the Presbytery of St. John in arranging for the supply of pulpits on Sabbath first, and make intimations accordingly. This was done.

Rev. Dr. Brooke then read the following draft of a minute in reference to

The Late Dr. Donald :

When our Synod met in Halifax last year, there was one amongst us, and taking an active part in our deliberations, who has since been removed from serving God in His Church on earth, but who, as we humbly trust, has been admitted to His immediate presence in heaven.

The loss of such a man as Dr. Donald cannot be otherwise than deeply felt by all who enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance. The Synod, under the influence of this feeling, desire to express their own personal sorrow at being deprived of a brother in the ministry so highly esteemed, their sympathy with his people, among whom he so long and so faithfully labored, and with his bereaved wife and children in their heavy trial.

Dr. Donald was highly esteemed by every member of this Court as a true gentleman, an able scholar, and a faithful minister of the New Testament. He took a deep interest in every benevolent scheme for promoting the welfare of society, and especially in those that were devised for advancing the prosperity of this Church. We all feel that his departure has left a blank amongst us that will not soon be filled up.

It is our earnest prayer that his death may be sanctified to us all, and more especially to the congregation to whom he ministered ; and that his bereaved widow, and her children now left fatherless, may be sustained and comforted in the midst of their sorrows.

The minute was adopted, and the Clerk instructed to engross the same and forward a copy to the widow and family of the deceased.

The Rev. Mr. Anderson submitted the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Sister Synod in reference to the

Observance of the Lord's Supper

by the two Synods on the evening of the first Sabbath in July. Rev. Mr. Keay detailed the arrangements that had been made for carrying out the wishes of the two Synods.

The report was received, and the Committee discharged.

Rev. Mr. Pollok said he had much pleasure in announcing the presence of the ex-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and suggested that the Moderator request the Rev. Mr. Sedgwick to sit and deliberate with the Court. It was accordingly done, and Mr. Sedgwick briefly addressed the Synod.

Presbytery Records.

The Synod then called for Presbytery Records, when there were handed in those of all the Presbyteries excepting St. John.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of St. John stated that their records were new and would soon be produced.

The Synod then resumed the debate on the Report of the

Home Mission Board.

The motion submitted by the Rev. Mr. Cameron last evening, having been seconded, was unanimously agreed to ; and the thanks of the Synod were conveyed to the Rev. Mr. Grant, Convener ; and through him to the Board.

Rev. Mr. Duncan then submitted the following resolution:—That, for the further advancement of the objects of the Home Mission, the Convener and one member of the Board be requested to visit the various Presbyteries for the purpose of inciting the supplemented congregations to greater exertions towards self-reliance, and to assist in the formation of Lay Associations in such Congregations as their services may be required.

This being seconded by the Rev. Mr. Herdman, was carried.

At the request of the Rev. Mr. Pollok, the Rev. D. McRae was appointed in his place as a member of the Home Mission Board.

Resignation of Treasurer of Home Mission Board.

Rev. Mr. McRae moved, it was seconded, and resolved, that the resignation of George McLean, Esq., as Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, be accepted; the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to him for his arduous and valuable services; and that Alexander Jardine, Esq., of St. John, be appointed in his place.

The Synod then called for the Report of the

Bursary Fund,

which was given in by the Rev. William McMillan, who submitted his own resignation as well as the resignation of the Treasurer of the scheme. (*See Appendix D.*)

After some discussion on this important scheme of the Synod, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. McCunn, seconded and resolved:—That the Report be adopted, great satisfaction expressed at the prosperous state of the Fund, the names mentioned in the Report added to the Committee; that the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to Mr. McMillan for his valuable services as Convener of this scheme, and that he be earnestly requested to continue to act. Further, that, in the prospect of increased liabilities, congregations be desired to make increasingly liberal collections.

Letter from Mr. Duff.

The Moderator read a letter, received by him from Mr. Charles Duff, asking for information as to the diet of Synod when an appeal alleged to have been taken by him on the 9th of last June, from the Presbytery of St. John, was to be taken up, that he might be heard anent the same.

After deliberation, it was moved by the Rev. G. M. Grant, and seconded by Hon. J. Holmes. That no reasons of appeal having been lodged against the judgment of the Committee of Presbytery on any point, and all the evidence in the case for the prosecution having been heard, adjudicated on, and the judgment not having been appealed against, it is not in accordance with law or justice now to re-open the case, and review the decision come to.

The motion was carried, Rev. Messrs Brodie and Herdman dissenting, the former expressing his desire to give in reasons of dissent.

The Clerk was instructed to forward to Mr. Duff an extract of the minute containing the decision of Synod.

The Synod then engaged in prayer to Almighty God for His blessing on the congregation whose interests they had just been considering, and were led in their devotions by the Rev. Mr. Grant.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Committee on

Sabbath Schools.

It was given in by Rev. A. W. Herdman, Vice Convener. (*See Appendix E.*)

The Rev. Mr. Duncan moved, it was seconded and resolved:—That this Synod adopt the Report of the Sabbath School Committee, and records its thanks to its Sub-Convener who drew up the Report, and, adopting the suggestion of the Report, the Synod records its sense of the great importance of the Sabbath School, and of obligations under which the Church lies to those

Christian men and women who so generously devote much of their time to the work of teaching the youth of our churches in the knowledge of the Lord. The Synod further reappoint the Committee.

Thanks were accordingly given to the Rev. Mr. Herdman, and the Committee re-appointed.

Reception of American Commissioners.

Commissioners from the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, viz., Rev. James B. Dunn and Elder Reuben Croke, were introduced, and addressed the Synod at length, conveying the greetings of the Church which they represented, and giving interesting details as to the field of operation, and work accomplished, by that branch of the Presbyterian family.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson eloquently responded to the greetings of the Commissioners, and the Rev. Thomas Duncan, with a few appropriate remarks moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. McLean, (Dr. Brooke being in the Chair as Moderator) that the Synod express the gratification it experiences at the reception of this Delegation from the Presbyterian Church of the United States; the pleasure with which the members have listened to the statements of the Delegates, and the satisfaction it will afford this Synod both to reciprocate this friendly intercourse, and to receive any Delegates from the sister Church with which, in the providence of God, it may be favored in future.

This resolution was carried unanimously, after which the Synod engaged in prayer.

The Report of the Committee on

Union

was then called for, and given in by the Convener, the Rev. Allan Pollok.—(See Appendix F.)

Rev. Peter Melville moved the adoption of the Report, and, after some discussion, the debate upon the subject was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Leave of Absence

being craved, was granted to J. J. Bremner, Esq., and Rev. Peter Melville.

The Rev. Mr. McDonnell, of Toronto, was appointed to conduct devotional exercises, and the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10.30 A.M., of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt closed with praise and prayer.

FOURTH DIET.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, *St. John, N. B.*, July 1st, 1871.

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

The Roll was then called, and the minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

Rev. Thomas Duncan, convener of Business Committee, reported the order of business for the day. In accordance therewith, the question of

Union

was taken up.

Rev. Mr. Pollok submitted an additional Report to be appended to the one submitted last evening.

The whole sederunt was spent in the consideration of the subject of Union. Many of the ministers, and all the elders present, spoke to the question. Marked unanimity of sentiment, favourable to the proposed Union, pervaded the Court; and the following, which was moved by the Rev. John Campbell, and seconded by the Rev. Thos. Duncan, was carried unanimously.—(Rev. Mr. Brodie, however, desiring it to be minuted that he does not wish himself committed by the action of the Synod.): That the Synod, having heard the Report of the Union Committee, approves of the same, expresses its great thankfulness

to God for the harmony which has characterized the meetings of the joint Committee, records its approbation of the manner in which its Committee has conducted the important business entrusted to it, is pleased to observe the simplicity and comprehensiveness of the proposed basis, and its accordance with the ancient legal standards of the Church of Scotland, being further informed, in the appended Report, that the majority of the negotiating bodies are disposed to adhere to the basis as agreed upon, expresses the hope that, in all future deliberations, endeavors be made to retain it in its present form, approves of the arranged plan for the consultation of Kirk-Sessions, re-appoints the Committee, with the addition of the following names:—(to be hereafter submitted):—

Leave of Absence.

Rev. Mr. Fraser, and Messrs. Gray and Edwards, elders, craved leave of absence, which was granted.

It was announced that the subject of the Foreign Mission could be taken up at the sederunt on Monday.

Rev. Mr. McDonnell of Toronto was appointed to conduct devotional exercises, when the Synod adjourned to meet at 10.30 A. M. on Monday, of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with praise and prayer.

FIFTH DIET.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, *St. John, N. B.*, July 3rd, 1871.

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

The Roll having been called, the minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Rev. Thos. Duncan, Convener of Business Committee, reported the order of business for the day.

The Moderator laid on the table a circular from the Secretary of the Temperance organizations of the city in reference to a public meeting.

Rev. Dr. Brooke reported concerning the arrangements for Missionary meeting this evening.

Presbytery Records.

Rev. Dr. Brooke reported that all the Presbytery Records had been regularly and accurately kept, but that Session Records had not been attested in any of the Presbyteries but those of Nova Scotia.

The Clerk was instructed to attest Presbytery Records in terms of the report.

Committee on Union.

Rev. John Campbell submitted the following names to be added to the Committee on Union, as recommended by the resolution adopted at last sederunt, viz.: *Ministers*,—The Moderator, Rev. Dr. Brooke, Rev. Mr. Brodie; *Elders*,—Dr. Fraser, William Gordon, and John McKay, Esquires. *As Alternates*:—Rev. Mr. Cameron for Dr. Brooke; Rev. Thomas Duncan for the Moderator; Rev. George J. Caie for Mr. Brodie; and R. Munro, Esq., for W. Gordon, Esq. The Synod accepted and approved of the same.

Foreign Mission.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee was then called for, and given in by the convener, Rev. A. McLean. (*See Appendix G.*)

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Caie, seconded by the Rev. Mr. McRae, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—That the Report of the Foreign Mission Board, having been read and laid on the table, be adopted; that the diligence of the convener and committee be approved of; that the thanks of the

Synod be conveyed to the convener and to our excellent treasurer, Col. Bremner, for their services; that it is most gratifying, and a cause of deep gratification and thankfulness to God, that one energetic missionary and his lady have been conducted safely to the scene of their labors, and have entered on the work of missions in the South Seas, and would commit them in prayer to the keeping and guidance of the God of missions; that it is a subject of regret that the collections are inadequate to the coming expenditure, and enjoin ministers to bring this matter specially before their Sessions and congregations, and strongly recommend the use of schedules in addition to a church collection; that congregations be requested to prepare special contributions for transmission to the Islands by Mr. Robertson for the use of the natives; and that the Presbytery of Halifax be authorized, upon a representation of the Foreign Mission Board, to take Mr. Robertson on trial, to license and ordain him as an Evangelist to the mission field, and that the Board thereafter make provision for his departure as speedily as possible. And the Synod further recommend all Sabbath Schools to collect specially for the expenses of the "Dayspring,"—the money thus collected to be kept by the treasurer as a special account.

On motion, it was resolved that the Rev. William McMillan, of Salt Springs, be appointed Secretary to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Applications for License.

Applications from the Presbytery of Halifax to take on trial for license Mr. James Fraser Campbell; and from the Presbytery of St. John to take on trial for license Mr. Samuel Russell, were granted by the Synod.

The Report of the Committee on the

Synod Fund

was then called for and given in by the Rev. George J. Caie, Convener. (*See Appendix H.*)

Rev. Mr. Herdman moved, Rev. Mr. McCunn seconded, and it was agreed to, That the Report of the Committee on Synod Fund be adopted, and thanksgiving to the Convener; that the Committee be re-appointed; and that the Synod express its sense of indebtedness to those members of the Union Committee—viz., Rev. G. M. Grant, Hon. J. Robertson, and J. J. Bremner, Esq., who so generously remitted their claims on the Fund, consequent upon their visit to Montreal last year as members of Committee.

Juvenile Foreign Mission.

Rev. Dr. Brooke reported verbally from the Juvenile Foreign Mission Committee. He stated that the Committee had not met, but that many of the Sabbath Schools in New Brunswick are supporting orphans in India.

Synodical Collections.

The Synod then appointed the days for the annual collections for the schemes of the Church, as follows:—

Young Men's Bursary Fund,	on the last Sabbath of July.
Foreign Mission	" " " October.
Home Mission	" " " January.
Synod Fund	" " " April.

Appointment of Commissioners.

It was moved by the Rev. G. M. Grant, seconded, and resolved:—That Rev. Messrs Wilson of Chatham, and Duncan of Charlottetown, be appointed Commissioners to represent this Synod at the next meeting of the Synod in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland; and that the Clerk be instructed to grant Commissions to any other members of Court who at the time may be disposed to accompany them.

The Rev. Mr. Grant was appointed a Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Next meeting of Synod.

It was then agreed that the next meeting of Synod be held in St. James' Church, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, on the last Wednesday of June, 1872, at 7 P. M.

Thanks to late Treasurer of Y. M. Bursary Fund.

On motion by Rev. Mr. Herdman, it was resolved:—That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to R. McKenzie, Esq., of Pictou, for the warm interest he has ever manifested in the schemes of the Church, and for his efficient services during many years as Treasurer of these; and that Mr. James Hislop be appointed to take his place.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Restigouche applied for leave to meet during the sitting of Synod, with Rev. Mr. Anderson of Wallace as Assessor. Leave was granted.

Votes of Thanks

were moved by the Rev. Mr. Duncan in the following resolution, which being seconded, and put to the vote, was carried unanimously:—That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to Rev. Mr. Cameron and lady, and Rev. Mr. Caie and family, and the members of St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's congregations, for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Synod during their stay in St. John; and to the Railway and Steamboat Companies for their courtesy to members going to and returning from Synod; and also to Mr. DeBlois for extending the privileges of his Reading Room to members of Synod during their stay in St. John.

Committee to revise Minutes.

The Rev. W. T. Wilkins and the Rev. J. McMillan were appointed to revise the minutes of this sederunt, and prepare the minutes of Synod for publication.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Grant, it was resolved:—That the ex-Moderators of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland be a Committee to select a Moderator for the ensuing year.

The Moderator then declared the business of the Session concluded; and, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the alone King and Head of the Church, appointed the next Synod to meet in St. James' Church, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, on the evening of the last Wednesday of June, A. D. 1872, at 7 o'clock, of which public intimation was given, and this Session was closed with prayer.

W. G. PENDER. *Synod Clerk.*

APPENDIX A.

Report on "Monthly Record" for 1870-71.

Your Committee feel grateful for the measure of success which has followed their endeavours to promote the interest of the Church's Periodical. This year the circulation, though somewhat larger than last year, has not yet assumed the dimensions your Committee had been led to hope for at the last meeting of this Court. Last year the circulation reported was 1531; this year it has not amounted to 1700, and your Committee were led to indulge the hope that the circulation would have amounted this year to 2000. The increase on the whole, however, is satisfactory,—each Presbytery showing an increase over last year except the Presbytery of Restigouche. That there is still ample room for an increase in the circulation is evident from a comparison of the present circulation with the number of families in the church—considering, further, that there is a large circulation outside the church altogether.

Your Committee would draw the attention of members of Synod to the fact that the *Record* now appears in the double column page, rendering it much more pleasant to the reader. This change has increased the expense of publication; but as the funds are such as to enable the Treasurer to meet and defray all liabilities and leave a balance on hand at the end of 1871, it is the hope of the Committee that the extra outlay will receive the Synod's concurrence.

Your Committee would refer again to the able and efficient manner in which the duties of Secretary and Treasurer have been discharged. As a result thereof, the *Record* owes largely its present financial condition. There are other names deserving of special notice for service done the *Record* in the contributing of articles during the year. Those are specially the names of the Rev. The Moderator for the past year; the Rev. Charles M. Grant of Calcutta; the Ministers of St Matthew's, Halifax, and St Stephen's, St John.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CAMPBELL, *Convener*.

APPENDIX B.

Report of Statistical Committee.

Your Committee have to express their deep regret that, owing to the want of attention paid to the instructions of Synod by Presbytery Clerks and the Ministers within the bounds of the several Presbyteries, they are not in a position to make as full and accurate a report of their labours as this Synod ought to have before it.

Not less than one hundred communications have been addressed to the different members of the Court in the form of entreaties and reminders.

The Committee have published, in the January and April numbers of the *Record*, the tables for the Presbyteries of Halifax, St. John, Miramichi and Restigouche. The returns from the Presbyteries of Pictou and P. E. Island were not received in time for publication in this month's *Record*, so that the Committee have been prevented from placing in the hands of every member of Synod, as they desired to do, a full printed statement of all the charges within our bounds. The Committee, however, have prepared a full statistical table, showing the returns from the six Presbyteries (see page 28); and from the tables thus prepared the following abstract may be given:—

Halifax Presbytery shows average salary of.....	\$1150
St. John Presbytery " " "	980
Pictou Presbytery " " "	850
Miramichi " " "	750
Restigouche " " "	750
P. E. Island " " "	800

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. CAIR, *Convener*.

APPENDIX C.

Report of the Home Mission Board.

The Church in every country must always have two important missions, the Home and the Foreign; and in a new country the Home Mission is the more important of the two, for on the vigour with which it is prosecuted the progress of the whole Church depends. The direct object it aims at is to establish the ordinances of religion in every district where members of our Church are to be found; and though our work is limited by many causes, chief of which is our scant supply of preachers of the Gospel, we have within the last three years carried it on with some measure of success. No Church in America has had so willing, so powerful and so sympathetic external aid, as we have had in the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. They have lavished money on these Lower Provinces, and our only regret is that in some places there is but little to show for it. A lesson that may be learned from the history of our Church during the last quarter of a century, is that where the Colonial Committee's help did not evoke corresponding activity and liberality the part of the people, it did them harm instead of good. Their help is intended to supplement and stimulate our own utmost efforts, and in no case to be a substitute for them. Recognizing this fact, the first work of this United Synod was to establish a Board that would take the oversight of our field, organize effort, recommend to the Colonial Committee the most suitable localities for its aid, and transfer missionaries from Presbyteries that did not need their services to Presbyteries that did. One sentence will show both the need of such a Board and the work it has done: For the current year ending August we shall draw from the Colonial Committee about \$4000 less than we did when it was appointed, or than the average of preceding years; and yet not one of our ministers gets less, while most get more, than was the case then. In fact, with regard to ministerial support, our position is better than that of any other Church that we know of in America; for our actual minimum stipend is \$600, with a manse and glebe, or \$750 without manse. This result has been accomplished by our people doing more locally; by an increase of \$1200 in the amount raised by ourselves for Home Missions; and by a more thorough and systematic and economical distribution of our missionaries. The case now stands thus with us:—If the St. John Presbytery would establish a local Home Mission and raise £150 stg. for St. Andrew's, Nashwaak, and Woodstock, as Halifax Presbytery does for similar charges in its bounds, we believe we could say to the Colonial Committee, "We shall undertake hereafter all Home Mission work within Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and New Brunswick; all that we ask of you is to continue to pay the passage-money of missionaries to us, and to make Cape Breton a special field at your own charge." And why should not this be done by the St. John Presbytery? The question is really this: Is it considered a right and necessary thing by the Churchmen of the Presbytery that the ordinances of religion should be enjoyed by the congregations of St. Andrew's, Nashwaak, Woodstock, Richmond, &c., and that in order to keep them up £100 or £150 is required in addition to the stipends promised by the people? If so, who should contribute that money? Their neighbours, or people in Scotland not half so well off? Surely there is enough of honest pride, not to speak of Church feeling, in the Kirkmen of St. John and Fredericton, to answer this question as it should be answered. Let the Presbytery form a Lay Association at once to do it, and let collection books for the object be sent to every congregation, and let there be a one-man committee, lay or clerical, to take the oversight, and the amount will be raised with very little trouble. If all is not raised, the Colonial Committee will still stand by us; but we owe it to them and to ourselves not to lean on them till we have done all we can ourselves. Deficiencies, too, can always be supplemented by the church-door collection for the Synod's Home Mission.

During the past year several changes affecting the operations of the Board have taken place. Two missionaries, Rev. D. McDougal and Rev. C. Dunn, were sent to us by the Colonial Committee, and both have been settled in self-supporting charges. The attention of the Synod is called to the admirable action of St. Andrew's church, Newfoundland, which not only made all the Synod's collections during a vacancy, but also paid in full for Mr. McDougal's passage to Newfoundland, and his stipend as missionary until he was settled as their regular minister. Urgent appeals have been made to the Colonial Committee for more men, and the Convener is now in correspondence with two or three Licentiates. In all probability we may expect more than that number next year; but if Presbyteries and congregations wish to keep them, it is absolutely necessary to be prepared for them beforehand. We are in great need of some accessions as during the past year we have lost Rev. Messrs. Philip and McWilliam, by departure, and Rev. Messrs. Gunn and Ross by death. A valuable and important member of the Board, Rev. Dr. Donald, has also been lost to the Church below by death; and we would suggest, therefore, that the name of his successor be substituted for his as a member of the Board. Rev. Jas. Wm. Fraser having accepted a call to Roger's Hill and Cape John congregation, Cape Breton is now without a single missionary from our Church. This state of things should not be allowed to last, as it is scarcely creditable to us as a Church. But the great difficulty is the scant supply of Gaelic ministers, not only in Scotland but everywhere; and the Church, therefore, has no alternative but to select and educate Gaelic students for the ministry, or do without them.

At the annual meeting of the Board, an application from the Rev. D. McCurdy for an annual allowance was made. The Board felt that had there been in our Synod an Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, such an application would have been most favourably entertained by it; but, in the absence of such a Fund, it was acknowledged that there was no other source to look to but the Synod's Home Mission; and, in consideration of Mr. McCurdy's age and services and present position, it was unanimously agreed to vote him \$100 for the year ending 1st Feb., 1872, and to continue such an allowance annually if their funds permit.

With regard to the financial condition of the Board, we have to report as follows:—

I According to the statement of the Treasurer, made up to June 15, the collections for the Synod's Home Mission received for the year were \$715.52½; contrasting favourably with the \$256 received in 1869, and the \$437 in 1870. Between June 15th and 30th the Treasurer received \$35.60 and the Convener \$95, making a total of \$846.12½, from which has to be deducted \$33.33, a Charlottetown collection credited to the Home Mission by mistake instead of to the Synod Fund; thus leaving \$812.79½ as the income available for the year. On the other hand, \$700 have been allocated for supplements, and for the two special grants, to Rev. D. McCurdy, and \$40 for the Wallace manse, on condition that it be free of debt before next meeting of Synod. The items are given in the tables appended.

II. The returns of the various Presbytery Home Missions show a total of contributions for the year of \$1210.38½. In addition to this, a considerable sum has been raised, chiefly in the Presbytery of Pictou, for Presbytery purposes, in return for services to vacant congregations. This cannot be called a contribution of the people for Home Missions, however; because, in as far as it is payment for a missionary's services, it is only a *quid pro quo*, and generally a small attempt at that; and in as far as it is in payment of Presbytery supply, the real contributors are the ministers. That there may be a full statement of our work, however, this item is also given in the appended table; but without counting it, we find that over \$2020 have been subscribed by our people during the past year for strictly Home Mission purposes, viz., \$872.52½ by Halifax Pres-

bytery; \$318.88½ by Pictou and Cape Breton; \$295.23 by P. E. Island; \$210.82 by St. John Presbytery; \$193.85 by Restigouche; and \$118.82 by Miramichi. And this is only an index of what the Church could do and would do if we had faith in our principles, and worked according to system. Energy and order are both required; and until we exhibit more of these we shall never have self-respect as a Church, nor the respect of other Churches.

We have, in connection with this, to chronicle the pleasing fact that four congregations that have been receiving aid need it no longer, and that they may now be placed on the honourable roll of self-sustaining charges, viz., Campbelton, Dalhousie, Newfoundland, and Albion Mines. The Board has repeatedly urged Wallace and Pugwash, and McLellan's Mountam, to take the same position, or, at any rate, that the Presbytery should supplement them from its own funds. This has not been accomplished yet, but we hope by next Synod that it shall, as the Board very decidedly considers it ought to be. It is disheartening to the whole Church when a congregation that once had two ministers, or when the oldest congregation in the Synod declares its need of outside aid. If exceptional circumstances make aid for either a necessity, the Presbytery of the bounds should surely see to it and give the required aid. But the work of the Board should be chiefly one of Church extension—to foster, stimulate and form new charges that in their turn, in the course of a reasonable time, shall be sources of strength to the Church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE M. GRANT, *Convener.*

TABLE No. I.

Amounts raised for Home Missions in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces from June 30th, 1870, to June 30th, 1871.

	<i>Synod's Home Miss.</i>	<i>Presby. Home Miss.</i>	<i>For Services while vacant.</i>
St. Matthew's, Halifax	\$ 75 10	\$373 37½	
St. Andrew's, do.	6 00	106 75	
St. Andrew's, Newfoundland	80 00	...	
Little River, Musquodoboit	4 55½	48 52½	
Truro and adjoining Stations		145 09	
Richmond and North West Arm		33 13	
New Glasgow		15 00	
*Pictou and Pictou Island		21 90	\$ 8 00
†East Pictou		17 03	...
Albion Mines and Westville		1 50	68 00
W. B. East River of Pictou		23 47½	...
E. B. East River of Pictou	12 68	...	84 00
Gairloch	33 50	...	...
Saltsprings	10 34	...	...
Wallace and Pugwash	54 47	...	...
McLellan's Mountain	12 40	38 56	...
Barney's River	5 30	...	42 00
River John and Tatamagouche	4 00	14 75	...
Roger's Hill and Cape John	12 60	...	59 42½
W. B. River John . . . . .	...	...	66 70
Earlton . . . . .	...	...	29 05
Rev. J. W. Fraser's Mission-field in Cape Breton	44 38	...	...
Joseph Hart, Baddeck	5 00	...	...
By Misses C. J. Campbell and E. McLeod	8 00	...	...
Charlottetown, P. E. I.	33 34	66 60	...
Belfast	37 78	83 35	...
Georgetown and Cardigan	7 36	...	...

* The collection for Synod's Home Mission was made in Pictou at the right time, but was not received by the Treasurer till July 10th.

† I give this item as I find it in the Report of the Treasurer of the Lay Association: In future, the sub-Treasurer should specify the congregations when remitting to the Treasurer.

	<i>Synod's Home Miss.</i>	<i>Presby. Home Miss.</i>	<i>For Services while vacant</i>
St. Peter's and Brackley Pt. Rls.	\$13 50	\$53 35	.....
St. Andrew's Ch., St. John, N.B.	134 75	.....	.....
New St. Stephen's.....	10 00	.....	.....
Fredericton.....	13 30	.....	.....
Stanley and Nashwaak.....	6 00	.....	.....
Greenock Church, St. Andrew's..	46 77	.....	.....
Woodstock and Richmond.....	.....	.....	\$100 00
Newcastle.....	18 45	57 00	.....
Chatham.....	31 42	.....	.....
Tabusintac and Burnt Church...	11 95	.....	.....
Bathurst.....	9 20	.....	.....
Dalhousie.....	10 75	50 00	.....
Campbelton.....	61 90	62 00	.....
	<u>\$812 79½</u>	<u>\$1210 38½</u>	<u>\$457 17½</u>

TABLE No. II.

Supplements granted by the C. C. and the Synod's Home Mission for year ending Aug 1st, 1870.

	FROM COL. COM.		FROM SYNOD'S H. MIS
	½ year ending 1st Feb.	½ year ending 1st Aug.	Year ending 1st Aug.
P. E. Island Pres.....	£10 0 0 stg.	£10 0 0 stg.	£2) 0 0 stg.
Truro.....	20 0 0	10 0 0	.....
Rev. D. McCurdy.....	.....	.....	10 0 0
Wallace & Pugwash....	7 10 0	7 10 0	15 0 0
Wallace Mause.....	.....	.....	8 0 0
McLennan's Mount.....	7 10 0	7 10 0	15 0 0
River John.....	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0
Broad Cove, C. B.....	15 0 0	.....	.....
Riv. Inhabitants, &c....	30 0 0	.....	.....
Rev. D. McDougal, Mis.	25 0 0	.....	.....
Fredericton, N. B.....	58 0 0	40 0 0	.....
Nashwaak & Stanley...	25 0 0	12 10 0	12 10 0
St. Andrew's, Rev Messrs.	.....	.....	.....
Rosa and P. Keay....	37 10 0	12 10 0	25 0 0
Campbelton.....	6 5 0	.....	6 5 0
Dalhousie.....	.....	.....	20 0 0
Tabusintac.....	25 0 0	25 0 0	.....
	<u>£274 15 0</u>	<u>£133 0 0</u>	<u>£139 15 0</u>

or \$638 75 N. S. Cur'y

The amounts allocated by Presbyteries to congregations within their bounds do not come under the jurisdiction of the Board.

In all £407 15s; and adding £78 11s for outfit and passage money of missionaries, we have a total of \$2431 50 expended on us for the year by the U. C., as against \$3619 in 1870; and as against \$6542 in 1869.

APPENDIX D.

Report on Young Men's Bursary Scheme.

In submitting their Annual Report, your Committee do so with mingled sorrow, gratitude and pleasure,—1st, with sorrow for the loss by death of their able, efficient and respected Convener, the late Dr. Donald; 2ndly, with unfeigned gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, who continues to smile upon our feeble efforts for the building up of the waste places of our Zion; and 3rdly, with much pleasure because of the greatly-increasing success of the Young Men's Bursary Scheme.

During the past year, the appeals both to congregations to increase their liberality, and to young men to give themselves for the work of the ministry, have been so heartily responded to, that your Committee have reason to thank God and take courage.

Your Committee have much pleasure in stating, that in addition to Messrs. Murray, Sutherland and Campbell, who, aided by your scheme, have been very successfully prosecuting their studies,—Messrs. Murray and Sutherland in Glasgow, and Mr. Campbell, in Princeton, New Jersey,—on the recommendation of their respective Presbyteries, four additional young men have been admitted to the benefits of the Scheme, and liberally assisted. Three of these, John and Dugald McLean, and Hector Campbell, are natives of P. E. Island, and come with excellent testimonials as to their piety and ability; the fourth, Mr. W. Cruikshank, comes from Musquodoboit, very highly recommended by the Halifax Presbytery. These last four have attended Dalhousie College last winter. There has also been an application from a Mr. Duncan McKenzie, Loch Lomond, C. B., a young man of good ability, earnestness and perseverance. Your Committee resolved to entertain his application, and grant him assistance at the beginning of next Session.

Your Committee would congratulate the Synod on the hope that, in another year, two of those assisted by your Scheme,—Messrs. Sutherland and Campbell,—may be expected to enter on their labours in their native Province.

There has been no communication received from Messrs. Cameron, Nicholson or McQuarrie, during the last year. With reference to the finances of the Scheme, your Committee have much pleasure in stating that they are in a very satisfactory state; and notwithstanding that there has been an unusual drain on the funds, there is still a handsome balance in the hands of the Treasurer to help begin a new year. The following will show the existing state of your Scheme :—

To cash paid John McLean, Student.....	\$ 100 50	
“ “ John M. Sutherland.....	102 00	
“ “ George Murray.....	102 09	
“ “ Hector Campbell.....	103 00	
“ “ Dugald McLean, postage, &c.....	104 13	
“ “ W. Cruikshank.....	80 13	
“ “ D. K. Campbell.....	51 67½	
By balance in Treasurer's hand 15th June, 1870.....	\$746 02	
“ Church Door Collections.....	377 87½	
“ Money invested bearing interest at 6 per cent.....	200 00	
“ One year's interest.....	012 00	
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	\$1335 89½	643 78
	643 78	
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	\$ 692 11½	
Money invested, deducted from \$746 02 in Treas. hands.....	200 00	
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By balance in hand.....	\$ 492 11½	

It is the opinion of your Committee that, considering the importance of this scheme, as furnishing at present the only reliable means of supply of clergymen for the Church, many congregations do not contribute as liberally as they ought to.

Your Committee is also of opinion that the Committee ought to be enlarged so as to represent more fully the different sections of the Synod, and would respectfully suggest the following names, subject to the approval of Synod, viz., Messrs. Wilkins, Cameron and McRae.

Submitted by

W. McMILLAN, *Convener*.

N. B.—Since the above Report was drawn up, the following sums were received :—

Belfast, P. E. I. in Nova Scotia cur'y.....	\$11 75
Truro.....	5 00

APPENDIX E.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

This Church has always evinced a religious care in the Godly up-bringing of youth, and made the children objects of her solicitude from their earliest years. To her anxiety on this head is to be ascribed her charge to parents to educate their children in the principles of the Christian religion, and her invitation to the young to dedicate themselves to the Lord in the days of their youth. Hence she employs the Sabbath-school Institution, and seeks to render it serviceable in the cause of youthful instruction and piety. And it is cheering to record that now-a-days Sabbath-schools are in general use, and that there is no congregation within our bounds without its school or schools. If the statistics your Committee collected last year be studied, it will be found that some congregations have no fewer than 8 Sabbath-schools, and that certain Sabbath-schools are in a high state of efficiency. This year there have been no questions issued to ministers on Sabbath-school work, for the reason that it has been considered that last year's returns, which were rather extensive, yet remain to be published, and that to exact answers from ministers who had more than once already filled up the columns, while not giving publicity to their answers, was imposing an unnecessary burden both upon them and upon your Committee. The Circulars have not, therefore, this year been issued; however, the results of the *Presbyterial examinations*, so far as these are known, serve to show that the Sabbath-school system permeates the Church, and that the institution flourishes in some Presbyteries in increasing efficiency—that the number of pupils that attend bear a large proportion to the youth of the congregation, one to every communicant, and that teachers to the number of 475 continue willingly, zealously and laboriously to serve in the good cause. *Country congregations* labour under the disadvantage of promiscuous schools, where no one system of lessons can be introduced, and where our Church cannot exercise the entire control; nevertheless it is refreshing to find that harmony and fellowship subsist, and that teacher and taught, though of different denominations, feel one in that good work. In *town schools* it sometimes happens that there is a temptation to turn the Sabbath-school into a day-school, by communicating instruction in reading; but your Committee would impress the idea that no such use is to be made of the Sabbath-school, and that even such pupils as cannot read may yet be taught profitably the essential truths of the Christian religion by familiar illustration and pictorial representation. In some counties infant classes are taught with success, and also advanced classes for students are to be found. This is commendable; and those youths who think themselves too old to attend as pupils, should either assist in instructing junior classes, or in giving out from the library, and thus not suspend their connection with the work. Bible-classes and Young Men's Christian Associations form a link between Sabbath Schools and the Church, and it is to be hoped that through that influence our young people will learn to confess Christ at an early age, and thus the good seed of Sabbath-school institutions not perish. In not a few of our schools there are regular collections made for mission purposes, and an annual one for libraries. Some have contributed towards the "Dayspring" since last Synod, and others have sent to the Foreign Mission a handsome sum. This is wise. It both calls forth the liberality of the young, and aids the schemes of the Church. Were our young people trained to habitual giving, there would be more liberality when an appeal has to be made to their benevolence; therefore we must commend such benevolent calls. As to the help employed, the Scottish Hymnal has been introduced into some schools since last year; the Halifax Scheme of Lessons is still that really in use, and the excellent Shorter Catechism is committed to memory. There are various opinions as to the propriety of rewards being distributed to the pupils: some averring that they have a beneficial effect, and employ them; others the

reverse. Let each be fully persuaded in his own mind. But one thing, could it be universally done, is expedient: the teachers meeting with the pastor or superintendent, and going over the lesson for the ensuing Sabbath. This, when no teachers' notes prevail, is almost indispensable. Another suggestion we offer is, that the teachers, if possible, should be communicants themselves in Christian standing in the Church, that so they may better influence their pupils. For it is not mere theoretic knowledge that is required, or controversial discussion, but the imparting the light and kindling power of saving life, and the imbuing the youthful mind with the love of the Saviour. Scriptural knowledge in order to sound conversion—this is what the Sunday-school aims at, and therefore our teachers should themselves be the subjects of spiritual experience, that their pupils may learn from them. Next to the preaching of the Word, there is, perhaps, no instrumentality now in use so profitable as the Sabbath-school, did only pastors and teachers and parents succeed in turning it to advantage. The latter, it is to be feared, too seldom patronize the work, although it mightily aids them; the former have not always the time at their command, owing to a multiplicity of engagements on the Sabbath, and on the teachers and superintendent, therefore, devolves the burden of the work; and your Committee cannot do less than *ask this Synod to record a hearty vote of thanks* to that noble class that has so long and so zealously bestowed their gratuitous services in the self-denying field, believing that they are actuated, many of them, by the best of motives in obeying the Master's charge, "Feed my lambs," and that though they look for their reward in the day that the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they yet deserve the gratitude, sympathy and commendation of this Church.

In conclusion, your Committee have but to express the hope that the Sabbath-schools under their charge will yet be raised to still greater efficiency, and to pray that the great Head of the Church may continue to bless this humble instrumentality, and make it still more effectual for spiritual good to the young, a nursery for the Church, and a training-school for Heaven.

Respectfully submitted.

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

APPENDIX F.

Report of Union Committee.

In submitting a report upon the subject of Union, your committee hope that the documents which are already in the hands of members may furnish satisfactory evidence of the state of the question up to the present time. Soon after last Session, a letter was addressed to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, in accordance with the instructions of the Synod. The reply of the Colonial Committee was to the effect, that, until they had been furnished with the terms finally agreed upon, they could not express a definite opinion. After an extended correspondence with members of all the committees, with a view to secure a full attendance in Montreal, the meeting of the joint committees took place on the 28th Sept. A preliminary meeting, however, had been held on the previous evening, with the members of the committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, at which a harmonious course of action had been arranged.

The minutes since published and sent to members of Synod, will shew that especially at first, a very remarkable unanimity characterised the proceedings. The harmony, friendly feeling, candor and freedom of discussion, were almost a surprise to all parties. In the course of a single day, the joint-committees agreed upon the desirableness of union, the designation of the future church, the standards to be adopted with the modification required, the relation to be maintained with other Presbyterian bodies, the mode in which the future polity

and rules of procedure of the united body should be determined, the reference of the adjustment of the temporalities to the Church of Scotland in Ontario and Quebec, and the degree of liberty to be allowed in modes of worship. The subject of collegiate education was also taken up in the evening of the first day. Considering the variety and extent of the subjects thus disposed of, it is questionable if any similar instance could be produced of such harmony of action and despatch in a settlement between parties hitherto separate and often opposed.

So soon, however, as the subject of collegiate education was taken up, great diversity of opinion then manifested itself, chiefly on account of the competing interests of different existing institutions of learning. Some members, principally of your committee, argued in favor of one, or, at most, two theological schools for the future church, upon the ground of increased influence in the country, and upon the ground of economy. As this would involve the suppression of some of the present halls, it was found impossible to agree upon such a solution. After three days of friendly debate, it was finally agreed to recommend the maintenance of Queen's College as embracing faculties in arts and theology, and also the halls already in existence, namely, those in Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Halifax.

On the last day of meeting, the basis was arranged in accordance with minutes of previous meetings. It is now before you for consideration and amendment, if required. It is desirable that, unless members feel any particular correction imperative, it should remain unaltered. Your committee believe that, as it now stands, it shows a considerable advance in favor of right views on the subject of denominational symbols; and we are happy to inform you, that, after a long and interesting interview with the Union Committee of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, they are still of the unanimous opinion that no change should be made upon the basis by the addition of the Larger Catechism, or by altering the modification into a clause not requiring assent to what may be thought persecuting or intolerant principles, as has since been proposed in the General Assembly.

The basis states distinctly that the Confession is subordinate to the word of God. It would be as well, perhaps, if the word "infallible" were omitted, as that term has been applied to a person, and is not applicable to a document. The Shorter Catechism is not made a standard, but enjoined as an authoritative form for the instruction of youth, and this, you are aware, is in harmony with the constitution of the Church of Scotland, whose only legal standard is the Westminster Confession, though her practice has always given a high place to the catechisms and directory. The truth is, that the Revolution settlement left our church without either a directory of public worship or a catechism.

Regularly engrossed and attested minutes of our proceedings have been sent down, and are now upon your table.

The action taken lately by the Presbyterian bodies in Ontario and Quebec requires to be considered in our proceedings. The General Assembly and the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met contemporaneously in the month of May, the one in Quebec and the other in Toronto. Two principal changes upon the basis have been proposed by the Assembly:—*first*, the addition of the larger catechism, and the elevation of both catechisms to the full status of standards;—*secondly*, the modification already alluded to. The whole subject has been recommitted.

In consequence of communications which have passed between both bodies, our sister Synod in Canada has consented to add the larger catechism to the basis. They have also reappointed their Committee, with instructions to arrange details and report, and also have empowered the Moderator to call a special meeting of Synod, if necessary, upon the requisition of the Committee. A joint meeting of all the Committees on union has also been proposed, to be held in Montreal in October.

The subject of collegiate education seems to have, as before, awakened the greatest amount of interest in both courts. The Church of Scotland in Canada

adheres to the principle of a Presbyterian university, or, in other words, the efficient maintenance of Queen's College. In the General Assembly, the decision was in favor of the preservation of existing institutions.

So far as we in the Lower Provinces are concerned, the interests of the different schools in Ontario and Quebec do not so directly appeal to our feelings, though it must be borne in mind that, with union, they become also our colleges. It would be well that, so soon as the important subject of the doctrinal basis has been considered, and the mode of bringing this matter before the people has been decided, the Synod should give some deliverance upon this subject also. Until we are agreed upon the other matters, it is inexpedient to enter upon the details of collegiate education. It is very essential that during the present session the Synod should ascertain, *first*, that the general sentiments in the Synod of last year upon union continue unchanged, and, *secondly*, decide upon the mode of consulting the people, with whom, in a matter so vital and delicate, the final decision must rest.

During the present session of Synod, your committee has held several most harmonious and agreeable meetings with the Union Committee of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and, both committees being unanimous as to the necessity of carrying our people with us in this important question, they have agreed to the following arrangement, viz.: to transmit circulars to all Kirk-sessions, requesting their opinion on the question of union on the basis as already agreed upon, and also their opinion as to the sentiments of the people. This would be preliminary to a final reference of the whole matter, so soon as the basis shall have been perfected by the joint committees and all arrangements shall have been made, to the people. It is hoped that, as both committees have agreed upon this plan, it may receive the approval of the Synod.

If the answers received from Kirk-sessions shall justify the prosecution of the negotiations, the two committees are agreed upon the desirableness of the next joint meeting being held, not in Montreal, but St John, as the most central place, and think that this should be urged strongly upon our Ontario and Quebec brethren.

It is hoped that some arrangement such as the above may be approved by the Synod. It is essential that the sentiments of the people be fully ascertained and declared. Until we know whether the members of the church are prepared in sentiment for union, the committee is working in the dark, and discussions upon details are, to say the least, premature. If a large number are opposed to union upon any basis, it will save much trouble that it should be known. It is also the opinion of your Committee that there should be no agitation—no efforts made to use influence upon either side of this question, and if not for, certainly, after our past action, not against union. It is also thought that, while the method sketched above will ascertain the state of feeling in the church very effectually, it will obviate the necessity of meetings, and tend as little as possible to disturb congregations. It will be necessary that a time be fixed for the return of the circulars to the Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN POLLOK, *Convener.*

APPENDIX G.

Report on the Foreign Mission.

Your Committee beg to report, that, by the good hand of our God on our feeble efforts, the Mission on which we entered with so many doubts, and with anticipations so very uncertain, has now become what, we trust, will render it an established and glorious fact in the future history of our Church. This Synod, when reviewing the steps by which this Mission has attained to its present encouraging position, cannot fail to observe much that is fitted to stimulate exertion in every enterprise which has the glory of Christ for its

object. There were, indeed, many formidable, and, as some believed, insurmountable difficulties in our way, when we first seriously considered the obligations to share with our poor perishing brethren the blessings which made us to differ from them. Pecuniary difficulties stood in our way, and to remove these difficulties, we felt our resources to be insufficient. The apparent hopelessness of securing a properly qualified Missionary seemed to assure us that our efforts would serve no purpose. We also had much anxiety in selecting the field wherein our labours would have the most likely prospect of success. Through all these difficulties our gracious Master led us, until now we can look back upon them as things past, and feel ashamed that our confidence was so frail and our trust so perplexed with sinful doubts. Our people responded to our call for contributions with a liberality beyond our hopes, and when about to despair of securing a Missionary, one unexpectedly stood up in our midst and declared his willingness to devote his life and labour to the salvation of the perishing in heathen lands, and, ere we could arrange for his departure to the Mission field, another individual, animated by the same spirit, offered his services. The same guidance, your Committee trust, has led to the field of labour which this Church may now call *her* Mission field. Your Committee, in the spirit of deepest gratitude to God, would congratulate this Synod, while conveying the intelligence that information has reached them of the safe arrival of your Missionary on the large and populous island of Santo in the South Pacific, and of his entering on his labours there in circumstances more encouraging than we had looked for.

This large island, with upwards of ten thousand souls, was, up to the day of Mr. Goodwill's landing, sunk and lying deep in all the dark gloom and misery of darkest heathenism. No message of love from God ever reached their wretched homes, nor the beds of their dying. These many thousands,—and each one an immortal spirit more precious than worlds,—had no comfort in life, amidst its sore trials and sufferings, nor had they any aid or refuge in the terrible passage of death, but delusive phantoms which mocked as the dying stretched out their hands for help. We have gone to the rescue, and we have resources adequate to the undertaking. Would to God we had entered sooner into this dark field. Every year hundreds have gone down into the valley of death, crying for help to their false gods, to wood and stone. Their last cries were cries of despair and fearful terror. We had it in our power to bring within their hearing the name of Jesus; and with that name as their trust, instead of despair, there would be peace and rest, yea, joy unspeakable and full of glory. We had in our possession what would have illumined the thick darkness with the brightness of heaven, yet our poor brethren and sisters died without one ray of light. When we think of this, will it not stimulate our efforts for the future? Our great Master has entrusted to us treasures sufficient for the wants of every perishing soul in dark and degraded Santo. The Gospel of the grace of God was intended for them as well as for us, and it will not fail in its application. That large multitude are now placed on our care. We selected them from the rest of the heathen as that portion we would endeavour to restore to the kingdom and the allegiance of our Lord; and having done this, we must gird our loins for the work, resolved that, so far as we can do it, every dark hovel shall soon become a bright mansion beautified with heavenly love and joy and peace and hope, and that these myriads of imprisoned souls "whom Satan hath bound, lo, these many years," shall come forth from the prison house, singing, in gladness of heart, for the freedom with which Christ hath made them free. We must not close our eyes to the certain fact, that, as a church, this responsibility now rests upon us. We have advanced so far that we are already face to face with the enemy; we have invaded one of his strongholds, and draw back or shrink from the conflict we dare not. The towers of darkness must fall, every one of them, and the banner of our Lord must wave on their ruins. We have the means in our hands to effect this, and we are pledged by our vows, as the soldiers of the Cross, vigorously to employ these means. "The weapons of our

warfare are not carnal, but mighty, through God, to the pulling down of strongholds." The issue of the conflict cannot be doubtful. "The Lord of Hosts is on our side," and His work will assuredly prosper. We have yet but barely effected our entrance into the field. It is still the day of small things, but there is every encouragement and every possible motive to stimulate. We may expect difficulties, and our hopes may seem as if doomed to disappointment, and the enemy, roused and enraged at seeing his prey about to be snatched from him, may appear as if able to overwhelm. Our labours may for a time apparently fail in the results we looked for, but, in the face of all these, we need not be discouraged. Success is certain, our gracious Master has pledged His sure word that He will be with us and go with us when we go to tell the poor and perishing the wonders of His love and the rich provisions which that love has made for them. This is sufficient; on this assurance we may calmly rest; even when matters are darkest, and everything doubtful, His presence is sure, and we are fellow-workers with Him. Why, then, speak of difficulties? What cannot the arm of the Lord accomplish? At the utterance of His voice every obstacle is swept out of the way, the mountains become as level plains, and even the raging sea becomes a highway, and a safe and firm path for His people when walking with Him.

To have the prospect of two faithful labourers in the Mission field is a matter of sincere thankfulness to God; but much more than this must be aimed at, if we would as a church prove ourselves faithful to the Lord Jesus. We cannot yet be said to have really made an effort at all; collections this year testify too plainly that we are, at best, but half awake, if quite that, to the duty and the necessity of coming, with hearts truly in earnest, to this great work. We are now pledged to maintain two Missionaries; and, while your Committee feel assured that this pledge will be held sacred, they would earnestly urge the danger of resting satisfied that we are doing so much. Could we do more? Could we enlarge our efforts? If so, we are bound to do it. Our Synod numbers between thirty and forty congregations. If truly in earnest and determined to do what we could for the glory of Christ and for the saving of immortal souls, would we not be able to undertake much more than the support of two labourers? To form a correct idea of this, the surest way is not to judge by what our own narrow and worldly hearts may tell us, but rather by what others, not so favourably circumstanced as we, have already done. The Moravians, in 1741, were a poor persecuted people. In that year, although depressed and suffering, and in many respects destitute, they resolved to begin Foreign mission work, by sending missionaries to Greenland. Their number in all did not then exceed six hundred individuals, and the greater part of these were poor exiles; but so noble were their efforts, and so abundantly did their gracious Master reward and prosper them, that, in ten years, their missionaries were found preaching the Gospel of Christ in Greenland, St Croix, Surinam, R. o de Berbice, to the Indians of North America, the negroes of South Carolina, Lapland, Tartary, Algiers, Guinea, Cape of Good Hope and Ceylon.—Such was the work undertaken by that small and poor, but devoted community. Were they not rash, and in the enthusiasm of their zeal did they not attempt too much? No. There was no rashness in this case. They simply did their duty; in obedience to the command of their Lord, they did what they could. That our resources exceed theirs a hundred fold, need not be stated; and if we remain satisfied with any decision or effort which has not for its object to do what we can, we are guilty of withholding from the Lord Jesus that which, as His professed people, we acknowledge He has a right to claim. Can that be a christian and renewed heart, animated with divine love, which is not only love to God but as surely love to man too, that can rest and feel unmoved while the fact is known, and none able to deny it, that six hundred millions of immortal souls are living in the fearful bondage and under the domination of Satan? Such, we may suppose, was the scene which Jesus beheld, when from the mountain top the tempter meant, that he should see all the kingdoms of the world and be allured by their

glory, and, alas! that this is the scene which meets His eye at this day, after His blessed Gospel has been in the world and in the hands of His church for nearly two thousand years. Why is it so? That Gospel was intended for the healing of the nations.—It proclaims liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. The Son of God died that the way back to happiness and rest and heaven might be opened up to every nation and people dwelling on earth, and He has given it in charge to His church to make it known in every land and to every family of man that he did this. “Go and preach the Gospel to every creature”—His last command! Surely, it is very simple and plain, and yet the same awful scene continues.—The world still groans in bondage. The enemy of God and man has still dominion over the nations, and professing Christians sit down in their comfortable homes, and feel at ease, while knowing well that this is so, and that millions of their brethren and sisters are being dragged down to perdition. What can this mean? Is our profession, when we call the Lord Jesus our Lord and Master, a mockery? Is it not time seriously to consider this? Christians cannot plead ignorance of what their Master would have them do. It meets them when they open their Bibles. They hear it repeated in God’s own House Sabbath after Sabbath, and then return to their dwellings and their comforts which the goodness of their gracious Lord, this same Jesus, has provided for them, and feel they have done well and deserve praise because they contributed a few shillings or pence to help the cause of missions. It is admitted, and all the members of our church will freely do so, that the great object of every true christian’s life is to advance the interests of the Redeemer’s Kingdom, and they are accustomed to pray, “Thy Kingdom come,” &c. They teach their children daily to repeat this prayer on their bended knees. They can tell you what is the chief end of man—It is to glorify God and enjoy communion with Him. But, ah, what is the value of all this? In many, if not in most cases, the whole result is a miserable pittance which requires not even the thought of any self denial, and in cases, not few, if there is any anxiety at all, it is to ascertain how small the amount it will do to give and keep conscience from giving trouble. Thus has Christ been treated by thousands professing to be his friends, and with their lips daily repeating the words of His prayer, “Thy Kingdom come”—and thus it is that countless myriads are at this day at worship at the very feet of Satan. Had the professed people of Christ been sincere and earnest in repeating after their Master the precious words, “Thy Kingdom come,” the whole world might ere this, aye, long ere this, have joined in the same petition, and become happy worshippers at the feet of Jesus. The coldness, the apathy and the worldliness of the church, have kept the light and the power of the glorious gospel from reaching and setting them free, and, alas! what is the result? The nations are at this day without God and without hope, and in crowds death is dragging them away. Will not the thought of this rouse every Christian heart, and unite all the members of our church, men and women, old and young, in the sincere and earnest resolve to do what we can to save the perishing. Let us not be afraid of being rash. It is the highest prudence to run when Christ commands. We need not fear enthusiasm in this matter. He who feels most strongly has not yet felt enough. We are in no danger of going too far, of being too liberal with our means, too earnest in our prayers, and attempting, as a church, too much. The danger we have to fear is that of incurring the guilt of not coming with all our strength to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Your committee would respectfully submit to this Synod the duty of recommending to ministers to give the claims of missionary enterprise a very prominent place in their exhortations to their people,—and your committee would also suggest that it be enjoined in all the congregations to hold a special meeting for prayer, in behalf of this scheme, on the first Monday of every month. If we succeed, it will be from the presence of our gracious Master in our mission field. “I will be enquired of the House of Israel to do it for them.” Unless we fully and firmly believe the promise connected with prayer, our hopes of success

are destitute of any solid foundation; and if we do believe, surely we shall not fail by refusing to ask for large blessings such as He has provided, and which will reward our poor efforts with a glorious harvest of souls, redeemed, saved and prepared to shine as the stars for ever and ever.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MACLEAN.

APPENDIX II.

Report on Synod Fund.

The Committee of the Synod Fund submit the following Report, showing the receipts and expenditures for the present year:—

Collections have been made in all the Churches connected with the Synod except New Richmond, and your Committee desire to call the attention of Synod to the fact, with a view of bringing the state of New Richmond under the notice of the Presbytery of Restigouche.

From all sources the fund received, including balance fm. last year of \$36.27, amounts to.....\$456 30

Claims have been made upon this amount as follows:—

Delegates to Montreal Conference.....	\$ 96 00
Clerk's Salary, \$80; Printing, Postage, &c., \$4.52.....	84 52
Session of St. Andrew's Church.....	5 00
Printing Statistical Tables, Postage, &c.....	7 50
Travelling Expenses of Members.....	302 02
	<u>395 04</u>

Balance in hand..... \$ 61 26

Respectfully submitted by

GEO. J. CAIR, Convener.

ACCOUNTS.

Statement of Dalhousie College Endowment Fund.

Invested in Provincial Bonds bearing 6 per cent. interest.....	\$14000 00
“ in Bond and Mortgage in City of Halifax.....	5600 00
Loaned to Trustees of N. W. Arm Church, Halifax, on undoubted personal security.....	516 14
	<u>20116 14</u>

Capital bearing interest.....\$20116 14

Income from above.....\$1206 96

Less Professor's Salary.....1200 00

Income over Expenditure..... 6 96

Over from last year..... 16 07

Cash in hand.....\$ 23 03

JAMES J. BREMNER, Treasurer.

Halifax, N. S., June 27th, 1871.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

No.	Name of Church and Congregation.	Name of Minister.	Educated at	Ordained.	Salary promised.	Arrears.	No. Families.	Communicants on Roll.	No. in Bible Classes
1	St. Andrew's Ch., St. John	Rev. R. J. Cameron	Glasgow	1870	\$1600	None.	150	260	45
2	St. Paul's Church, Fredericton....	John M. Brooke, D.D. Rev. P. Melville, M.A. B.D., Assistant*..	{ Glasgow.. Glasgow..	1839 1870	800 800	None.	116	200	
3	St. Stephen's Ch., St. John.....	Rev. G. J. Caie, B.A.	Edinburgh...	1866	1000	None.	100	100	60
4	Greenock Church, St. Andrew's....	Rev. P. Keay, M.A.*	Aberdeen ...	1851	850	\$200	93	70	17
5	St. Peter's, Stanley St. Mary's, Nashwick	Rev. Wm. Fogo*..	St. Andrew's	1868	163 200	23 16	40 20	44 27	40
6	St. Paul's, Woodstock.....	Vacant*.....			200		30		
7	St. John's, Richmond.....	Vacant*.....			450				

Average salary including Supplement, Manse and Glebe, \$970.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI, N. B.

8	St. Andrew's Ch., Chatham	Rev. W. M. Wilson	Glasgow.....	1865	\$760	None.	180	160	
9	St. James' Church, Newcastle.....	Rev. F. R. McDonald	Glasgow	1868	700	None.	165	154	
10	St. Andrew's, Tabusintac, and Burnt Church....	Rev. J. Robertsor*..	Aberdeen & Edinburgh...	1868	200 200	None.	70	60	
11	St. Andrew's, Red Bank, and St. Stephen's Black River.....	Vacant*.....			250 200	None.			

Average salary including Supplement, Manse and Glebe, \$750

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

12	St. Matthew's Ch., Halifax.....	Rev. Geo. M. Grant, M.A., J. F. Campbell, Assistant...	Glasgow	1860	\$2080	None.	210	350	150
13	St. Andrew's Ch., Halifax.....	Rev. John Campbell	Glasgow	1868	1000	None.	75	105	45
14	St. Paul's, Truro...	Rev. W. T. Wilkins*	Queen's Col., Kingston, Princeton.	1866	420	None.	60	67	25
15	St. Andrew's, Little River. St. Paul's, N'w Ant.	Rev. J. McMillan*	Queen's Col., Kingston..	1866	400	None.	102	145	120
16	St. Andrew's Ch., St. John's, N.F.	Rev. D. McDougall.			1000	None.	60	75	10
17	Richmond. North West Arm, Halifax.....	Vacant*.....			640	None.	40		

Average salary including Manse and Glebe, \$1150.

Foot note for Halifax Presbytery.

† We have not given statistics of the Assistant of St. Matthew's. Mr. J. F. Campbell is employed for 78th Highlanders and as Mr. Grant's assistant in the varied duties of that congregation.

Those charges marked * are supplemented.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

S. School Scholars.	No. Teachers	No. of Elders.	No. Trustees.	Is there a Manse?	Church seated for.	Built of	Deeded to Ch. of Scot.	Total sum raised.	Total raised for Schemes	Debt on Ch. and Manse.	Prayer Meet- ing held?	Average attendance.	Records tk'n.	Baptisms.	No.
150	14	11	9	No	750	Wood	Yes	\$4000	.....	None	Wednesday.	45	44	..	1
140	12	6	12	Yes	850	Wood	Yes	1200	.....	\$240	Wednesday.	35	40	20	2
25	30	5	5	No	850	Brick & Stone	Yes	1500	\$60	None	Wednesday.	60	75	30	3
212	12	3	5	No	720	Wood	Yes	750	50	None	.....	30	15	..	4
23	2	2	7	No	200	Wood	Yes	175	16	None	Fortnightly.	2	..	..	5
17	n'e	5	5	Yes	150	Wood	Yes	.....	.....	None	Fortnightly.	9	27	..	5
70	.....	11	No	400	Wood	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	..	..	6
12	2	4	7	No	400	Wood	No	500	.....	400	.....	3	..	..	7

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI, N. B.

130	14	8	12	Yes	800	Wood	Yes	.....	\$85	None	Wednesday.	80	40	30	8
280	29	9	12	Yes	700	Wood	Yes	\$789	89	None	Fortnightly.	75	50	62	9
.....	.....	2	12	Yes	300	Wood	Yes	225	.....	None	.....	8	40	10	.....
.....	.....	n'e	4	No	150	Wood	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	..	..	11
.....	.....	1	12	gle.	400	Wood	Yes	225	.....	None	.....	few	..	..	.....

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

430	55	8	7	Yes	1000	Brick & Stone	Yes	\$8064	\$794	\$7000	Wednesday.	180	112	40	12
180	25	6	5	No	600	Wood	No	1450	172	None	Friday.	60	50	21	13
90	8	7	9	No	300	Wood	Yes	950	138	None	Wednesday.	35	52	23	14
181	23	8	5	Yes	390 240	Wood	Yes	633	77	None	Wednesday.	60	36	22	15
50	7	3	4	Yes	750	Wood	Yes	1600	.....	None	Wednesday.	25	50	18	16
100	14	1	..	No	150 150	Wood	Yes	500	41	None	.....	13	..	..	17

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESBYTERY.

No.	Name of Church and Congregation.	Name of Minister.	Educated at	Ordained.	Salary promised.	Arrears.	No. Families.	Com'municants on Roll.	No. in Bible Classes.
18	St. James, Charlottetown....	Rev. Thos. Duncan.	St. Andrew's Scotland..	1856	£250	None.	184	142	70
19	St. Andrew's, and St. David's, Georgetown.....	Vacant*.....	.....	.....	60 120	None.	80	53	20
20	St. John's, Belfast.	Rev. Alex. McLean.	Aberdeen.....	.....	260	None.	270	220	n'm
21	Seven Churches.....	Rev. Jas. McColl.	Scotland.....	1867	248	.....	250	417	25
22	St. Columba, St. Peter's Road.....	Rev. G. W. Stewart*	Glasgow.....	1850	120	None.	70	65	15
Average salary, including Manse and Glebe, £243 P. E. I. Cy., or \$800 N. S. Cy.									

PRESBYTERY OF RESTIGOUCHE.

23	St. Luke's, Bathurst	Rev. Fred. Home..	Edinburgh & St. Andrew's	1866	\$600	None.	130	128	....
24	St. John's Ch., Dalhousie.....	Rev. Jas. Murray..	Edinburgh...	1852	600	None.	95	98	....
25	St. Andrew's, Campbellton.....	Rev. Wm. Murray.	St. Andrew's	1856	600	None.	120	150	....
26	New Richmond.....	Rev. John Wells..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Average salary including Manse and Glebe, \$750.									

PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

27	St. John's, Albion Mines.....	Rev. Chas. Dunn..	Aberdeen.....	.....	\$800	None.	180	....	....
28	St. Andrew's, Pictou	Rev. And. Herdman	St. Andrew's Scotland..	1848	800	None.	190	300	15
29	St. Andrew's, New Glasgow.	Rev. Allan Pollok.	Glasgow.....	1852	800	None.	140	118	n'm
30	St. George's, River John.....	Rev. R. McCunn* M.A.	Glasgow.....	1863	480 240	\$120	90	90	yes
31	Barney's River Ch., and Lochaber.....	Vacant*.....	.....	.....	480	.....	60	115	....
32	St. John's, Regar's Hill & Cape John Church.....	Rev. J. W. Fraser, M. A.	Glasgow.....	1866	720	None.	180	93	20
33	St. Andrew's, Gairloch.....	Rev. Neil Brodie...	Glasgow.....	1863	750	None.	167	95	n'm
34	St. Luke's Ch., Salt Springs.....	Rev. W. McMillan	Edinburgh & Glasgow...	1860	640	None.	199	135	n'm
35	St. John's, McLennan's Mountain..	Rev. Wm. Stewart*	Edinburgh, St. Andrew's Glasgow.....	1863	512	None.	170	154	n'm
36	St. Paul's, East and West Branches..	Rev. Donald McRae	Aberdeen.....	1856	1000	None.	240	280	n'm
37	St. Matthew's, Wallace, and St. Andrew's, Pugwash.	Rev. J. Anderson.*	St. Andrew's	1865	750	275	100	132	20
38	Earlown and West Branch Riv. John	Vacant.....	.....	.....	640	200	160	180	n'm
Average salary, including Manse and Glebe, \$850.									

	No. of Families.	Stipend paid.	Supplement.
River Inhabitants, Plaister Cove, West Bay, &c.....	Vacant*	100	\$375
Budd. ex. Middle River, and Lake Ainslie.....	Vacant*	70	125
Broad Cove, Margaree and Cape North.....	Vacant*	140	300
Average salary including Manse and Glebe, \$850.			

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