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THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FIRST DIET.

St. Gabriel St. Church, Montreal, P. Q., 10th June, 1875.

At which time and place the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to summons of the Moderator, as instructed by the Committee appointed there anent, and after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. A. W. Herdman, on motion, and in which Revds. Messrs. Jas. Murray and McRae led in prayer, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, who, though present, was unable, owing to a recent serious illness from which he had not recovered, to open the proceedings with the usual Synodical Sermon.

SYNOD ROLL, 1875.

The Roll of Synod was then made up as follows, and read :

I.—PRESBYTERY OF RESTIGOUCHE.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Campbelton	Rev. Wm. Murray.....	
Bathurst.....	“ Peter Galbraith.....	
New Richmond.....	“ John Wells.....	
Dalhousie.....	Vacant.....	

II.—PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Fredericton	Rev. John M. Brooks, D.D.....	Prof. Rivet.
St. John, St. Andrew's.....	“ Robt. J. Cameron.....	John Waddell, M.D.
“ St. Stephen's.....	“ Donald McRae.....	John Heegan.
Nashwaak and Stanley.....	“ William Fogo.....	
W'dstock & Northampton.....	Vacant.....	
St. Andrew's.....	“	Mr. Mewat.

III.—PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

Chatham	Rev. Wm. M. Wilson.....	Mr. Edgan.
Newcastle.....	“ James Anderson.....	
Tabusintae & Burnt Church.....	“ John Robertson.....	A. McLeod.
Black River & Red Bank.....	“ Samuel Russell.....	

IV.—PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Charlottetown.....	Rev. Thomas Duncan.....	P. Gregor.
Belfast.....	“ Alex. McLean.....	D. Dixon.
Georgetown & Cardigan.....	“ Peter Melville, B.D.....	A. C. Stewart.
St. Peter's & Brackley Point.....	Vacant.....	Isaac Thompson.
De Sable.....	“	
Orwell Head.....	“	Ewen LaMont.

V.—PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

Pictou	Rev. A. W. Herdman.....	Neil McInnis.
New Glasgow	“ George Coull.....	Donald McDonald.
McLennan's Mountain	“ Wm. Stewart.....	Wm. McDonald.
Barney's River & Lochaber.....	“ A. J. McKichan.....	Adam McKenzie.
Stellarton & Westville	“ Charles Dunn.....	Charles Fraser.
Salt Springs	“ W. McMillan.....	Henry Munro.
Roger's Hill & Cape John.....	“ James W. Fraser.....	

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.]
River John.....	“ Robt. McCune.....	Alex. Strumberg
Earlton, W. B. River John } & Tatamagouche Falls... }	“ Jas. McColl.....	A. McLean.
Wallace.....	“ James Murray.....	George McIver.
Pugwash.....	“ J. M. Sutherland.....	C. Oulten.
East & W. Branch East Riv. Vacant.....	James Cumming.
Gairloch.....	“	Wm. McDonald.
Broad Cove, C. B.....	“
River Inhabitants, C. B.....	“
Loch Lomond, C. B.....	“
Catechists—John McLean and George L. Gordon.		

VI.—PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

Halifax, St. Matthew's.....	Rev. Geo. M. Grant, M.A.....	Wm. F. Knight.
“ St. Andrew's.....	“ John Campbell.....	Johh Cook.
“ Richmond, N. W. } Arm & Goodwood..... }	“ James F. Campbell.....	James Potter.
Truro, St. Paul's.....	“ John McMillan, B.D.....	S. Archibald.
Musquodoboit.....	“ David Neish.....	C. M. Sprott.
Spring Hill.....	“ Chas. Naismith.....	George Fulton.
St. John's, Nfld.....	“ J. D. Patterson.....	W. D. Morrison.
Rev. Allan Pollok, Professor Church History and Pastoral Theology.		

The Moderator then briefly addressed the Court, thanking them for their courtesy, &c., towards him, expressing the unmingled pleasure with which he presided during his term of office, and suggested that the Rev. G. M. Grant be appointed his successor.

On motion of Rev. R. J. Cameron, seconded by Rev. A. McLean, the Rev. G. M. Grant, M. A., of St. Matthew's, Halifax was unanimously elected Moderator.

The Rev. Mr. Grant took the chair accordingly, and thanked the Court for the honor conferred upon him, and the kindly manner in which the brethren had alluded to him.

Moved, and unanimously agreed, that Revds. R. Campbell, of St. Gabriel Street Church; Dr. Muir, of Georgetown; W. P. Begg, Rev. Mr. Dodd, of St. John; Mr. Laing, Professor McLaren, Knox College, Toronto; Donald Ross, Dundee; and W. T. Wilkins, of Stratford, be invited to sit and deliberate, which courtesy it was resolved to extend to all of the brethren of the sister Churches, now in session in this city, who may be able to attend any of our meetings.

The Rev. Robert Campbell then announced that the ladies of the St. St. Gabriel congregation had arranged that lunch should be served every day that the Synod should be in session, for the members of Court and their friends, in the vestry of St. Gabriels' Church. Also courtesies offered by the Y. M. C. Association, Principal Dawson of McGill College, The Mechanic's Institute, and W. Notman, Esq. All of which were gratefully acknowledged by the Court.

Hours of Meeting.

Resolved, that the hours of meeting be from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., and from 2 p. m. to 5.30 p. m.

Appointment of Committees.

Resolved to appoint Revds. D. MacRae, John McMillan, Dr. Waddell, and Adam McKenzie, Esq., a Committee on Bills, Overtures, and Petitions.

Committee on Devotions.—Rev. J. F. Campbell, T. Duncan, A. W. Herdman, and J. Cook and P. Grigor, Esqrs.

Committee on Addresses.—Revds. John Campbell, D. MacRae and D. Neish.

Committee on Presbytery Records.—Revds. James Murray, Wm. McMillan, David Neish.

Committee on Synod Fund.—Rev. R. J. Cameron, and John Cook and John Hegan, Esqrs.

Committee on Business.—Revds. D. McRae, R. J. Cameron, G. M. Grant, James Anderson, James Murray, and Wm. McMillan.

Resolved to grant Presbyteries permission to meet at the call of their respective Moderators during the meeting of Synod.

Resolved, unanimously, that a most cordial vote of thanks be conveyed to the retiring Moderator, the Rev. T. Duncan, for his attention, kindness, courtesy and ability during his term of office; which was conveyed accordingly. Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

The Court met at 2 p. m., and after devotional exercises by the Moderator, resumed business.

The Convener of the Committee on Business reported, suggesting the following as the order of business:—1. To hear the Report of the MONTHLY RECORD Committee. 2. Report of the Committee on Dalhousie College Fund. 3. Report of the H. M. Board Committee, and 4. The Report of the W. and O. Committee.

MONTHLY RECORD.

In the absence of J. J. Bremner, Esq., Convener, the Rev. R. J. Cameron read the following Report on the MONTHLY RECORD :

The Committee regret that in laying before the Synod the accounts and estimates of the RECORD for the current year, they cannot congratulate themselves upon its satisfactory financial condition.

The Secretary's account to date shows a balance on hand of \$17.77, and the estimate for the remaining seven months shows an apparent surplus of \$15.87. When, however, it is considered that the large amount of \$609.93 remains unpaid of subscriptions for the current year, and the sum of \$209.95 for subscription previous to 31st December, 1874, it can clearly be seen that at the present rate of outlay there must be a deficiency at the end of the year.

From the accompanying comparative statement of the circulation of the RECORD it will be seen that, whilst compared to the previous year there is an increase of subscribers in Halifax of 20, and in Miramichi of 2, making in all 22, there is a decrease in other places of 390, making the nett decrease 370. In one section of Pictou County, where last year the number taken was 110, this year it is 6. In another where the number taken was 70, this year it is 19. There will also probably be 50 more numbers discontinued after the issue of the present month, which will decrease the amount of subscriptions to be collected for the current year.

A considerable amount of loss has been caused by agents not sending in, in time, their lists of subscribers. The lists are not usually completed before March, and, expecting that on the whole the number would not be smaller than last year, the usual number of copies was printed during the first three months of the year. A number of agents this year not only ceased to act, but even failed to inform the Committee of their intention. If all agents who did not intend to act, and those who knew that the number of their subscribers this year would be much smaller than previously, had so informed the Committee, considerable unnecessary loss would have been avoided.

From accompanying statement it will be seen by whom amounts remaining unpaid are due.

If the publication of the RECORD is to be continued it might be possible to go on for a time shewing a surplus in the estimates for the current year, and commencing the following year with a debt larger than could be paid by amount to be realized from subscriptions due, but if the affairs of the RECORD have to be wound up, and debts due paid, steps will have to be taken to meet liabilities from some other sources, or the expenses for next six months will require to be reduced.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. J. BREMNER, *Convener of Committee.*

Halifax, N. S., 3rd June, 1875.

ABSTRACT OF SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CR.		
June 16, 1874.	By balance in hand.....	\$ 16.93
3, 1875.	By subscriptions to date.....	834.68
		\$851.61
DR.		
June 3, 1875.	To paid bills to date, as per receipts.....	833.84
		\$17.77

ESTIMATE FOR BALANCE OF YEAR 1875.

CR.		
By balance in hand.....		\$ 17.77
“ amount of subscriptions due for 1875.....		612.93
“ “ “ “ “ for previous years.....		209.95
		\$840.65
DR.		
Bills due to printers, &c., to date.....		322.55
Probable expenses for 7 months.....		502.23
		\$24.78
Leaving a surplus, if all subscriptions are paid, of.....		\$ 15.87

After consideration, it was moved by Rev. A. McLean, seconded by W. F. Knight, and resolved, that the RECORD Committee's Report be ordered to lie on the table, and that the Revs. Messrs. J. Campbell, R. J. Cameron, and McRae be a Committee to confer with the RECORD Committees of the Church of Scotland in Canada, the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, to ascertain their minds on the subject of issuing one periodical for the united Church, and to report as soon as possible.

REPORT OF DALHOUSIE COLLEGE FUND.

The Rev. D. McRae, Convener, then read the following report on the Dalhousie College Fund :

ASSETS DALHOUSIE COLLEGE FUND.

Montreal Corporation Bonds (6 p. c.).....		\$16000 00
Mortgages in City of Halifax, (3800 old cy).....		3698 67
Loaned Trustees N. W. Arm Church.....		400 00
Cash on hand.....		49 75
Interest over due.....		\$ 34 04
“ due 8th June.....		95 38
“ on coupons payable 1st Nov. at which time the Professor's 6 months salary will be due.....		480 00
		\$609 42
Less Professor's six month's salary due 1st Nov.....		600 00
		9 42
		\$20157 84

MEMORANDUM.

Assets as above.....		\$20157 84
“ same period 1874.....		20124 44
Increase.....		\$ 33 40

E. E.

JAS. J. BREMNER, Treasurer.

Halifax, N. S., 1st June, 1875.

Anent which it was moved by the Rev. D. McRae, seconded by Rev. A. McLean and agreed, “ That the report now read be adopted, and the thanks of this Synod tendered to the Committee; that the following gentlemen be requested to act as Trustees to manage the Fund for the purposes for which it was originally provided, viz.: Hon James Fraser, New Glasgow; Wm. Gordon, Esq., Pictou; and D. A. Fraser, Esq., Acadia Farm, Pictou; Messrs. J. J. Bremner;

John Gibson, and G. P. Mitchell, Halifax; and Revds. G. M. Grant and Prof. Pollok; that vacancies in said trusteeship shall be supplied as they occur by appointment of the Synod within whose bounds Dalhousie College shall hereafter be embraced; and that future nominations of Professors in terms of this Trust shall also rest in the hands of the said Synod."

The Revds. Dr. Waters and Mr. T. Sedgewick, having been introduced by Rev. Mr. Cameron and invited to sit and deliberate, stated that they appeared as a deputation from the Sister Church of the Lower Provinces to request the appointment of a Committee to consult with a similar Committee appointed by their Court, with reference to the organization of the Church in future as to Presbyteries and Synods;—whereupon it was *Resolved*, "That, the Synod having heard the Revds. Dr. Waters and T. Sedgewick, agree to appoint the following Committee, viz: Revds. R. J. Cameron, J. M. Sutherland, John McMillan, A. McLean, Wm. M. Wilson, and James Cumming, elder."

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND REPORT.

Report on the Widow and Orphans' Fund was next read:

"Your Committee, in transmitting the Treasurer's accounts for the past year, are pleased to be able to report the position of the Fund as much more favorable than at last meeting of Synod.

"The Treasurer shows the amount of assets in his hands to be (valuing Nova Scotia Bank stock at cost) \$6099.39, but the following sums have been received since closing the accounts, viz.: from St. James' Church, Charlottetown, \$300, and from St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., \$400. The 21 shares in Bank of Nova Scotia owned by the Fund could be sold for about \$1000 more than they cost, and next month there will be a six month's dividend to be received from the Bank on the 16 old shares, so that the assets of the Fund now amount to within a few dollars of the \$8000 originally contemplated to be raised. But as a large portion of this (over \$1600) is made up of enhanced value of investments and accrued interest, there must still remain a corresponding amount to be paid into the Fund, and which, it is hoped, will be paid in soon, thus putting the Fund in a very favorable position.

"As the report of the Committee presented to Synod in October last was fully published in the RECORD, the Committee did not think it necessary to print it as authorized by the Synod, but they sent to each minister a form as required to be filled up. Returns as per accompanying statement have been received from all except four, who will doubtless give the necessary information during the meeting of Synod or shortly after.

"By direction of the Synod your Committee recommend the following as an addition to the constitution submitted for the approval of the Synod at its last meeting:—'All Professors in Arts or Divinity appointed by this Church, who shall annually pay to the Fund not less than \$12, shall be entitled to the benefit of the Fund to the same extent and subject to the same conditions as a minister paying annually the same amount.' The Committee also recommend that the following be prefixed to the 14th clause of the Constitution:—'Any minister hereafter inducted to a charge in this Church annually paying the amount specified in Clause 3, or whose congregation shall annually make a collection for the Fund of not less than \$12, shall be entitled to be admitted to the benefit of the Fund, but any minister aged 40 or upwards,' &c.

"Your Committee regret that their Treasurer, W. C. Menzies, Esq., finds it necessary to resign the position on account of ill health, and consequent intended from the Province, and they respectfully recommend the appointment of George P. Mitchell, in his stead.

"Respectfully submitted,

"JAMES J. BREMNER,
Convener of Committee."

"Halifax, N. S., 5th June, 1875.

**Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in account with W. C. Menzies,
Treasurer.**

Summary of Receipts since the foundation of the Scheme.

PICTOU.		
St. Andrew's, Pictou.....		\$ 514 92
Saltsprings.....		17 71
McLellan's Mountain.....		22 77
		\$555 40
HALIFAX.		
St. Matthew's, Halifax.....		\$2661 00
St. Andrew's, Halifax.....		375 00
		\$3036 00
Truro.....		70 75
		3106 75
ST. JOHN.		
Donald Fund and interest.....		\$279 77
St. Andrew's, St. John.....		500 00
St. Stephen's, St. John.....		178 55
Fredericton.....		150 00
		1108 32
Miramichi.....		500 00
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.		
St. Peter's Road.....		\$ 36 75
Georgetown.....		51 00
Orwell Head.....		43 31
Murray River.....		6 90
St. John's, Belfast.....		255 00
		\$392 06
		\$5662 53
Bank Dividends, Interest, &c.....		454 48
		\$6117 01
Summary of payments:		
Cost of 21 shares Bank of Nova Scotia.....		\$5358 16
Expenses.....		17 62
Cash in Bank.....		741 23
		\$6117 01
1874.	DR.	
To balance.....		\$702 64
June. Acknowledged in July RECORD.....		\$275 13
Less credited in last account.....		79 87
		195 26
July. Acknowledged in August RECORD.....		310 68
Aug. " Sept. ".....		67 50
Sept. " Oct. ".....		826 43
Oct. " Nov. ".....		80 00
Nov. " Dec. ".....		191 55
1875.		
Jan. " Feb. ".....		47 00
May. " June. ".....		427 77
Dividend on 16 shares Bank of Nova Scotia.....		256 00
Premium on $\frac{1}{3}$ new shares unallotted.....		10 32
Interest.....		29 92
		\$3145 07
1875.		
May 31. To balance.....		\$741 23
1874.	CR.	
June 30. By 4 shares Bank of Nova Scotia, bought at 143 and brokerage (cur. Div.).....		\$1149 72

1875.		
Jan. 2.	By 5 new shares Bank of Nova Scotia allotted at 125 paid in full	1250 00
May 4.	Circular to ministers, postage, &c.....	4 12
31.	Balance.....	741 23
		\$3145 07

The Fund now hold 21 shares in the Bank of Nova Scotia which at 150 p. c. would be worth \$6,300.

E. E.

W. C. MENZIES, *Treasurer.*

N. B.—Since the above account was closed \$300 have been received from St. James' Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I., and \$400 from St. Andrew's Church, St. John.

W. C. M.

Anent which it was moved by Rev. D. McRae, and seconded by Rev. A. McLean, and *Resolved*, "That the Synod receive the report, thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, for the diligence and wisdom displayed in the management of this Fund, rejoice that the contemplated amount of \$8000 has been so nearly raised, and trust that the expectation of the Convener as to the increase of the Fund may be fully realized."

They reappoint the Committee with the following alteration, viz.: that G. P. Mitchell, Esq., be Treasurer in the room of Mr. Menzies, who in consequence of ill health, has, they deeply regret to learn, been compelled to resign that office; said Committee to hold the Fund in charge until the consolidation take place of this with the Widows' and Orphan's Fund of the other negotiating Churches. They further empower the Committee to make the alteration on the Constitution suggested in the report; and resolve, that the relation of ministers or congregations of the Presbyterian Church in the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland who may defer entering, or may not enter the United Church, shall be similiar in all respects to that of ministers and congregations which shall become members of the United Church, it being understood, that such ministers and congregations shall comply with the terms of the Constitution of this Fund.

The Rev. Professor Mowatt being present was requested to sit and deliberate with the Court.

Rev. A. McLean was appointed to conduct devotional exercise to-morrow at 11 a. m., to which time the Synod adjourned, after praise and prayer.

SECOND DIET.

St. Gabriel St. Church, Montreal, P. Q., 11th June, 1875.

Which time and place, the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met pursuant to adjournment, and after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. A. McLean, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll having been called, the minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read and with a few verbal emendations, sustained as correct.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Rev. Mr. Herdman having been requested to take the chair, the Rev. Mr. Grant, Convener, read the following Report of the Home Mission Board :

"In 1868 when the H. M. Board was constituted, our Synod contained 31 ministers Seven years have come and gone, and our number remains the same. The men are not the same. We have had two or three generations since 1868. But as a Church we have apparently not advanced. There are many causes that may be assigned as explanations of this unsatisfactory fact, the chief apparent cause being that so few of our own young men offer themselves for the work of the ministry, and that we are therefore obliged to ask men to come over from Scotland and help us. This must be remedied if the Church is to keep pace with the growth of the country, and to spread

its influence to heathen lands. The remedy is in the hands of our ministers and people. Our ministers must do more than has been done in the past to seek out suitable young men, to encourage, train, and otherwise assist them; and our people must be willing to dedicate their choicest sons, and to bring them up with a view to the work of the ministry of Christ.

"Though the number of ministers has not increased, the Board has been not only successful in putting our Church in a more satisfactory financial position than it was in before, but it has also called into existence a class of labourers that other Churches in the Colonies have found most useful, whose labours tend greatly to the formation of new congregations, and who in part are prepared by these labours for the work of the ministry. Three years ago, the Colonial Committee being unable to send us Gaelic speaking ministers, sent us a Catechist, who was to be employed in Cape Breton during the Summer months, and to study for the ministry in Winter. The Board employed him, and the year following sent a *seconde* to the same field. These proving successful, we employed four last year; and this Summer we have eight at work, namely, Messrs. McLean, McEachern, Gordon, and Doherty in Cape Breton; Mr. Stewart in Pictou; Mr. McLeod in Prince Edward Island; and Messrs. Fitzpatrick and Carruthers in New Brunswick. Four of these are men sent out by the Colonial Committee. Partly to meet their salaries we have to draw more from the Colonial Committee this year than we did last year. But these men are doing good work, and we are greatly indebted to the Colonial Committee for sending them, and for granting money so liberally for their support.

"Having succeeded to so great an extent in making the Church self-sustaining, the Board last year turned its attention to what it had always considered to be its next work, namely, to call the attention of the Church to the duty of increasing the stipends of ministers. The minimum stipend, and it was generally the maximum also, had been indirectly settled for us by the Colonial Committee long ago at £150 stg., or \$730. In the report of year before last, it was pointed out that in common justice the minimum now should be not less than \$1000, and in last year's Report suggestions were made as to how this sum could be made up. The principle was laid down that when part of the increase had to come from the Synod's Home Mission or the Colonial Committee, in no case should it be larger than the increase by the congregation, and that after two years the moiety from the Board should diminish annually by at least \$20. The Revd. R. J. Cameron, Ex-Convener, being in Scotland last year, called the attention of the Colonial Committee to this proposal, and received assurances that if pressed by us it would receive their favourable consideration. No definite action, however, was taken with reference to the proposal, at either meeting of Synod in 1874; and consequently at our first meeting this year the Board took the responsibility on itself. A circular was prepared, published in the RECORD, and also sent to every congregation interested in the subject. As the result, three requests have been made on behalf of congregations in three different Presbyteries, for the benefit of the scheme, and these requests have all been entertained by the Board. The congregations are, Campbelton in Restigouche, Georgetown in P. E. I., and Truro in Halifax Presbytery. To show the practical operation of the scheme, it is enough to point out that the salaries in those congregations will be raised *permanently* from \$730, \$700, and \$800 respectively, to \$870, \$960, and \$1000, at a cost to the Board of, at the most, \$325 for two years, the Board's moiety to diminish regularly thereafter, and to cease in five years. The Board in placing these congregations on the new scheme and in asking for the assistance of the Colonial Committee in the matter is sorry that all three have not put forth effort sufficient to make the salaries \$1000, and that more of our congregations have not responded to the circular, but they trust that the effort thus commenced will be taken up by the United Church, and pressed again on the people until every regularly ordained and inducted minister can depend on a stipend of at least \$1000.

"In the two last annual reports, the necessity of securing a training for our students, in Divinity as well as Arts, within our own borders, was explained; and last June the Synod took definite action in the matter, authorized the Board to negotiate with the Sister Church respecting adding a Professor to the staff in their Theological Hall, and to communicate with the Colonial Committee on the subject. The Sister Church heartily accepted the proposed co-operation, and satisfactory correspondence was held with the Colonial Committee. The Synod last October instructed the Board to press the matter on the Colonial Committee, and recommended the Rev. Allan Pollok to the Committee as a suitable person to fill the chair of Church History and

Pastoral Theology, those being the subjects assigned to our Professor. The Committee accordingly appointed Mr. Pollok, and he having accepted the appointment, was expected to arrive in Halifax in time to take part in the work of last session; but private duties compelled him to resign just when he was on the eve of leaving for Nova Scotia. The Board thereupon unanimously fixed upon the Revd. Dr. Bell, of Walkerton, Ont., as a suitable person for the chair, and brought his name before the Colonial Committee, but Mr. Pollok in the meantime found that he was in a position to undertake the work, and applying to the Committee was again appointed. He has recently arrived in Halifax, and is now under the authority of the Synod, to do the work of a Professor in the Hall in Halifax, and to be of any further use to the Church that the Synod may indicate, consistently with his duties as Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology. Mr. Pollok's past services, his knowledge of our congregations, and his sympathy with the people, are sufficient guarantees that he will do all in his power to advance the true interests of the Church, and to promote its extension in the Maritime Provinces, without neglecting his strictly professional duties. The Board congratulates the Synod on his appointment, and considers the guarantee of his salary as one of the wisest and most generous things ever done for our Church by the Colonial Committee. An effort should be made as soon as possible to raise an endowment for the chair, that will relieve the Committee's funds and show our appreciation of the services of our Professors. A building should also be erected on a suitable site in the City of Halifax, a library should be secured, and everything done to make the Hall not only a school of the prophets, but the centre of the Christian life and work of our Church in the Lower Provinces.

"The Treasurer's Report is appended. It shows that \$556 13 or nearly the same amount as last year was collected, for the Synod's Home Mission. As usual, about one-third of our congregations did not make the collection enjoined. With regard to Presbytery Home Missions or Lay Associations, it is impossible to report with accuracy, as owing partly to the Synod meeting at an earlier date, few returns have been sent in to the Convener. From all that can be ascertained, however, the amount is less than last year, owing to the fact that St. Andrew's congregation St. John, N. B., was the only congregation in that important Presbytery that did anything for the cause, though there was more local need than usual. Halifax and Pictou Presbyteries have done as well as usual. The amount in all collected in this way amounts to at least \$1500; and thus the sum raised by us for Home Missions and Supplementing may be set down as over \$2000.

"It will be seen by the Treasurer's Report that the legacy of \$1600 left three years ago to the Synod by the late Geo. Kerr, Esq., of Chatham, the interest to be divided between the Synod's Home Mission and the Bursary Fund, has been received from George McLeod, Esq., the Executor, and placed in the Bank until a suitable investment offers.

"In submitting the above Report, the Board considers it very desirable that the Synod should give some expression of its views as to the mode in which Home Mission and Supplementing work should be carried on in future. It is also questionable if the Board should be longer entrusted with any work connected with the Theological Hall. A Special Committee could better attend to that department.

"All which is respectfully submitted,

"GEO. M. GRANT, *Convener.*"

Accounts of the Home Mission Board, 1874-75.

TABLE NO. I.

Treasurer's Report from June 15th, 1874, to June 5th, 1875.

Synod's Home Mission Fund, in account current with Geo. P. Mitchell, Treasurer.

1874-5.

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August 13.	To amounts paid as specified in August payment of Table No. II.	
To June 5.	appended to last year's report, and in Feb'y. payment of Table No. II. herewith appended.....	\$1653 66
	Balanc ^e carried down.....	426 54

\$2080 20

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1874.			
June 15.	By balance for account rendered.....		\$347 18
23.	collection St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow.....		30 00
	col. Musquodoboit, Little River, \$3, South School House \$3.....		6 00
26.	half collection at Missionary Meeting at St. Andrew's Church....		16 90
Sept. 7.	cash from Merchant's Bank, per Revd. G. M. Grant's Bill at sight on Sec'y. of Colonial Committee, Edinburgh, £81 9 3 at 9½ p. c.....		396 55
1875.			
Feb. 3.	col. Revd. Dr. Brooke's congregation, Fredericton, N. B.....		16 00
15.	“ St. Andrew's congregation, Chatham.....		25 61
	“ Rev. Mr. Murray's congregation, Dalhousie.....		10 00
21.	“ Barney's River.....		9 00
9.	cash Merchants Bank, per Revd. G. M. Grant's Bill at sight on Sec'y. Colonial Committee, Edinburgh, £160 at 9¼ p. c.....		780 44
March 1.	col. McLellan's Mountain congregation.....		6 47
16.	“ Spring Hill congregation.....		2 45
22.	“ Salt Springs congregation.....		10 15
8.	“ St. Stephen's Church, St. John, N. B.....		45 26
April 22.	“ St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, N. B.....		14 00
April.	“ St. James Church, Newcastle, \$21.50 and \$1.....		22 50
	“ St. Luke's Church, Bathurst.....		10 59
	“ East Branch, East River.....		22 00
May 4.	“ St. Matthew's Church, Pugwash.....		13 29
5.	“ St. Andrew's Church, Pictou.....		34 92
12.	“ Wallace \$4.57, Stake Road \$3.13, Fox Harbor \$2.30.....		10 00
21.	“ Tabusintac and Burnt Church, N. B.....		7 40
24.	“ Georgetown, P. E. Island.....		10 00
25.	“ Truro.....		9 70
26.	“ St. John's Church, Belfast, P. E. I.....		22 68
27.	“ Musquodoboit.....		3 21
June 1.	“ Richmond, N. West Arm and Goodwood.....		22 00
4.	“ St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B.....		86 00
5.	“ St. Matthew's Church, Halifax.....		70 00
	“ St. Andrew's Church, Halifax.....		20 00
			\$2080 20
5.	balance brought down, in Merchant's Bank.....		\$426 54

GEO. P. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

Halifax, 5th June, 1875.

I hold a Deposit Receipt of Merchant's Bank for \$1600, on Interest, at 5 per cent., dated 1st February, 1875, being amount of George McLeod's, (Executor of the late Geo. Kerr, Esq., of Chatham,) cheque for Legacy left by deceased, interest to be divided annually, between Home Mission and Young Men's funds.

GEO. P. MITCHELL

TABLE II.

Supplements, &c., from August 1st, 1874, to August 1st, 1875, from Colonial Committee and Synod's Home Mission.

I.—PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

	½ year ending 1st Feb. 1874.	½ year ending 1st Aug. 1874.
Rev. R. McCunn.....	\$ 40 00	\$ 40 00
“ W Stewart.....	30 00	30 00
“ J. M. Sutherland.....	45 00	90 00
“ A. J. McKichan.....	125 00	115 00
“ Jas. Murray.....	65 00	65 00

II.—PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

Woodstock, Northampton, Nashwank and Stanley.....	\$305 00	\$270 00
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III.—PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

Rev. John Robertson.....	\$100 00	\$100 00
“ S. Russell.....	50 00	50 00

CATECHISTS.

Mr. William Stewart.....	\$243 33	\$100 00
“ G. L. Gordon		100 00
“ Jas. Carruthers.....	97 33	
“ McEachern.....		100 00
“ Angus Doherty.....	33 00	
“ Jas. Fitzpatrick.....		30 00
“ John McLean		40 00
“ Wm. McLeod		20 00
Total.....	\$1133 66	\$1200 00

Of which total amount of \$2333.66 there was drawn from the Colonial Committee £160 for half year ending 1st February, and £190 for half year ending 1st August. The sums put down for Catechists for the second half year are approximate only. The supplements granted by Presbyteries from their special funds are not taken cognizance of by the Board.

The Revd. W. Gillies, Secretary to the Book and Tract Society, Edinburgh and Mr. Baxter, lately arrived from Scotland, having entered, were introduced and invited to sit and deliberate with the Court, when it was also agreed that Mr. Gillies should address the Court at 3 p. m.

The Court adjourned at 1 to meet at 3 p. m.

At 3 p. m. the Synod met, and after praise and prayer, resumed business. The Rev. Mr. Gillies, according to previous arrangement, addressed the Court in the interests of the Book and Tract Society, and with special reference to colportage. Anent which it was moved by Dr. Waddell, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Herdman, and unanimously agreed, “That the cordial thanks of this Synod be conveyed to Mr. Gillies, for the very interesting and instructive address with which he has favored the Court, and that this Synod heartily unite in the very earnest request to Mr. Gillies, that, if at all consistent with his other engagements, he will (D. V.) repeat his visit to these colonies, at no distant date, and spend a longer time in travelling among our congregations;” which was conveyed accordingly by the Moderator.

It was further *Resolved*, “That the Synod once more heartily recommend to the sympathy and support of our people the British American Book and Tract Society, and in particular their colportage work.”

The Report of the H. M. B. having been fully considered, it was moved by Rev. D. McBae, seconded by Dr. Waddell, and *Resolved*, “That the Synod adopt the Report of the H. M. Board, and thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, for the ability and care with which they have conducted the work of the Board; express their great regret that no increase has taken place in the number of their ministers during the by-gone year, and also, that as formerly, many congregations have failed to make collections, and that the imperfect returns from Presbyteries, have prevented the Convener from giving a full statement of what is being done for Home Mission work within our bounds; rejoice that the No. of Catechists has been considerably enlarged, they being a class whose services appear admirably adapted to the necessities of many portions of the field, and which promise, to judge by the past, a great and growing usefulness; express satisfaction with the results attained through the plan suggested by the Board to congregations, to add to the stipends of ministers; welcome the arrival of the Rev. A. Pollok to fill the chair of Church History and Pastoral Theology, in the Divinity Hall at Halifax, and declare that he shall be regarded as a member, with the position and powers of an ordained minister in full charge of a congregation, of the Presbytery of Halifax; express their deep gratitude to the Colonial Committee for the liberality displayed in undertaking the salary of the Divinity Professor, and recommend that as soon as practicable, efforts be made to have the Professorship endowed, so as to relieve the funds of the Colonial Committee from this charge; rejoice in the expectation of receiving valuable assistance from Mr. Pollok, in the general

conducting of Church work in our Provinces, and resolve that the Revds. Messrs. J. Campbell, D. MacRae, James Murray, John McMillan, and Professor Pollok be a Committee to have in charge all matters pertaining to the Hall."

An application from the Rev. S. G. Dodd, Congregational minister of St. John, N. B., to the Presbytery of St. John, to be received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, which was laid before the Committee on Bills, Overtures, &c., and approved by said Committee, was together with a recommendation from the Presbytery of St. John, in favour of Mr. Dodd's application, presented to the Synod. Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. D. McRae, and seconded by Rev. A. McLean, that having regard to the high testimonials produced by Mr. Dodd, in the statements made with regard to him by members of the Presbytery of St. John, and to the position occupied by him in the community in which he has labored during the past five years,—the Synod receive Mr. Dodd to the position of an ordained minister in full communion; whereupon the members of Synod unanimously assented by standing to receive Mr. Dodd, and the Moderator extended to him the right hand of fellowship, and his name was ordered to be added to the Roll of the Synod.

Rev. R. J. Cameron, Convener of the Committee appointed to meet and confer with a similar Committee of the P. C. L. P., anent the future organization of Presbyteries and Synods, reported verbally, recommending that there should be but one Synod in the Maritime Provinces in the meantime. He also requested the names of the Revds. Messrs. Grant, McLean, D. MacRae, James Murray, and Dr. Waddell be added to the Committee.

Anent which it was moved by the Rev. John Campbell, and seconded by Dr. Waddell, "That the report of the Committee be accepted, in so far as it refers to one Synod for the Maritime Provinces, and that the names suggested be added to the Committee."

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

The Rev. A. McLean, Convener, read the following report on Foreign Missions:

"The report which your Committee would respectfully submit contains the intelligence that cannot be received but with regret of the failure of our efforts to establish the mission in the large and important Island of Santo. The heroic endurance of your missionary there, ended in the necessity, finally, to abandon that interesting field. In Mr. Goodwill's retreat from Santo your Committee find no cause to complain. The circumstances of the case would, in their judgment, have fully justified his adopting that course at an earlier stage. The sufferings through which himself and his family passed ere he could resolve on forsaking the dreary wilderness which he entered, strong in the hope of seeing it become a fruitful field, are well known and need not be repeated now. Santo is again without a missionary, and among its thousands of dying men and women, there is no voice to tell of a Saviour's atoning death and of the Father's eternal love. For this painful disappointment in the hopes we cherished your missionary incurs no blame. He retires from the mission field after sustaining an ordeal of suffering and suspense more than sufficient to overcome the strongest fortitude.

"Turning from the dreary wastes of Santo, your Committee would report with sincere gratitude to God that tidings of the most gratifying nature have been received from your other mission field. Your missionary in Erromanga, and his devoted partner, have, since their settlement on the Island, enjoyed excellent health, and have been enabled to pursue their labors without hinderance or any molestation from the hostility there was so much reason to apprehend. When the Mission Council announced to Mr. Robertson his appointment to that mission field, the decision might well have startled him, and doubtless he assented to that decision with no small mingling of troubling and fear. The blood of the Gordons was yet fresh on the soil of that savage island, and the cruel hands which struck down these devoted men of God were there still, and ready to repeat the bloody deed—and more to be dreaded than even these savages were the Sandal-wood traders, white men and professedly civilized, but more hostile and dangerous than the most barbarous natives. To the

eye of man a fearful risk must be encountered, thus to tread the path, which hitherto led invariably to a cruel death and the martyr's grave. It was, indeed, taking their life in their hand—and it certainly required, on their part, strong faith and an entire surrender of life and all else into the hands of their Lord, whom they wished to serve, and who could shield them amid every peril. Such was the aspect which Eromanga presented and the barriers which confronted your missionary when arriving there. Weak and helpless and very lonely, doubtless, the dreary shores appeared in view. Human aid there was none. The Master's promise was all. They had this—they trusted in it, and it was sufficient. Your Committee would, at the time, have preferred that your missionary had been appointed to a field where perils less formidable were to be encountered; but they would now express their gratitude to the God of Missions that the decision was not as their wisdom would dictate, and that your missionary was endowed with the Christian daring that enabled him to brave the perils of Eromanga. By the good hand of God upon and around them, Mr. Robertson and his faithful partner have not only been protected from every danger, but have succeeded in some measure in securing the confidence and good-will of the natives, of even these still devoted to their superstition, and who continue unwilling to believe the truth. Your Committee feel that, in making this statement, they are justified in assuming that a great work has been accomplished. The great barrier which every missionary finds in the way is the distrust entertained, and the suspicion with which the poor savage regards his friendly efforts. When this has been removed and confidence has taken its place and the missionary is looked upon as a friend, then the tendency naturally is to go to the almost opposite extreme of simple and childlike docility. That your missionary has been successful beyond what we could hope for in already disarming hostility and securing confidence, is evident both from the statement given by himself, and from the communication from Dr. Steele, who visited the Islands in the summer of 1874. He writes, 'I was glad to find Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and their child at Yana, and in good health. They accompanied us to Eromanga, where I was surprised and gratified by the warm welcome which greeted them from the natives. Mr. Robertson seems to have gained the confidence of the people—heathen as well as Christian—and he has now a network of Christian teachers all over the Island. He has ten native teachers employed in the mission work. These are in different places, and succeed in getting a few in each place to attend their schools and their religious services. There are more encouragements at present on Eromanga than on any former period.' This is the report of one who would not exaggerate, and it fully confirms all the facts given at greater length in Mr. Robertson's own statement. These facts are most gratifying, and show results far in advance of what our weak hopes could anticipate. What a great and very decided change has taken place on Eromanga is certain in the one fact stated, viz., that your missionary felt he could safely leave his wife and child there when absent for weeks at Aneityum, attending the Missionary Synod. When entering on his work, the small band of professedly Christian belief consisted of only six individuals. He is enabled to state that already he has received into the Church on the profession of their faith in Christ 19 of the natives, and celebrated 3 marriages in the Church, an important fact, especially as one of the parties was a young chief, now a Christian in profession. Under date 22nd September your missionary writes, 'It was our privilege to join with 26 Eromangans and 3 Aneityumese in commemorating our Saviour's death.' In reference to teachers, and after stating their different stations, he adds, 'In short, we have 11 teachers at work on the Island, and hope soon to settle 4 or 5 more. Over the whole Island between 450 and 500 attend Sabbath service more or less regularly. Out of these a large number attend morning school, for reading praise, and prayer, four days a week, and on Wednesday afternoon the weekly prayer meeting.' It is unnecessary to quote at further length from your missionary's letter, as it was read in the pages of the RECORD. He writes very cautiously, and while his statement shows no disposition to boast, it clearly manifests that his heart is in the work, and that he is doing that work wisely and well. While it is yet the day of small things, and the results are known to God alone, your Committee feel that in the fact stated, and in the progress made, there is great cause of gratitude and encouragement, for the arm of the Lord is visible, and His blessing has come down on the arid fields of Santo—and may we but confidentially trust these drops may soon be followed by the abundant and refreshing shower. To see the Lord's Table spread out at Dillon's Bay, and around that Table seated 26 Eromangans, lately brutal savages now clothed and in their right mind,—to see those hands, accustomed only to the murderous javelin, take the

the memorials of the Saviour's body broken even for them. To witness this was a scene fitted to thrill the Christian heart to its depths. It was a scene over which angels rejoiced, and one which may well lead us to be gratified and thankful to God, that this field was selected for our missionary's labors. In view of these facts, is it too much, or can it be considered rash, to say that God in his mercy has remembered and visited Santo? Will the prayers which ascended from around that communion table at Dillon's Bay be unheard or left unanswered? Your Committee can admit no doubt in the matter. In answer to earnest prayer God will chase off the thick clouds which darken the Heaven of Santo. The Sun of righteousness will arise and shine upon it, and from that gloomy scene of blood and savage cruelty, will emerge a new Erromanga, noted among the islands for its light and peace and fruits of righteousness, as in the past it had been for its degrading vice and unhumanity. Let all the friends of Christ and of the mission field remember Erromanga, carry it with them when they go to their secret chamber to meet the Hearer of prayer, and the request will be heard. The Lord will answer it.

"Your Committee are gratified to have it to report, that Miss Johns, who offered her services for the Foreign Mission at last meeting of Synod, left her native land on September last, and arrived safely at Madras, her destined field of labour. Owing to peculiarities of Eastern life and custom, there is a great work to be done in that important field, which female agency alone can undertake. To aid in that work, this devoted young Christian woman cheerfully left home and many dear friends, and embarked alone, on the long and perilous journey from Halifax to India. Your Committee have no mingling of doubt in the assurance they feel that the labours thus entered upon, from the most undoubted love for her Saviour, the sincere desire to save and bless her hitherto neglected sisters, and raise them to the position and the high sphere of usefulness which God intended them to occupy, shall be signally owned by Him, who by His grace so eminently fitted her for the work, and made her willing to forego her own ease and comfort, and adopt a course, which worldly wisdom would consider strange, even to infatuation. That such a mission can fail, is among the events, that cannot probably happen. As surely as, in obedience to her Lord's own express command, she surrendered all that nature held dear, and travelled to the far distant East to do His work, it is equally certain that she will not be forgotten there, nor left to labour unaided and in vain. The blessing of the Lord Jesus will richly be her portion, and precious souls will be her reward.

"Your Committee feel, that in this part of their respect, it would not be right to omit a fact, important in duty, and especially so in its bearing on the future prospects of our mission, and in the guarantee it gives, of what we may hope for from the generous liberality of our people, when once their hearts are impressed with the strong claims of the Foreign Mission. It is most gratifying to state, that the whole burden of this important mission has been undertaken by a single congregation. Miss Johns' outfit, passage and salary have been assumed by the congregation of St. Matthew's, Halifax, of which your devoted missionary was a member. This congregation has thus made a generous and noble start in the missionary race, which gives that Church the honourable distinction that few, if any other Church in the Dominion, can claim. Foremost in the support of the general mission, it has undertaken besides to support a missionary of its own. Truly, "the Lord hath been mindful of us and He will bless us still." Thirteen years ago, when it was proposed in Synod, to ascertain if we could as a Church undertake the support of one missionary, it was considered by not a few, who were intelligent and good men, that the proposal was premature, if not indeed extremely rash. In the passage of a few years we have seen wondrous things. We have discovered that our resources were sufficient for the support, not of our, but of several missionaries. We have found that one congregation could undertake a burden, which the whole Church were much afraid to assume. Before another thirteen years shall have passed, we hope to see still greater things. The noble example of St. Matthew's will have its effect, which cannot fail to be powerful in its influence in other congregations, stimulating in the same noble effort of Christian liberality. Your Committee are confident that the example thus given, will be ere long followed by many of our wealthy congregations, and by not a few even surpassed—and your Committee may surely indulge the hope that such a generous proof of the interest felt by this congregation in the Foreign Mission, will erase at once and for all time coming, from our subscription list, the pitiful sums of \$10, \$20, and \$30, by which so many comparatively wealthy congregations have hitherto dwarfed their souls in the great work, to which every Christian man and woman, and every Christian Church are called by their Divine Master.

"Your Committee, as directed by the Synod, opened a correspondence with the India Committee of the Church at Home, in reference to the Chumba Mission, then supposed to be vacated for want of labourers, in the hope that, that station might be transferred to this Synod, and be occupied by the beloved brother, the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, who offered his valuable services in the Foreign Mission field. Your Committee regret that in this they have been disappointed. That mission had been resumed and was partially occupied. And thus the sphere of our dear brother's labours is yet undecided, and is again left in the hands of the Synod for its consideration.

"Your Committee have further only to report, that while the state of the Foreign Mission Fund is sufficient to meet all present demands, there has been a discouraging falling off in the contributions. In the case of two or three congregations there has been a considerable increase, but in the majority the decrease has been painfully large. In one section of the Church there is a general falling off, and three congregations, formerly contributing, have disappeared altogether from the list. This is sad. It is but only discouraging to the prospects of success in our Foreign Mission, has certainly indicated a low state of religion, if not the entire absence of its real spirit. Your Committee would express the earnest hope, that all the ministers and office-bearers of the Church shall exert their influence to arrest this decline, and to arouse our congregations from the apathy which is so visibly setting in, and do their utmost to bring all our Christian people up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. If we work for Him, He will work for and with and by us, 'Yea God, even our own God will bless us.'

"All which is respectfully submitted,

"A. MACLEAN, *Convener.*"

Foreign Mission Fund in Account with James J. Bremner, Treasurer.

1875.	DR.	
Jan. 11.	To cash paid Bank Nova Scotia for bill on London at sight for £170 stg., at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. c. prem., remitted to John B. Lieshman, London, to be sent to Rev. Dr. Steele, Sydney, N. S. W., being for—	
	1 year's salary to Rev. H. A. Robertson, from 1st Jan., 1875, to 1st Jan., 1876.....	£150
	1 year's allowance to Rev. Dr. Steele up to 31st Dec., 1874, say on 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. c. prem.....	20
		\$ 835 89
June 1.	balance.....	3683 10
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1874.		
June 30.	By balance.....	\$3007 26
July 1.	Collection at Black River, Miramichi:	
	Upper District, per Miss B. Dick.....	\$9 60
	Middle District, per Miss Annie Ross.....	7 44
	Lower District, per Miss Maggie Cameron... ..	11 10
	River John, per Elder J. McKenzie.....	28 14
	8. One-half amount collection at Missionary Meeting Halifax, during Synod.....	8 00
	8. Collection per Rev. A. F. Fngo, at Nashwaak \$2, Sanley \$1.....	16 90
Aug. 4.	Donation from Rev. J. Patterson's Congregation, Hemmingford, Ont.....	3 00
		25 00
Sep. 22.	Collection East Branch East River, per Duncan McDonald.....	13 10
20.	Bictou Island.....	13 63
Nov. 11.	Fredericton, per Rev. Dr. Brooks.....	20 00
20.	Cash per Rev. J. F. Campbell:	
	Collection Richmond.....	\$13 82
	Contents of the money box of the late Montford Jones, Richmond, a little boy who wished to give something to God.....	1 07
	Collection North West Arm.....	11 24
		26 13
Dec. 7.	Rev. J. F. Campbell, collection at Goodwood.....	1 85

Dec. 10.	By Collection by congregations of Woodstock & Northampton.....	13 00
23.	Roger's Hill.....	\$13 00
	Cape John.....	9 50
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24.	Wallace.....	\$5 78
	Wallace Ridge.....	3 20
	Fox Harbor.....	2 46
28.	Tabusintac and Burnt Church.....	9 00
29.	Port Hastings, per G. L. Gordon.....	10 00
1875.		
Jan. 1.	St. Andrew's Church, Pictou.....	41 31
13.	St. Paul's Church, East Branch East River.....	11 00
15.	St. Paul's Church, Truro.....	18 05
23.	Rev. Mr. McKichan's Church, Barney's River.....	6 00
Feb. 4.	A New Year's offering from Newfoundland, per Rev. D. McRae	100 00
18.	Collection Salt Springs.....	26 40
26.	St. Luke's Church, Bathurst.....	14 40
27.	St. Andrew's Church, Halifax.....	28 00
Mar. 6.	St. Matthew's, Pugwash.....	15 10
8.	St. Stephen's, St. John, N.B., per Mr. Pender.....	32 28
April 6.	St. Matthew's Halifax.....	253 00
10.	Dundee, Quebec, per Rev. Mr. Ross.....	100 00
	Perth, per Rev. Mr. Bain.....	10 00
22.	Campbelton, Kempt Road, and Flat Lands, per Rev. Mr. Murray.....	25 00
	Post Office Box 29, for Mr. Robertson's Mission, per Rev. Mr. Murray.....	1 00
23.	Collection, Black River, viz., by Miss Kelley.....	\$13 14
	Miss Dick.....	6 82
	Miss Russell.....	2 23
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	Red Bank, viz., by Miss M. Hubbard.....	\$6 00
	Miss P. Blackmore.....	4 85
	Miss J. Russell.....	1 25
	Miss J. Johnston.....	95
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		13 05
May 5.	Additional collection Truro, per Rev. Mr. McMillan.....	15 02
10.	Collection St. Sams Church, Newcastle.....	\$60 00
	Donation by Mrs. McPhee.....	4 00
	from late Advance Lodge of British Temp'ars, Salt Springs, per Rev. Wm. McMillan, towards expenses of mission vessel "Dayspring".....	22 93
15.	from a member of Westville Church, per Rev. Mr. Dunn.....	20 00
25.	Collection, Georgetown, P. E. I., per R. Rev. A. Melville.....	10 00
	St. Sohn's Church, Belfast, P. E. I.....	197 11
	Musquodoboit, per Rev. Mr. Neish.....	11 70
June 1.	St. James Church, Charlottetown.....	147 76
	*Balance of interest to date.....	79 76
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June 1.	By Balance.....	\$3683 18

MEMORANDUM.

Of above balance the following is for Mission Vessel :	
In above account received this year.....	\$ 22 93
Included in former account.....	98 80
Total for Mission Vessel.....	<hr/> \$ 121 73
Of above, this amount received from St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, Sabbath School to be sent to Rev. H. A. Roqertson, for support of caterhist.....	50 00
Of above, the following is due to Rev. J. Goodwill from 1st Dec., 1874, as per account of last year.....	\$1328 60
1 year's interest on do from 30 June, 1874 to 30 June, 1875, at 4 p. c.....	53 14 1381 74 1553 47
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Actual balance of F. M. Funds.....	\$2129 71
Subject to amount due Mr. Goodwill from 1st Dec., 1874, Mr. Robertson's salary being paid till 1st. Jan., 1875.	

* Besides above interest there will be due by Savings Bank, 30th inst., \$47.55.

ASSETS.

In Bank of Nova Scotia on Deposit.....	\$1500 00
In Savings Bank.....	1291 68
At interest at 6 p. c.....	200 00
At interest at 7 p. c.....	650 00
Cash in hand.....	41 50
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	\$3683 18

1875.

MEMO.—*Received since closing Accounts.*

June 4. Collection St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B.....	\$100 00
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JAS. J. BREMNER, *Treasurer.**Halifax, N. S., June 1st 1875.*

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to take up this subject for consideration as the first business of to-morrow.

The Rev. J. M. Sutherland was appointed to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow at 11 a. m., to which hour the Synod adjourned, after praise and prayer.

THIRD DIET.

St. Gabriel St. Church, Montreal, P. Q., 12th June, 1875.

Which time and place the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection of the Church of Scotland, met pursuant to adjournment, and after devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. M. Sutherland, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll having been called, the minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read and sustained as correct.

Consideration of the Report on Foreign Mission was resumed, and after due deliberation, it was moved by Rev. John McMillan, seconded by Dr. Waddell, and *Resolved*, "That this Synod cordially adopt the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee, thank the Committee, and very specially the Convener, for the zeal and ability with which they have discharged the important duties entrusted to them, and re-appoint them to continue the good work in the Foreign field."

"The Synod learns with deep regret that the Rev. John Goodwill has been compelled, on account of the declining health of himself and his amiable wife, to retire from the field, sympathizes with him in his affliction, and prays God that his health may be so far restored as to enable him to resume the work of the ministry in his native land."

"The Synod rejoices that the Rev. H. A. Robertson has, by the blessing of God, been enabled to send such a gratifying Report of his work on Erromanga. Cordially approves of his efforts to station agents throughout the whole island, and earnestly commend himself and his family to our Heavenly Father's care."

"The Synod rejoices to learn that Miss Johns, who appeared before it last year in Halifax, and who so nobly gave herself up to the work of the Lord in heathen lands, has arrived safely at Madras, and entered upon the work, and confidently hopes and prays that she may be enabled by the Spirit of God to lead her sisters in India to the foot of the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Synod further rejoices with the Committee, that one congregation has assumed the responsibility of Miss Johns' support, and heartily commend this congregation's example to the attention and imitation of the whole Church."

"The Synod regrets that the collections in aid of this great work have fallen off considerably, urgently request all congregations to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty—by their money contributions, sympathies and prayers."

"The Synod authorizes the Treasurer to pay Mr. Goodwill's salary up to 1st July, 1875, and also passage money."

"Finally, the Synod gratefully acknowledges the marks of interest displayed in this Scheme by congregations beyond the bounds, and the contributions sent during several successive years by the congregation at Dundee; and repeats the

recommendation of past years, that the Foreign Mission of the Church be made at least monthly, the subject of prayer and exhortation at the public prayer meeting."

The Rev. Robt. J. Cameron, Convener, submitted an additional report from the Committee appointed to consult with a similar Committee of the P. C. L. P. with reference to the future organization of Presbyteries and Synods.

In the Basement of Knox Church, Montreal, and at 7½ o'clock, p. m., June 11th, 1875.

The joint Committee of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, and of the Synod of the Lower Provinces on the reconstructions of Synods and Presbyteries, convened, by leave of their respective Synods.

Dr. Waters was called to the chair, and opened with prayer.

Present with the Chairman, Messrs. D. McRae, J. Fowler, J. McLeod, R. J. Cameron, G. Patterson, M. Stewart, G. M. Grant, J. M. Sutherland, J. McMullan, A. McLean, T. Sedgwick, Dr. Waddell and P. M. Morrison.

Mr. Morrison was appointed Clerk.

The minutes of a former meeting, containing the following resolution as the principal item of business, viz., "That in the opinion of this Committee, it would not be advisable to divide the Lower Provinces into more than one synodical district; and that it be a recommendation to both Synods that, in the meantime, there should be constituted only one Synod in the sea Provinces," were read and confirmed.

It was agreed that it be recommended to call the proposed new Synod, "The Synod of the Maritime Provinces."

Committee then took up the subject of the distribution of Presbyteries; when, after full deliberation, it was resolved to recommend the following names and boundaries:—

1. Sydney, to be the same as the present Presbytery of Cape Breton, name only changed.

2. Victoria and Richmond, bounded as the present one of that name.

3. Pictou, to include the congregations in the Counties of Antigonish, Guysboro, and Pictou, except those of River John and West Branch, River John.

4. Wallace, to include the congregations in River John, West Branch River John, Earltown, Tatamagouche, Wallace, Pugwash, Goose River, Amherst, and Spring Hill.

5. Truro, bounded as the Present Presbytery of Truro.

6. Halifax, bounded as the Present Presbytery of Halifax of P. C. L. P., except Newfoundland.

7. Lunenburg and Yarmouth, bounded as present Presbytery of that name.

8. St. John, to be located in western part of N. B., with eastern boundary, the same as that of Present Presbytery of St. John.

9. Miramichi, to include present Presbytery of Miramichi and Restigouche.

10. Prince Edward's Island, to cover Province of that name.

11. Newfoundland, to include the Province of Newfoundland.

It was further resolved, that it shall be a recommendation of this Committee, that the General Assembly be asked to summon the Synod to meet in this city, before the rising of the Assembly, in order that it may fix the time and place of the meeting of the several Presbyteries under its jurisdiction, and appoint their first Moderators. Closed with prayer.

P. M. MORRISON, *Clerk.*

Anent which it was agreed that the additional report of the Committee be received, (1) approve of the suggestions which has been made as to the boundaries of the future Presbyteries of the united Synod of the Lower Provinces, and (2) of the suggestion that the name of the Synod be "the Synod of the Maritime Provinces," and further that a deputation wait upon the Court of the corresponding Church to inform them of our deliverance on these points, the Committee to be the said deputation.

The mover of the Resolution on the Foreign Mission Committee's Report stated that he had made no reference to the Rev. J. F. Campbell's application because he thought the subject should be dealt with separately, and that Mr. Campbell should be heard on the subject. The Moderator accordingly called upon Mr. Campbell to state his views, which he did, stating that while not conscious of any special fitness for that work he was impressed with the great need of labourers in the foreign field which he regarded as the chief work and therefore offered his services to the Synod leaving the disposal of the matter to them as the supreme court of this branch of the Church of Christ.

The Convener then read a letter just placed in his hands from the Secretary of the Home Indian Mission Committee, strongly urging the claims of Madras, and expressing a very earnest desire that Mr. Campbell's services might be secured for that important field, and explaining that the services required, more especially there, were those of a preacher or evangelist, and that thus his labours could at once be entered on.

Anent which it was resolved that with reference to the placing of his services at the disposal of the Synod for Christian work among the heathen by the Rev. J. F. Campbell, the Synod would express its thankfulness to the Head of the Church, that He should have again honored us by leading another of our brothers to offer himself so unreservedly to Foreign Mission work. The Synod also rejoices to learn that in addition to an offer from the Canada Presbyterian Church to Mr. Campbell, to labour in one of its foreign mission fields, a distinct proposal has been made to Mr. Campbell by the Convener of the India Mission of the Church of Scotland, to enter upon a most desirable field of labour in Madras; this offer of the India Mission the Synod cordially accepts, and remits the matter to F. M. Committee, with the view of entering into all needful arrangements, in terms of the communication from the Convener of the Church of Scotland Indian Mission to secure Mr. Campbell's transfer to the Madras field of labour as soon as practicable, and that in the meantime Mr. Campbell be engaged in visiting our congregations.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG MEN'S BURSARY COMMITTEE.

The Rev. J. F. Campbell, Convener, read and submitted the following Report on the Y. M. B. Scheme:

"As your Committee in their last Report gave a summary of the work done by the Scheme since its inception, it will now be necessary only to state briefly what has been done during the past year.

"Two new Bursars were admitted to the benefits of the Fund, Messrs. J. R. Fitzpatrick and W. E. Archibald. The whole number aided during the year was eight. Of former bursars Mr. George Murray has completed his studies and returned to Nova Scotia. He has intimated to the Convener that he has promised Rev. Simon McGregor to labour in Vancouver's Island, but the Committee believe that he has entered into that engagement without realising that to fulfil it would involve a breach of faith with this Synod, and as the Convener has already written him, setting this plainly before him, they hope he will at once put himself under the direction of the Home Mission Board, and will soon be the pastor of one of the charges at present vacant. Mr. John Smith though not desiring a bursary this year, has continued his studies in Dalhousie College. Mr. Daniel Sutherland has a second session been absent from college, and has not sent the Convener any explanation of his absence. No word as yet has been received from Mr. Hector Campbell.

"Three former Bursars who are labouring beyond the bounds of Synod, have promised to refund as early as possible the amounts in which they are respectively indebted to the Fund.

"Four of our present Bursars are this summer labouring efficiently as Catechists, within the bounds of the Synod, and a fifth as a Colporteur in the city of Halifax, under the British American Book and Tract Society.

"The Committee have this year made a regulation that in future all Bursars in Arts, who are not undergraduates, shall be required after every session to submit for the Committee's inspection their class tickets, showing their progress during the session. It is not intended of course to refuse a bursary to any student who fails to pass the examinations necessary for graduation, but only to obtain satisfactory evidence that all bursars are making fair progress.

"It is with regret that your Committee have to intimate that W. C. Menzies, Esq. has been compelled by ill health to resign the Treasurership. It will fall to the Synod to appoint another, at least until Mr. Menzies shall be able to resume his business, when he would willingly undertake again the work he has been doing for the scheme, and which he has done in such a manner as to deserve the warm thanks of the Synod.

"Nothing further has been heard of the bequest of the late Rev. G. W. Stewart. The Convener has been informed by Rev. R. J. Cameron, on behalf of the Presbytery of St. John, that Hon. John Robertson, late Treasurer of the Bursary Fund of the Incorporated Synod of New Brunswick, is prepared to hand over to the Committee the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, and also a considerable sum of the balance of his account.

"Only eighteen charges have this year contributed to the scheme. The sum thus contributed is \$340.56. Since the closing of the accounts the sum of \$28.43 has been received from St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., and this being added makes the total amount contributed \$368.99. The amount bestowed in bursaries is \$600. The amount contributed is considerably less than what was raised last year. Probably one part of the reason for this is that a large balance remained in the Fund at the close of last year. Indeed our regret is not so much that insufficient funds are provided by the Church, as that the number of young men suitably qualified, both intellectually and spiritually, are not giving themselves to the work of the ministry, and therefore needing the help of the Committee, and that so many of those who have been aided have, on the completion of their studies or thereafter, abandoned our Provinces for other parts of the christianized world. The Committee however indulge the hope that the union which is about to be consummated, and the education of our young men in a Theological Hall of our own, with their consequent employment as Catechists in our own vacancies and new fields, will lead to increase the number of students for the ministry, and consequently of those needing aid from this scheme, and to keep them interested in our own fields, and preferring to labour in these instead of going to others, which are to say the least no more needy.

"It is to this—the obtaining for our country, from our own churches—a sufficient number of earnest, spiritually minded Christian men, called of God to the work of the ministry, that the prayers and efforts of the Churches should be directed.

"All which is respectfully submitted by

"J. FRASER CAMPBELL, *Convener.*"

Young Men's Bursary Fund in account with W. C. Menzies, Treasurer.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS, 1974-75.

Pictou—St. Andrew's Church, Pictou.....	\$23 67	
Gairloch.....	6 00	
Saltsprings.....	19 00	
Albion Mines.....	6 72	
Pugwash.....	16 09	
Roger's Hill and Cape John.....	15 95	
		\$ 87 43
Halifax—St. Matthew's, Halifax.....	\$78 50	
St. Andrew's, Halifax.....	17 00	
Richmond, \$14 45; N. W. Arm and Goodwood, \$5 08.....	19 53	
Truro.....	12 68	
Spring Hill.....	1 00	
Musquodoboit.....	7 75	
		136 46
Restigouche—Dalhousie.....	\$17 00	
Campbellton, &c.....	26 00	
		43 00
Jt. John—Fredericton.....	\$15 00	
Woodstock.....	11 26	
		26 26
P. E. Island—Georgetown.....	\$10 00	
Belfast.....	37 41	
		47 41
Total receipts from Congregations.....		\$350 56
Investments—Loan partly repaid.....		20 00
Interest.....		44 99
		<u>\$405 55</u>

Bursars for year 1874-75 :

	John McLean.....	\$100 00
	D. McKenzie.....	50 00
	W. E. Archibald.....	100 00
	Alex. McLeod.....	30 00
	W. Cruickshank.....	100 00
	G. L. Gordon.....	100 00
	J. R. Fitzpatrick.....	100 00
	John Chisholm.....	20 00
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		\$600 00
1874.	Dr.	
June 27.	To balance.....	\$755 28
July 2.	Collection Gairloch, per Rev. N. Brodie.....	6 00
Aug 20.	Richmond, Rev. H. McMillan.....	5 00
Oct. 6.	Richmond (second col.) Rev. J. F. Campbell.....	9 45
Aug 24.	Dalhousie, N.B., Rev. J. Talloch.....	17 00
Sep. 25.	St. Matthew's Halifax, Mr. W. A. Hesson.....	73 50
29.	St. Andrew's, Pictou. Mr. J. Hislop.....	24 67
	Fredericton, Rev. Dr. Rooke.....	15 99
Oct. 2.	Saltsprings, Mr. W. McDonald.....	19 00
19.	N. W. Arm and Goodwood, J. E. Hostermen.....	5 08
	Campbelltod, &c., Rev. W. Murray.....	26 00
21.	St. John's, Albion Mines, J. W. Fraser.....	6 72
28.	Roger's Hill & Cape John.....	15 95
Nov. 6.	St. Andrew's, Halifax.....	17 00
30.	Pugwash, per Rev. J. M. Sutherland.....	16 09
Dec. 1.	Woodstock, Rev. W. P. Begg.....	11 28
1875.		
Jan. 22.	Spring Hill, Rev. J. F. Campbell.....	1 00
Feb. 10.	Paid on account of Duncann & Grant loan.....	16 10
	interest to date.....	3 90
May 26.	Collection St. John's Church, Belfast, P. E. I.....	37 41
25.	Truro, per Rev. J. McMillan.....	12 68
26.	Georgetown, P. E. I.....	10 00
27.	Musquodoboit, Rev. J. Neish.....	7 75
31.	Interest.....	44 99
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		\$1160 83
1875.	To balance.....	\$560 58
1874.	Cr.	
Oct. 26.	Cash paid Mr. John McLean.....	\$100 00
Nov. 7.	D. McKenzie.....	50 00
	W. E. Archibald.....	30 00
Dec. 26.	".....	30 00
1875.		
March 13.	".....	40 00
1874.		
Nov. 25.	Alex. McLeod.....	30 00
Dec. 14.	W. Carmichael.....	50 00
1875.		
March 22.	".....	50 00
1874.		
Dec. 26.	G. L. Gordon.....	40 00
1875.		
April 9.	".....	60 00
Jan. 9.	J. R. Fitzpatrick.....	100 00
April 22.	John Chisholm.....	20 00
	Postage, &c.....	0 25
May 31.	By balance.....	560 58
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		\$1160 83

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W. C. MENZIES, *Treasurer.*

Afterwards hand in from St Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B.....\$ 28 43

The balance thus left is.....589 01

J. FRASER CAMPBELL, *Convener*

After due deliberation, it was moved by Rev. John McMillan, seconded by Rev. W. Wilson, and *Resolved*, "That the Report be received and adopted, the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for the zealous manner in which they have discharged the duties entrusted to them. The Synod desires to express their thanks to God that so many young men have sought the aid of this fund during the past year, and pray that many more may be lead by the spirit's influence to dedicate themselves to the work of the ministry, and if needed by them cheerfully seek the assistance offered by the Committee.

The Synod approves of the regulation of the Committee to inspect the college certificates of students aided by the scheme, in order to ascertain that they are making satisfactory progress in their studies.

The Synod regrets that the collections of the past year have not been so liberal as formerly, and also that to many of those aided by the Fund have gone to labour in other fields without discharging their indebtedness.

The Synod deeply regrets the resignation of the Treasurer, as his labours in connection with this scheme have been very faithful, instructs the Clerk to convey to Mr. Menzies, late Treasurer, the hearty thanks of the Synod, and its earnest prayers that he may soon, by the blessing of God, be enabled to return home with restored health; and re-appoints the Committee, with Rev. J. F. Campbell as Convener, and Wm. F. Knight as Treasurer in the meantime; the Committee having power to appoint a successor to Mr. Campbell should he leave the country before next meeting of Synod. The Synod rejoices that the Rev. Geo. Murray, who successfully completed his studies in Scotland, has returned to his native land, and hopes that he may soon become the pastor of one of our vacant charges, and also that four of our Bursars are labouring efficiently as Catechists in different parts of our Synod, and that *one* is doing good work as a Colporteur in Halifax city.

The Synod instructs the Committee to collect the money left by the Rev. G. W. Stewart to the Fund.

The Revds. A. and C. J. Cameron entered at this stage of the proceedings, and were invited to sit and deliberate.

The Moderator read a letter from the Rev. Mr. McCunn, of River John, with reference to the steps contemplated in the matter of Union.

Anent which, it was moved by the Rev. J. F. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Waddell, "That Rev. T. Duncan be requested to write the Rev. R. McCunn, acknowledging receipt of his letter, stating that it had been read to Synod, and expressing the great pain with which the Synod contemplates the possibility, that in going forward in the course toward Union which they have felt it their duty to adopt, and to which they are fully engaged, they may not be accompanied by some of their beloved brethren, and at the same time, expressing their earnest desire and hope, that these brethren may yet see their way clear to enter the Union along with them, and so prevent a separation, the very thought of which affords them so much distress, and the effect of which, they believe, would be exceedingly injurious to the cause of Christ."

It was moved by Rev. John McMillan, seconded by Rev. James Murray, and *Resolved*, "That the Committee of re-organization be instructed to confer with the similar Committee of the Sister Church as to what should be the relation of the several schemes of the different churches to the Synods and Assembly."

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Rev. W. Wilson was appointed to conduct devotional exercises on Monday morning, at 11 a. m., to which hour the Synod adjourned.

Closed with praise and prayer.

FOURTH DIET.

St. Gabriel St. Church, Montreal, P. Q., 14th June, 1875.

Which time and place the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment, and after devotional exercises by Rev. W. M. Wilson, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll having been called, the minutes of Saturday's sederunt were read and sustained.

The Rev. J. Campbell, Convener of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the other *Record* Committees, reported in effect that it was resolved at their meeting to recommend that the several *Records* be continued as at present to the close of the year 1875, anent which it was moved by the Rev. R. J. Cameron, seconded by Rev. D. Neish, that the report on the MONTHLY RECORD, be received and approved, that the diligence of the Committee and especially the Convener be highly commended, that Mr. Pender be re-appointed as Secretary, and that the Rev. J. Campbell be requested to assume the editorship for the ensuing half year, in the hope that there shall be one recognized periodical for the united Church as soon as possible; believing that consistently with all engagements which have been made such a periodical may be issued from January 1876, the Synod resolved to discontinue issuing the RECORD in its separate form at the close of this year, The Synod regrets to learn that although there is an apparent balance in favor of the RECORD, there may be a deficiency at the close of the year. To meet this probable deficiency resulting from failures to pay subscriptions all over the Church, the Synod empowers the Committee to distribute it equally among the different Presbyteries, and endeavor to raise the amount from the friends of the Church.

Presbytery Records.

The Rev. James Murray, Convener, reported that the Committee on Presbytery Records examined the following, which were the only records submitted, viz.: Records of the Presbytery of Halifax, St. John, N. B., Miramichi, Restigouche, and P. E. Island, and find them accurately and correctly kept. Resolved to receive the report and order the clerk to attest said records accordingly.

Rev. P. Gray, Kingston.

On motion of Rev. J. McMillan, seconded by Rev. J. Murray, it was resolved that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. Patrick Gray, of Kingston, for the appropriate sermon preached by him before the Synod yesterday, and that he be requested to allow it to be printed in the MONTHLY RECORD.

SYNOD FUND REPORT.

John Cook, Esq., submitted the following report of the Committee on the Synod Fund:

"The Committee on the Synod Fund beg to submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements for the year now ending:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from last year.....	\$ 12.30
Collections from Congregations.....	440 02
	\$452 32

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Synod Clerk's Salary.....	\$120.00
For Stationery, &c.....	9.88
Sexton St. Gabriel St. Church.....	6.00
Members travelling expense.....	314.71
	450.39

Balance.....	\$ 1.73
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"The following is a list of the amounts contributed from Congregations:

St. Matthew's Halifax.....	\$61.00
St. Andrew's, Halifax.....	36.00
Richmond, Halifax.....	22.00

St. Paul's, Truro.....	22.50
Musquodoboit.....	3.00
Springfield.....	4.62
Pictou.....	26.32
Barney's River and Lochaber.....	9.50
Wallace.....	11.50
Pugwash.....	13.61
St. Andrew's, St. John.....	40.00
St. Stephen's, St. John.....	33.00
Chatham.....	27.69
Newcastle.....	22.82
Black River.....	8.60
Red Bank.....	4.75
Charlottetown.....	30.00
Belfast.....	16.00
Saltsprings.....	9.00
Earlton, West Branch River John and Tatamagouche.....	14.00
East Branch East River.....	12.00
Fredericton.....	12.00

"Mr. Grant, of Halifax, as usual declines to receive his travelling expenses from this Fund, for which on this occasion he is specially tendered the thanks of the Committee.

"The Committee still regret that they are only able to pay a small portion of the travelling expenses of members to Synod. The whole amount for tickets by boat and rail being \$562.00. As there are members who can ill afford such a deficiency in connection with other necessary expenses, it is suggested that Presbyteries endeavor to make it up for those who have been present to represent them in this Synod.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"ROBERT J. CAMERON, *Convener.*"

Anent which it was moved by Rev. John Campbell, seconded by Rev. J. Murray, that the report be adopted, that the Committee receive the thanks of the Court for their services, and that the suggestions as to making up deficiencies by Presbyteries be approved.

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK.

The following report on Christian Life and Work was then read and submitted :

"In presenting their report for this year the Committee labor under serious disadvantage of having received replies to their queries from only five ministers. This is certainly a matter of regret and would seem to indicate that the importance of the work entrusted to this Committee is not as fully realized among us as it is in the mother Church, and in her daughter of the Upper Provinces. Perhaps it may be attributed in part to the fact that last year but little time was given to the consideration of the subject suggested by the report, on account of which ministers have probably felt it inadvisable to spend time in writing what was not likely to receive such attention from Synod as to make it generally useful. Doubtless also some have been hindered from replying by the very cause which would have made their replies specially interesting and profitable, namely, by the press of work resulting from the great revival which has been vouchsafed to some of our congregations. Information has, however, been indirectly received from some of these, and while a report based on so inadequate returns must necessarily be partial and unsatisfactory, it is hoped that it will contain sufficient to encourage and otherwise benefit the Church as a whole.

"On such points as are not entered into at length the Committee respectfully refer the Synod to the report of last year, as for a reason above referred to the queries sent for answer are the same as those of last year.

"I. EXTENT OF FIELD AND NUMBER OF ADHERENTS.

"The paucity of returns renders it impossible to give any statistics.

"II. CHARACTER OF FIELD.

"1. *Spiritual Life.* While the information from some is neither remarkably encouraging nor discouraging, that from one is decidedly sad, and fitted to awaken sympathy with the discouraged pastor. He says on this subject, 'There are several in my congregation whom I know to be good, sincere, earnest Christians, ever striv-

ing amid much deadness and indifference to follow the Lord fully ; but I fear that the Christianity of the majority is merely nominal and therefore barren. Still we wait on and pray that there may be even in this dark corner a revival of religion such as many corners of the vineyard are now being blessed and refreshed with.'

"On the other hand the Committee have great joy in bringing to the notice of the Synod the fact that the Head of the Church has vouchsafed to some of our congregations, along with those of other denominations in the Eastern part of Nova Scotia, a most abundant outpouring of His Spirit, producing a genuine, wide spread and deeply reaching revival of religion, the fruits already reaped from which are exceedingly precious. Accounts of this have been published in the April and May numbers of the RECORD, and to these the Committee respectfully refer for more particular information.

III. ORDINANCES.

"The accounts received are generally encouraging. Pleasing tidings are given of cottage and other prayer meetings and Bible classes.

"On the subject of Baptism the only quotation the Committee feel disposed to make this year is from the brother already quoted from, and is as follows : 'I grieve to find much ignorance and superstition prevailing amongst our people, caused in a great measure, I believe, by contact with Roman Catholics. The prevailing belief is that the sprinkling of water by the minister is absolutely necessary to the salvation of the infant, and so there is an unseemly anxiety even on the part of non-church goers and openly licentious persons to have the rite performed. I would suggest that the ministers of the whole Church take a decided stand in this matter and resolve to baptize none but the children of those who are in full communion, and that baptism be administered in the Church, except when sickness or distance may make it inconvenient.'

" V. RELIGIOUS WORK.

"One return is particularly pleasing. 'Some of the Elders visit the sick. All teach in the Sabbath School with the exception of the two oldest. Every one does some special work, such as acting as session Clerk, Treasurer for one or more Congregational, Presbytery or Synodical schemes ; most assist in the prayer and Sabbath School meetings, and considering they have their business and families to attend to, they do a fair share of Church work. A considerable proportion of the congregation realize that they are individually members of the body of Christ, bound to serve the living God. Some visit and read and pray with the sick, help the poor, collect for the schemes of the Congregation and the Church, preach in different Sabbath Schools, visit the hospital, poor house and prison, deny themselves that they may give for Christ ; but a still larger number do little or nothing, at least compared with their time, opportunities and means. Some of the people give up to and beyond their ability.' Others do not give for the Lord's cause and the poor anything like even a tenth.'

" VI. HINDRANCES.

"With regard to trashy and corrupt literature the Committee commend the following to the Church : 'It must be sought by an earnest attempt to provide a substitute in the shape of wholesome reading. The Religious Book and Tract Society should be encouraged.

"Among special sins are mentioned worldliness, frivolity, intemperance, disobedience to parents, and slander, connected with the gossip at the tea table, and caused by Christians being unable or unwilling to converse on religious subjects when they meet ; and many other sins that are grievous in the Lord's sight, but which do not cause His servants that sorrow of heart that they would if there were more insight and more love to souls.

"One part of the Committee's duty was to send deputations to such Congregations as desired them. One member of Committee has visited several congregations and his labours were so blessed as to indicate that much good may be expected to be accomplished by this method.

"From the inadequacy of the returns, together with the illness of the Convener, the Committee refrain from extending their report, only expressing the hope that if, in the wisdom of the Synod, the Committee be reappointed, ministers will be enjoined to return answers to the queries sent by the Committee, so that a really full and complete report may be prepared and presented.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"THOS. DUNCAN, Convener."

Anent which it was moved by the Rev. D. Macrae, seconded by Rev. J. M. Sutherland, that the Synod receive the Report, thank the Committee for their diligence, re-appoint the same with instructions to confer with any similar Committee authorized to take charge of this scheme by the other negotiating Churches, and act as suggestions resulting from such conference may dictate.

Synodical Schemes.

Resolved, that the days for making the collections for the Synod's Church Schemes be the same as last year, (subject to any change that may be made by the United Church) viz.:

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

In re Moffat.

Whereas the Presbytery of P. E. I. has requested the advice of this Court with reference to a painful circumstance connected with the Rev. Mr. Moffat, late missionary at St. Peter's Road. After due consideration it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that the Presbytery be enjoined to summon the Rev. Mr. Moffat to appear before them to answer the charges against him; and he failing to do so, to proceed against him in terms of the Church's procedure in such cases; further, that the Presbytery is enjoined at once to notify the Secretary of the Temporalities Board of the Church of Scotland in Canada, of the facts of this case lest Mr. Moffat should unwarrantably become a recipient of the benefits of that Fund.

In re Dissenting Brethren.

After hearing the Report on arrangements, &c., the Synod received a document from Messrs. Herdman, McColl and McMillan, setting forth that they decline, for reasons assigned, to enter into the Union at present, whereupon the court resolved itself into a conference for the purpose of a free and friendly interchange of sentiment. After a frank avowal of views, the hope was expressed on the part of all that the separation will only be temporary, and that there will be no suspension of brotherly intercourse between the members of the Court, but rather that in all respects such intercourse shall be maintained on a footing of the utmost harmony, and that at no remote date the Head of the Church will not only cause all present obstacles to join, to disappear, but also permit them to be one in name as they are now one in heart. Meanwhile to the utmost extent to which these beloved brethren may choose to act as members of our Courts, they with all who may abide by their decision, are hereby most cordially welcomed to do so.

The Court having at this stage brought before its notice the fact that the Clerk of Synod was one of the brethren who, meanwhile are unable to enter into the United Church, unanimously *Resolved*, nevertheless, to request their brother to continue in the discharge of the duties of the Clerkship, without committing himself to any of the steps about to be taken; which the Clerk consented to do.

The Rev. James Murray at the call of the Moderator engaged in prayer with special reference to the matter just disposed of.

Hearing accounts of the Revival at Pictou from the Rev. Mr. Herdman, the Synod desires to join in giving God thanks for the visitation of His grace, and pray that He may continue to refresh and bless that and other portions of the field with an abundant blessing.

REPORT AND MINUTE ON CONSUMMATION OF UNION.

The following Report and Minute of the joint Committee on the arrangements for the consummation of Union were read and submitted :

"In terms of the resolution arrived at by the Synod on the 22nd day of October 1874, the stipulated necessary legislation having been obtained, the Joint Committee recommended that, as soon as the several courts shall have completed their separate business, immediate steps be taken to consummate the Union, and that the following order be observed in doing so:—

"1. That the several courts assembled in their ordinary places of meeting at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, the 15th inst., and having concluded all preliminary business, adopt the following minute:

"The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, having, after taking the necessary constitutional means for ascertaining the mind of the Church on the subject, resolved to unite with the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, on the ground of the articles of union agreed upon by the Supreme Courts of the negotiating Churches; and having, by the help of God, completed all preliminary arrangements,—Does now, whilst recounting with fervent gratitude all the goodness and mercy vouchsafed to this Church in the past—humbly trusting that the Divine sanction will be given to the solemn and important step about to be taken—and earnestly praying that the Holy Spirit in all His quickening and sanctifying influences may descend largely on the United Church—RESOLVE, and hereby does record its resolution, to repair forthwith as a constituted Synod, to the VICTORIA HALL, the appointed place of meeting, for the purpose of consummating the Union with the aforesaid Churches, and of forming one General Assembly, to be designated and known as The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada,—and does at the same time declare that the United Church shall be considered identical with the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and shall possess the same authority, rights, privileges, and benefits to which this Church is now entitled.—And further, with the view of ratifying the act of Union, the Synod does empower its Moderator to sign in its name the Preamble and Basis of Union, and also the Resolutions adopted in connection therewith.'

"The same minute mentioned is being adopted by the four Courts.

"2. That they then proceed as constituted Courts to the Victoria Hall, between Drummond and Stanley Streets, taking their seats therein not later than 11 o'clock, on the same day.

"3. That the four Moderators jointly preside, each taking some part in the opening exercises on the occasion.

"4. That the Clerks of the several Courts call their respective rolls.

"5. That the oldest of the Clerks in point of ordination read the Preamble and Basis of Union, with the accompanying Resolution.

"6. That each of the four Moderators sign the engrossed copy of the Preamble, and in the order in which the Churches they severally represent are mentioned in the same, accompanying his signature with this declaration,—

"In the name and by the appointment of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, I affix my signature to the above articles and resolutions now read.'

"7. That the oldest in respect of ordination of the four Moderators then declare the Union consummated in these terms:

"The Moderators (mentioning the four Churches in the order in which the Moderators have signed) having signed the terms of Union in name of their respective Churches, I declare that these Churches are now united and do form one Church, to be designated and known as the Presbyterian Church in Canada.'

"8. That he then proceed to constitute the United Assembly.

"9. That the 133rd Psalm be sung.

"10. That the rolls of the four Courts then first united be called by their respective Clerks in an order different from that which has been previously observed in other parts of the opening exercises as forming the roll of the new General Assembly.

"11. That the Assembly then proceed to elect a Moderator.

"12. That the next business be the election of Clerks.

"13. That, after the appointment of a Committee on business for next day, the first diet be closed, and the Assembly adjourn to meet for devotional exercises in St. Paul's Church, at 4 p. m. on the same day.

"14. That the Assembly accept the hospitality proffered by members and adherents of the Church in Montreal, and attend a social entertainment in the evening, in Victoria Hall."

