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Nothing contributes more obviously to healthy action in the body ecclesiastic, than the free circulation, to the utmost extremities, of accurate and well selected intelligence, on all matters of general interest.—The procedure of our Courts, and especially our Supreme Court, affecting, as it does of necessity, the entire operations of the Church cannot be too vigilantly inspected by our people; and when proper means have been employed to secure a faithful report, its early and wide spread publication will be hailed with delight, by multitudes who would otherwise view with comparative indifference the general business of the Church. It is not to be expected however, that the Register can admit into its very limited columns, a full account, or even an extended summary of the deliberations of the Body, of which, by the recent decision of Synod, has been established the representative.

Under the impression that intelligence to be useful as well as interesting, must be sensibly provided, it appears necessary that the monthly number immediately succeeding the meeting of Synod should contain a digest of all the leading points which came under consideration, and the manner of their disposal. This has accordingly been prepared and will be found under the head of the Home Department.

By the last British Steamer to Halifax, a large packet was received from Anceitum, containing Missionary news of a very gratifying nature, under date December 25th 1852. Upwards of three months have elapsed since the Board had any direct or official communication from the Mission family. In the sentiment expressed by Mr Geddie, few if any of our readers will hesitate to concur, that the time to favor Anceitum, even the time which the Lord had set, would now seem to have come.

The confirmatory testimony of the Samoan Mission is exceedingly gratifying, and will be read with much interest, because it is the freely proffered testimony of those who are most intimately acquainted with all the peculiarities of missionary labor in the South Seas.

Mrs Geddie's letter, though private, will be welcome to the christian public, inasmuch as it affords a pleasing view of the domestic life of the mission family, and presents the animating prospect of their speedy enjoyment of those earthly delights, of which missionaries are for the most part entirely destitute. The prominent point of interest however, lies in the evidence which is thus furnished, that the finer feelings of our nature, which are necessary to constitute civilized domestic habits, are now clustering around Anceitum as an adopted Home.—

The happy blending moreover of household duties with missionary labor, which we are thus enabled to witness, while eliciting the universal opinion, that Mr Geddie has been remarkably blessed with "a help meet for him," will also produce the conviction that it is of great consequence that all who follow him should possess a similar source of solace and support.

A journal of Mr Geddie's missionary tour in the *John Williams* during the months of May, June, and July 1852, has been received and will be inserted in future numbers. Its length will prohibit its insertion in *one* number, and the crowded state of our

columns will be considered a sufficient reason for its non-appearance this month.

The first of a series of letters to Church members, originally published in the *U. P. Magazine*, appeared in the *Miscellaneous Department* of last month. They will be continued in this and successive numbers. The Editor of that periodical observes that they are the production of one who has won for himself a title to speak to Church members, on the subject on which he addresses them, having well exemplified in his own case, the christian devotedness he inculcates. He occupies a place in one of the most arduous and dangerous fields of the Foreign Mission.

## Foreign Missions.

### LETTER FROM MR GEDDIE.

*Anciteum, Dec. 25, 1852.*

DEAR BRETHREN,

The *John Williams* has given us a call on her way to Sydney, and I send these lines by her. I forwarded packages of letters to you, in the months of July and September, which I hope you will receive in safety. Along with this I send the journal of my voyage in the *John Williams*, in May and June last.

You are no doubt aware, by this time, that your infant Mission has passed through trials which none foresaw or could anticipate, but God has preserved his own cause, and we may well erect our 'Ebenezer' and say, 'hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'

I have already informed you of the arrival and settlement of the Rev. John Inglis, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. This excellent and devoted brother is comfortably situated on the north side of the island, and he and his worthy wife labor with great diligence in the cause of Christ. I feel myself singularly privileged in having such associates in the missionary work.

The time to favor *Anciteum* appears to be come at last. God has in a remarkable manner blessed the means of grace, especially during the last six months. The great body of the people, including all the principal chiefs of the

island, have given up heathenism and eagerly seek for religious instruction. We are doing what we can with the means at our disposal to spread the truth. And Oh! how delightful to behold, after years of struggle, christianity arising in all its beautiful symmetry over the ruins of heathenism. Only one district of any importance, *Annanunse*, is still shut against the gospel, but we hope ere long to attempt an entrance there.

You are aware that a native church was first instituted in May last. Thirteen persons were then baptized, and partook of the Lord's Supper. A few weeks ago, eleven more were admitted to sealing ordinances, so that our little church now numbers twenty four members. A church in the midst of these islands, where the natives are so awfully degraded, and where the people have been hitherto regarded as the most hopeless of savages, is a spectacle for angels. But the grace of God is equal to the degradation and pollution of these islanders, and nothing can bid defiance to its transforming efficacy.

At each of the principal stations from 200 to 300 natives attend religious service on the Lord's day, and the earnestness with which they listen to the truth is very encouraging. About 120 scholars attend the day school at the station which I occupy, and nearly as many attend the school under the superintendent

ance of Mr Inglis. The desire to learn manifested by the natives, is all that we could expect. We have also several schools at out-stations, taught by natives of this island, and had we a large body of Teachers, we could find employment for them all.

We have almost completed a large church. It will accommodate 500 persons. The building of it occupied four months. I commenced the house with many fears that the natives would become faint hearted in the work, but they worked with much spirit to the end. It is a wattled and plastered building, and looks very well.

At the opening of our church, the building was crowded to excess, and many could not gain admittance. I took advantage of the occasion to invite the chiefs and leading men from all parts of the island to come together as followers of the same Lord, and I am glad to say the invitation was responded to beyond my expectation. Many met on the occasion, who last met on the battle field. All former animosities were cast into oblivion, and peace now reigns on the island. The whole occasion was one of great interest, and good I think has been the result. My esteemed brother Mr Inglis, was with me at the time.

I have lately commenced a new house. It is a stone building, and will, I hope, continue the property of the Mission for generations. I have purchased the stone from the Sandal wood establishment, at this place, for the sum of £5, and I have given an order for this sum on Dr. Ross, to be paid out of the amount placed at his disposal for the contingencies of this Mission. I have also sent to New Zealand for doors, windows, flooring and nails, which articles, all of the plainest kind will cost about £40 sterling.

The *John Williams* has brought my supplies. She called expressly to deliver them, on her way from Samoa to Sydney. Their arrival has been a very providential relief, for we had been reduced to great straits.

I have just received a letter from the Secretary of the Samoan Mission. I would not feel at liberty to enclose it to you in ordinary circumstances, but perhaps in the present state of the mission it would be improper to retain it.

I Remain, Dear Brethren,

JOHN GEDDIE.

Upolu, Dec. 10, 1853.

The Rev. J. Geddie,

My Dear Brother

I have just been reminded that I have not forwarded to you a minute, passed by this mission at our last general meeting, when I was Secretary pro tem. It was the following:

“That the Secretary write to the Rev. John Geddie, assuring him of our sympathy with him in his arduous labors and numerous trials, and also in his joy in having received an assurance of the great Master’s approval of his services in conferring on him the honor of forming the first Christian Church on the New Hebrides.”

Were I to add any remarks of my own to the above, I should only in substance repeat the few remarks I have already made in my private letter. I may only remark, however, that all the Brethren were greatly rejoiced by the report of our deputation on their return. The Lord has indeed done great things for you whereof we are glad.

Our prayers ascend for you and the work, that by the blessing of the Lord you may be privileged to report continued and increased prosperity, new converts added to the Church, and the believers edified and built up in their most holy faith.

I need not enlarge at the present time, as you will have personal intercourse with the Brethren, Murray of our own group, and Gill from the Harvey Islands.

I remain,

Yours very Truly,

HENRY NISBET.

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LETTER FROM MRS. GEDDIE,

Ancileum, Dec. 25, 1853.

My Dear Sisters,

As we will soon be looking for the *John Williams*, and will not have time after she arrives to write letters, as her visit will be very short, I sit down to write you while I have time.

Since the last time I wrote, we have been all in the enjoyment of good health. The weather is very warm now; we are suffering with heat, while you are shivering with cold. This is the commencement of the rainy season. We have had ten days of very wet weather, but it is now clear and appears a little settled.

Every thing is growing splendidly now. I have been gardening for two or three days. We can have radishes all the year round. Our spring Radishes, Lettuce, cress, &c, have gone to seed, but I have a young crop coming on. We have squashes and pumpkins ripe; melons and cucumbers are coming on. We hope to have a variety of fruit trees, such as oranges, lemons, citrons, peaches, mulberries and custard apples. The citrons are fruiting this year; the peaches also will have a few. The mulberry grows quite a large tree. It is both pretty and useful. The fruit is about the size of a field strawberry. When ripe it looks very like a bramble, and is quite sweet. When not quite ripe it makes very nice tarts; it bears fruit the greater part of the year and is very easily cultivated; it grows quickly from the slip and bears fruit soon after it takes root. I have garden strawberries also. I think they will do well with a little care. We shall be able to get all kinds of seed and fruit trees from New Zealand. The Cape gooseberry will also do well here. I have some already bearing fruit. It is a low spreading shrub, the fruit is enclosed in a kind of bag and resembles our yellow smooth gooseberry and makes an excellent preserve. But do not suppose I spend all my time in the garden, it is only when I have leisure and wish a little recreation that I thus employ myself.

We are kept very busy with schools, &c. We all go to school in the morning, baby and all. We meet in our new church, the women occupy one end and the men the other. I have the females divided into classes, and my boarding school girls, who are now quite capable, teach them. Lucy, too, has her class of little girls. I superintend, and assist Lucy with her class. Elizabeth and John W. sit on a mat and amuse themselves. After the lessons are over, a small bell is rung, when every book is shut; the Rarotongan teacher then asks questions from the catechism and all answer together. When the lessons are over we leave the school and return home and have worship and breakfast. By the time breakfast is over, school is out and I am ready to attend the women who write.

If there isn't the John Williams, and she will be in, in the morning! We had no expectation of seeing her for two or

three weeks. I must write nearly all night; it is too calm for her to come in to night, but she will be in early in the morning, I must go on with my Ancestral news.

Our new church was opened on the ——— Mr and Mrs Inglis were with us on the occasion and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was dispensed. We had eleven new members, another one of my boarding school girls joined; four of them are now church members.

There was a great gathering of people from different parts of the island, at the opening of the church. Persons met there as friends, who had never before met but as deadly enemies on the field of battle. A great change has indeed taken place among this people. The natives were very much struck themselves at the meeting, with the change that had taken place; and several remarked to me that nothing but the power of God could have caused it. Our church is a pretty large building, it will hold 500 people. The people are delighted with it, they say they are surprised that they have been able to make so great a house. It stands in a very pretty situation, and looks very well, especially from the harbor. Our place looks quite like a little village. We have the best situation in the harbor.

The natives are all in a state of excitement, and they will not sleep to night; they are always so delighted to see the John Williams.

The John Williams sails again this day, so I must conclude in haste. Our dear friends, Mr and Mrs Murray are here, also a missionary and his wife from Rarotonga. Good bye, as I must finish a letter to dear Charlotte.

Your affectionate Sister,

CHARLOTTE.

Our Readers will learn from the report of Synod news, what is the nature of the application referred to last month, in the notice of meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions. Mr Gordon is a native of Cascumpeque, has studied for some years past both at the West River Seminary, and the Free Church Academy, and has labored with much acceptance for some time past as city missionary in Halifax, and is likely to prove, at the close of his theological course at our Institution, an able as well as faithful and zealous missionary in the foreign field.

## Home Department.

### MEETING OF SYNOD.

The recent meeting of the Supreme Court of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, was one of peculiar interest, both with regard to the large number of members present, and the great amount of business transacted. On Tuesday evening 28th June, the usual preliminaries were gone through—the retiring Moderator's sermon,—the constitution of the Court by prayer and the solemn invocation of the alone King and Head of the Church,—the formation of the roll of membership, and the appointment of the usual committees for the performance of routine business. Rev. Robert Sedgewick preached a most appropriate and impressive sermon, 1st Sam. vii 12. *Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.*

### INDUCTIONS AND ORDINATIONS.

The Pby. of Pictou reported that since last meeting of Synod, they had inducted the Rev. Robert Blackwood, to the charge of New Annan congregation, and Rev. James Byers to the charge of Tatamagouche. Pby. of Truro reported, that they had ordained the Rev. Alexr. Wylie, to the charge of Lower Londonderry. The names of these brethren were thereupon added to the Synod roll.

Pby. of P. E. I. reported that they had dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John Sinclair and the congregation of Cascumpeque, and his name was accordingly removed from the roll of Synod.

### LICENSURES.

Halifax Pby. reported that they had licenced Mr George Clarke; Truro Pby. Mr James Thompson; and P. E. I. Pby Messrs. Henry Crawford and John McLeod.

### CHOICE OF MODERATOR.

Rev. Messrs. Trotter and Byers were severally proposed as Moderator for the ensuing year,—Mr Trotter having respectfully, but firmly declined, on the ground of infirm health, Mr Byers was unanimously chosen and took the chair accordingly.

### DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

At Wednesday morning sederunt, af-

ter opening by the Moderator, Messrs Blackwood and Wylie conducted devotional exercises, agreeably to previous appointment.

### ECCLESIASTICAL STATUS OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SEMINARY.

When the Reports of Phys. were called for, on the remit of the last meeting of Synod anent the Professors in the Theological Seminary holding seats in Church Courts, it was found that three Phys. reported in favor of admitting the Principal of the Seminary, being an ordained minister, to a seat in Pby. and Synod; (no report was forwarded from P. E. I. Pby.) It was ultimately agreed to affirm the decision of those Phys. as the decision of Synod. The Moderator intimated accordingly to Professor Ross, who took his seat, after a few observations expressive of his concurrence in the decision.

### MEMORIAL OF REV. HUGH ROSS.

A memorial from Rev. Hugh Ross was read, expressing his deep and unfeigned regret at having separated himself, by his own act, from the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and his ardent desire for re-admission. It was after mature deliberation resolved, in consideration of the oral and written statements of Mr Ross, who was heard at full length in support of his memorial, that should the memorialist present to any Pby. a satisfactory certificate of ministerial character from the Free Church, with which he has been latterly connected, said Pby. shall be authorized to receive him into full standing as an ordained minister of the Prebyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

### CORRESPONDENCE WITH EVANGELICAL CHURCHES.

The Report of the Committee of correspondence was read by Rev. George Patterson. It appeared, that while communications had been sent to France, Jamaica and Canada, no reply has been received, except from the United Presbyterian Synod of Canada. The Synod were evidently much gratified both with the substance and spirit of the fraternal epistle, and instructed their Committee in reply to express the high degree of satisfaction with which they

have heard the affectionate letter of brethren in Canada, their joy in the progress and enlargement of their sister Church, and their earnest desire for the continuance and increase of their spiritual prosperity. The letter was accompanied with a number of printed documents full of statistical and other information in connection with the Canadian Church. Committee reappointed.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENCE OF SEMINARY.

Rev. James Watson, Secretary of the Board, read the annual report. From this, it would seem that the Seminary has been during the past year in a highly prosperous condition. The Board were re-appointed with special instructions on such points as they had submitted for the consideration of Synod. A vote was passed, appropriating £100 for apparatus to supply a more extensive course of experimental lectures in Natural Philosophy.

With regard to the proper source of support for the Professor of Theology, it was agreed that the Synod fund is to be accounted the primary source, and that all ministers be enjoined to intimate an annual collection in support of this fund in their respective congregations, but should any deficiency arise, the Board of Superintendence were directed to draw from other funds, at their disposal.

#### EVENING LECTURE.

The Lecturer for this year, was the Rev. George Patterson, and his subject, "Modern forms of Heresy." This very interesting and important subject was treated at large, and in a very lucid and interesting manner. The point was well stated and sustained, that not only is *truth one*, but that error so far from being infinite, is substantially the same in every age, assuming its *Protean forms* to suit the tone and temper of the country and age in which it appears. It was evident, however, that the lecturer found his theme quite too extensive for the limits of a Synod lecture.

#### SECOND PROFESSOR.

The Report of the Board of Superintendence having called special attention to the propriety of appointing a Second Professor for the Seminary, a lengthened and lively discussion ensued. Two propositions were finally submitted for

the adoption of Synod: one, as an interim arrangement, authorizing the Board to secure the services of a teacher to relieve the Principal, of the more elementary part of his labours; another, that the Synod proceed immediately to the election of a second professor. The latter was preferred by a considerable majority. A notice of motion for reconsideration was made, but not sustained by after procedure. On the contrary, at a future sederunt the Synod proceeded to consider the most eligible method of selecting a suitable candidate for the office. It was proposed on the one hand that for the purpose a large committee be formed, consisting of the Board of Superintendence and as many members of Synod as the Court might see meet to appoint, and that this committee be clothed with Synodical powers to make the appointment in sufficient time for the first session of the seminary. On the other hand it was contended that such an appointment should only be made at a full meeting of Synod, or at least should be literally as well as formally a Synodical appointment. It was at last generally agreed that a "*pro re nata*" meeting of Synod be held at Truro on third Tuesday of January next, and that the Board in the mean time use all diligence to advertize for candidates, and ascertain their eligibility for the professorship.

#### DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Rev. Mr. McCulloch, Secretary, read the report of the Domestic Missions. The statements contained in it were highly interesting, particularly those which had a reference to statistics. The work done, the number of days missionaries were employed, and especially the number of stations visited, all prove that this scheme of the church is successful and in active operation. Among the details that fell under the special notice of the Synod, one topic which excited considerable interest was the authority which the Board had to aid or withhold aid from weak self-sustaining congregations. The Board argued that they have in every case acted upon their instructions, while others argued that their instructions were so indefinite, and gave such power to the Board as might prove injurious to the interests of the church. The instructions were reviewed, and so explained and defined as to meet the approbation of Synod. The Board were re-appointed, with the excep-

tion of Mr. Watson, who resigned, and with the addition of Mr. Wylie and the presbytery elder of his congregation.

#### FOREIGN MISSION.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. James Bayne, Secretary of the Board. The report for the year contains a great number of new and important facts, and an able view of the past history and progress of the missions. Some important questions were raised respecting the Missionary Register. Some maintained that it was the property of the Synod, and that the Synod had a complete control over it; others that it was under the control of the Board, and belonged to them. It was decided to belong to the Synod. A question was also raised as to the power the Editor had of introducing his own sentiments, and how far the Register could be made the vehicle of Synodical business as well as missionary intelligence. The decision of the Synod on these two points we could not well determine; but we are inclined to think, if we understand them aright, that they will be found sufficiently stringent both for the Editor and his contributors. It was stated in the report of the Board that Mr George N. Gordon, city missionary, Halifax, had offered his services as an assistant to Mr. Geddie. The Board had entertained this application favorably, but found that as Mr. Gordon had not gone through a complete curriculum of Theological study, it was their imperative duty to instruct him to continue his efforts to obtain the necessary qualifications for licensure and ordination. To this injunction Mr. Gordon cordially consented. The Synod approved of the steps which the Board had taken, and recommended Mr. Gordon to be received as a missionary student at their Institution. Board re-appointed with the addition of Mr. Watson, and the report to was ordered to be published.

#### SITE OF SEMINARY.

The committee appointed to enquire and report as to the most eligible site for the seminary, stated that they had attended to the important duty assigned to them, that different localities had been considered, and their relative merits carefully weighed—Halifax, Truro, West River, Pictou Town, and New Glasgow. The committee were not prepared to recommend any one of these places as an immediate site; but if the Synod were disposed at present to decide, the committee by a majority

recommended New Glasgow. Committee reappointed for another year.

#### MISSIONARY MEETING.

Thursday evening was appropriated to the annual public missionary meeting. James Carmichael, Esq., agreeably to the request of Synod acted as chairman. The two reports, Home and Foreign, were read by the Secretaries. Rev. John Campbell addressed the meeting, strongly advocating the policy of dividing and subdividing the large and unwieldy congregations which abound in our church, and thus multiplying ministerial labor. Rev. James Byers spoke impressively and happily on the trials of the missionary life, and the Rev. John Cameron on the various schemes under the supervision of the Seminary's Domestic Mission Board, such as the training up of young men for the ministry, sending out probationers and ministers into destitute localities, and supplementing weak congregations. One point of special interest in this excellent address deserves serious consideration from all our congregations, and that is the propriety of allowing their ministers to devote several Sabbaths during the year to missionary labor, and at the same time to meet his expenses incurred in the service. Self-denial of this sort would largely assist minister and people, and serve very materially to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our church. We could not but feel the keen weapon with which the "close fistness" of many within the pale of the church, was depicted; when the plea of inability was met with the startling statement, that in nearly every one of our congregations there is more spent for rum and tobacco than is given to all the benevolent schemes of the church. We doubt not many of the audience felt the wound painfully at the moment of its infliction, who would afterwards acknowledge it to be salutary. From remarks afterwards made in the Synod, there is an evident determination to adopt measures to render the annual missionary meeting more interesting, and there is good ground to anticipate these will be realized.

#### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN HYMN BOOK.

On motion of Rev. Thomas Trotter to appoint a committee to examine and report upon the United Presbyterian Hymn Book with a view to its ultimate adoption by the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, a very lengthened and interesting discussion arose. Unhappily this very import-

ant topic had been deferred to the second week of Synod when many, both of the clerical and lay members had returned to their respective dwellings. All the speakers in support of the motion distinctly disowned any wish to precipitate the introduction of this collection of sacred songs into our congregations. All that was sought for, was, that christian liberty be given to such as were prepared to adopt it, to do so. An amendment to the effect that the present psalmody of the church was sufficient, was after proposal withdrawn, and by a majority of votes it was resolved to give no deliverance at present. It should be observed that the discussion of the subject did not turn upon the merits of the book in question; the greater number of those who opposed or hesitated to permit its introduction confessed that they either had not seen, or had very superficially examined it. The main hindrance was found to be the dread of innovation which is so powerfully felt and manifested in Presbyterian communities. This spirit is to be revered as conservative of the best interests of the church, and of human society at large. The capricious humours of an hour or a day are thus kept back from the hallowed precincts of that religion which is of hoar antiquity.

#### COLPORTAGE.

Rev. J. Baxter read the report of the committee appointed last year by Synod with a view to the introduction of the religious publications of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Board, into the Province of Nova Scotia and Prince Edwards Island. We regret that we cannot recall the various items of this very gratifying report. Perhaps it may be forwarded to the Editor and thus find its way to the churches. An abstract of the number of books sold, and other details, should at least be published. The Committee was re-appointed with former powers. At the same time very general expression was given to the amount of obligation under which our church had been laid by the Philadelphia Board of Publication, and the propriety of rendering this act of generosity on their part as inexpensive as possible.

#### EDUCATIONAL BOARD'S REPORT.

This report was read by the Rev. James Bayne, Secretary to that Board. The funds were found to be in a very flourishing state, and will be found in detail in the accounts printed for this year. Several vacancies had occurred by resignation and

death. These were filled up by the appointment of Messrs J. D. McDonald, Picou; James W. Carmichael, N. Glasgow; and Anthony Smith, Esq. West River.

#### NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

On motion of Mr. Baxter that an annual narrative of the state of religion in the church should be prepared, it was agreed that such a narrative be prepared, and Mr Baxter was appointed to do so.

#### CONCLUSION.

After receiving the reports of statistical and financial committees and Presbytery minutes, the Synod concluded its session by appointing its next ordinary meeting to be held in Picou, fourth Tuesday of June 1854. The usual valedictory services were then performed.

The following Address lately was presented to the Rev. David Roy, by a deputation from his Congregation, on the eve of his departure for Scotland, where he has gone to spend a few months among his friends.

#### TO THE REV. DAVID ROY.

*Rev. & Dear Sir.*—As you contemplate a visit to your native land, we, the members of your congregation, cannot permit you to depart without giving expression to our feelings.

The separation between a beloved pastor and his flock (though of temporary duration), is to us an event of no ordinary interest, and one in which feelings of a pleasurable and painful emotion are commingled: pleasurable, that your character and ministrations have deserved every token of our respect and esteem; painful, that we are called to bid even a temporary adieu to one whose object, through good report, and evil report, has ever been the glory of God and the edification of His Church.

The great Head of the Church was pleased to constitute you the successor, in this congregation, of that great and good man, the Rev. Dr. McGregor, the devoted and able pioneer of religious ordinances in this County. To occupy such a position, was in itself a matter of much honor and interest, and that you have well sustained that position, the results of your earnest and impressive ministry, bear ample evidence.

For the lengthened period of nearly twenty-three years, Rev. & Dear Sir, you have been called upon to discharge the arduous duties of the holy ministry in

this congregation. How many immortal souls have been converted to God, by the instrumentality of your ministrations, we dare not presume to determine. We dare however to hope, that they are many. Their names are enrolled in the Lamb's Book of Life, and as precious jewels Christ will exhibit them on that day when the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll. To the private and public duties of your office, your attention and energies have been untiringly devoted. The spiritual well being of your congregation has ever been with you an object of much prayerful interest. Purity of principle has been largely identified with your character, and your own exemplary conduct has ever contributed to render your ministrations highly acceptable. And while the spirit of benevolence has been fanned in your own bosom, your hand has ever been foremost in acts of charity to relieve the poor and oppressed of whatever creed or clime.

In one word, Rev. & Dear Sir, permit us to assure you that you live in the hearts and affections of your people, whose moral and religious interests have ever been matter of your unceasing solicitation. And as you are now about to leave us to visit the land of your birth and the scenes of childhood, may he who gathers the wind in his fists and measures the waters in the hollow of his hand, watch over you and protect you. May your meeting with long separated friends be to you a source of much pleasure; and may our Heavenly Father restore you to your attached flock, and long spare you to preside over them in the Lord.

To this Mr Roy gave the following reply.

*Very dear Brethren,*—I thank you very sincerely, for your affectionate address, and for all the kindness which I have received from you, on every occasion throughout the whole period of my ministry.

To be the successor of that eminent man, the late Dr. McGregor, whose apostolic labors are so extensively known, and appreciated in the churches, constitutes a position, which involves in it nearly an equal quantum of honor, and responsibility.

My continuance in that position for more than 22 years, should be regarded by us as an evident token of the divine approbation, and a powerful inducement to increased confidence, energy, and zeal, in promoting the cause of our great Lord and Master.

Beloved Brethren, I long after you all, in the bowels of Jesus Christ. To be instrumental in the salvation of the souls which are committed to my care, is the great object, at which I aspire, and if my humble ministrations, have been in any measure successful, in the production of such beneficent results, let us rejoice and be glad, but give unto God himself, the undivided glory.

The flattering estimate which you have formed of my character, and ministrations, should be considered, as the breathings of your generous friendship, rather than as the measure of my claims on public approbation.

Dear Brethren, it has long been with me an object of desire, to visit the land of my nativity, and most especially, the few of my near relatives resident in that land, who have not been gathered to the congregation of the dead. With your unanimous and cordial concurrence, that wish is now about being realized: and may the great Rector of the universe, show us how benignant he is on sea as well as on land and render our temporary separation productive of much mutual felicity.

My anxiety, in leaving you for a few months, is greatly relieved by the kindness of my Brethren in the Presbytery, who have generously proffered their ministrations in my absence. Thus it is a very gratifying consideration for me to know, that while I live in your affections, I live in theirs also.

I commend you, Dear Brethren, and your families to the guardianship of Jehovah. May he watch over you and them, with all the solicitude of the most intimate friendship! Finally Brethren farewell. Live in peace, and the God of love and of peace be with you.

The members of his Bible Class also presented him the following Address, accompanied with a gold pencil and a purse.

*To the Reverend David Roy,*

*Rev. & Dear Sir,*—Knowing that you intend to leave the scene of your lengthened labors, for a short time, to visit our common fatherland, and the home of your birth, we the members of your "Senior Bible Class," consider it our duty, to make some manifestation of our affectionate regard, for him, who has done so much to advance our biblical knowledge, and spiritual improvement.

The class was formed by you a good many years ago, and at a time when such

things were new, and when much difficulty might have been anticipated; doubts and fears, however, were soon removed by your faithful, and wise superintendence, and the blessings of an overruling Providence.

The good results, in so far as Bible knowledge is concerned, are very apparent; the inward effects are beyond the reach of human penetration, except in as far as they are exhibited in the life.

And now, Reverend Sir, be pleased to accept this very trifling gift, as a token of our gratitude, respect, and esteem: and that your tongue, henceforth, as in times past, may be like the pen of a ready writer, and that your words may be engraven on our hearts, by the hand of the Holy Spirit, "as with an iron pen, and lead in the rock for ever," is the earnest wish of your

BIBLE CLASS,

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE SYNOD OF 1853, ON STATISTICAL RETURNS\*

In submitting their Report on Statistical Returns, the Committee regret their inability to submit a complete table, on account of the want of returns from eight congregations, besides mission stations.—Of the eight congregations, five are destitute of a pastor. From the Pastor of the congregation of Cove Head, sufficient reasons have been received. In no previous year have the returns been so numerous.

In many respects, however, those furnished are defective, and the Committee complain

1st, That of the Returns which have come in, many have been so late in being forwarded, that time has not been afforded for comparing them with former years, and for submitting such suggestions to Synod, in connection with them, as the subject requires, in order to make this important business as advantageous as it might easily be made.

2d, They complain that those returns which are ordered to come from Sessions in their official capacity, are in many cases evidently the mere memoranda of ministers; in some cases mere pencilled jottings, and in no less than eight instances, without any signature to afford guarantee of their correctness.

3d, They complain that of the returns which have come in, blanks are in many

instances left, which ought to be and easily might be filled; and that in some cases evasive or indefinite answers are given which might as well be withheld.

4th, They complain that parties making returns do not seem to have a uniform understanding of the questions, and some answer one way and some another, so that in some columns no very definite conclusions can be drawn from them as a whole. In the miscellaneous for example, some include church building and repairs, but some do not; and in the attendance at Public Worship, some report daily attendance, and the number attending on different days at different stations; and in the estimate of adherents, some appear to include only the families under their charge and some extend it to others beyond these families.

5th, From returns which have come, the Committee are enabled to state that the number of communicants in the twenty-six reported congregations is 5604, the number of adherents in 24 of these (two having given no answer) 20,586; the amount paid (if the sums paid express the actual receipts during the year as is intended) of Stipends £3076 0 4, an average of 12s 3½d for each member and of 2s 11½d for each adherent, members included; and of £118 6 2d to each minister. The amount raised for all the schemes of the church £808 12 8½d being an average of 3s 2½d for each member and of nearly 2½d for each adherent, member-included.

6th, The Committee recommend that the Synod adopt measures to have returns from all the congregations, from sessions as such, complete as far as possible, uniform in mode of execution and in time for mature report.

7th, The Committee further recommend that in the Statistical Table, in all time coming, the several stations or sections of congregations be separately reported.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WADDELL,  
Conv. of Com.

The Synod received the Report, approved the diligence of the Committee, ordered the table to be published as usual, and the Report to be published in the Register.

P. G. MCGREGOR,  
Synod Clerk.

\* The Report is slightly altered, owing to the reception of two returns after the first draft was submitted.

*Onslow, 21st July, 1853.*

Please notice in the Register that Mr. Dickey, one of our colporteurs, has entered as pioneer on a new field of labour, in the County of Cumberland and some of the adjoining counties of New Brunswick: also, that his late circuit will be immediately occupied by Messrs. James Millar and John Alexander both of the township of Truro; one of whom will probably extend his circuit this fall to the western counties of Annapolis, Queens and Lunenburg. Halifax and Sydney also will be visited in due time. Let our friends in these localities keep their cash till they get a call from our own colporteurs, when they will have an opportunity of filling up their libraries from a choice selection of substantial religious works.

JOHN I. BAXTER.  
*Agent.*

*Windsor, July 14th, 1853.*

MR. EDITOR,—The last No. of the Missionary Register is now before me. In looking over the accounts for the past year I perceive credit from Windsor and Newport to pay deputation to Yarmouth and Shelburne £4 3s. 10d. This is not correct; the people who contributed this sum knew nothing at the time of the deputation spoken of, but contributed generally to the domestic mission fund. I have in several instances observed inaccuracies in the contributions reported from this congregation, and perhaps would not have taken any notice of this had I not called attention to it when the account was read in Synod, and obtained the assurance that it would be corrected. But let us have matters correctly reported for the future. Along with the amount paid by me to the Treasurer this year, I handed in a written statement of the different sums contributed by the two sections of this congregation, and request you to publish it entire.

JOHN L. MURDOCH.

**CALLS.**—Mr George Clarke has accepted a call from the Congregation of Shelburne, has received ordination exercises from the Hx. Presbytery, and will be ordained shortly.—Mr Henry Crawford has received and accepted a call to St Peters, P. E. Island, and will be ordained soon after the approaching Session of the Hall. Mr John McLeod also has received and accepted a call to Richmond Bay, P. E. Island; his ordination will take

place about the same time as that of Mr Crawford. We cordially congratulate these congregations on their prospects, and ardently hope that their fondest anticipations may be realized.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow on Tuesday, July 26th, when a Petition for a moderation in a call from the congregation of Antigonish was granted, and the Rev. A. P. Miller along with the Rev. Thomas Trotter, appointed to moderate

Rev Hugh Ross was, on petition and the presentation of the necessary certificate from the Free Church Presbytery, received into his former status, as an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

The Presbytery meets at West River on Tuesday, August 30th.

THE SYNOD OF THE P. C. OF N. S.  
in Account with Abram Patterson, Treasurer.

1852	DR	
June 26,—To paid Rev. James Smith, Professor,		£15 0 0
Clerk of Synod, 100s, expense of arbitration to Noel, 29s,		6 9 0
Postage and transmission of minutes		0 9 3
Schedule of Financial questions,		1 0 0
Aug, 21,—Rev J. Keir, £17 2s 2d,		
Oct, 21,—paid do, bal, £12 17 10,		30 0 0
12,—Rev, James Smith,		15 0 0
James Bowes & Son print. per bill,		7 10 0
1853		
Jan, 3—Rev James Bayne, expense to and from P E Island last fall,		1 15 0
June 30—Commission on £127 at 2½ per cent.,		3 3 5
Balance,		46 19 10
		£127 6 7
July 5—To paid Rev, J Keir, D D, £20, do, J Smith, £20,		£40 0 0
Syned Clerk 160s, officer James' Church 20s, statistical quest'ns 20s, 500 forms of admission 10s, proposed questions 12s 6d,		8 2 6
Rev George Patterson's expenses to P E Island, 1851,		1 15 0
7,—Balance,		2 5 10½
1852	CR	£52 3 4½
June 19—By bal. of last year's ac.		£0 11 6
25—From St Mary's 60s, Musquodoboit 40s, Bedeque 28s 6d,		6 8 6
Princetown (48s, Is cur) 40s, Shebenacadie, Gay's River, & Lower Steviacke, 40s,		4 0 0
Newport 34s, Windsor 48s 7d, Upper Londonderry. 33s 6d,		5 16 1
Upper S. E. R. W Branch, 31s, E, Branch 25s, Churchville 23s,		3 19 0
		£20 15 1

Amount brought forward, £20 15 1	Amount brought forward, £418 3 1½
Miramichi 40s; New Glasgow 40s;	Sep. 3—Cascumpec, £9 16s 9d; Lot
Economy 40s, Stew'k 140s, On's w 50s, 15 10 0	16, £5 16s 9d; W. St Peter's,
July 23—Mr Brown Merrigomish,	£4 17s 1d; £20 10s 7d (Is. cur.) 17 2 2
11s 1d; 24—nine mile river, Gore	13—Ladies' Rel. and Ben. Society,
and Kennetcook 100s, 5 11 1	James' Church, E. River, 3 0 0
27—James' Church, E R, 61s 3d;	Evangelical Society 110s; Juvenile
West River congregation, 70s, 6 11 3	Missionary do., 100s. 10 10 0
1853	Oct, 11—To educate native teacher at
March 7—Ladies' Rel. & Ben. Soc.	Sydney, Princetown, F. Society,
Prince St Ch. for Divinity Hall, 10 0 0	(Is. cur.) £4 5s 6d.; P. McGregor
May 31—Collection Prince St. Ch.	Lot 16 10s; A. McGregor 6s 3d;
126s 6d; 28—Mr. R. Smith,	Mary McGregor 6s 3d, (Is. cy.) 4 10 0
Truro, 100s, 11 6 6	19—Roger Hill Ladies' M. B. S.
June 30—River John 30s; Mrs: Isa-	The late Mrs. Samuel James Fulton,
bella Lauder 20s; West River, 100s	Bass River, Lower Londonderry, 0 2 6
Merrigomish, 13s 9d; Upper Lon-	21—Rev. Alex. McKenzie, Killop,
donderry 31s 9d, Stewiacke 140s	Canada West, 2 0 0
Cavendish, 43s 7d (Is. cur.) 37s 4d;	Nov. 9—Students Miss. Soc. 160s; A.
Salem Ch., 60s; St Mary's 60s; 7 17 4	Reid. A.'s son, L. Harbor 6 1½ 6 1½
Onslow, Brookfield and Old Barns,	Dec. 6—Ladies' Miss. Soc., Tatama-
60s; Primitive Ch., N. G. 50s; 5 0 0	gouche. 100s; a friend by Mr.
Economy, 30s; Mirimachi, 20s; nine	Roderick McGregor, 20s, 6 0 0
mile river, 70s; Musquodoboit 60s	Dec. 17—Lots 13 & 14 per Rev. Dr.
9 0 0	Keir, 142s 7d, (Is. cy.) 5 18 10
Tatamagouche, Rev J. Byers, 51s 3d;	1853]
Windsor, 32s 6d; Newport, 36s; 5 19 9	Jan. 3—Mrs. Bayne for educating
E Branch, E R, 28s 2d; W Branch,	Miss C. A. G.ddie, 220s; Miss
34s 5d; Churchville, 27s 6d; 4 10 1	Crocket, 5s 1, 11 5 2½
L. Londonderry, 50s; Halifax, 90s, 8 10 0	17—Legacy from the late Eliakim
1853] £127 6 7	Tupper, Stewiacke, 5 0 0
June 30—By balance due, £46 19 10	do. Hugh Dunlap, do. 5 0 0
July 4—Princetown, 52s. 3d., (Is.	A friend at N. G. per Mr. Rod.
cur.) 43s. 3d.; James' Church,	McGregor, 0 10 0
E. E., E. River, 60s, 5 3 6½	20—do. as an expression of gra-
7—By balance at date, £2 5 10½	titude to God for his goodness
	during the past year, 0 5 2½
	28—Mr. & Mrs. R. Gibson, Jogging,
We have examined the annexed account and	7s 6d; Miss Leach, 2s 6d; Miss
find it correct. George Walker, } Auditing	L. Falconer, Economy, 5s, 0 15 0
Roderick McGregor, } Com	Mr. R. Smith, Truro, 13 2 0
Alexander Fraser, }	Feb. 4—Salem Ch., G. H., 11 9 7½
	Tatamagouche Mountain Cong.
THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS in	per Rev. R. Blackwood, 0 12 3
Account with Abram Patterson, Treasurer.	Hugh McDonald, Esq, Antigonish, 1 0 0
1852 Cr.	19—Rev. J. Jennings, Toronto, C. W.
June 19—By bal. of accs. at date, £338 10 4	donation Miss. & Ben. Soc., 200;
25—From St. Mary's, 120s; Upper	Sub. School Miss. box, 23s 9d 11 3 9
Londonderry, 80s, 10 0 0	Mar. 1—G. Forbes, 2s 6d; children of
Bedecue. £11 (Is. cur.) £9 3s 4d;	Sab. School, Brentford, C. W.,
nine mile River, 120s. 15 3 4	per Rev. Mr. Drummond, 20s, 1 2 6
Sabbath School, Princetown, to	April 11—Miss C. H. Roy, 0 1 3
educate Anciteum boys, 11s 9d, 0 9 9	Master J W Roy, first money he
Miramichi, 100s; Stewiacke 246s;	could call his own, 0 0 9
Newport, 74s 11½d; 21 0 11½	Mrs. R McNaughton, Fish Pools, 5s.
Cavendish, 23s 3d; New Glas-	Joseph, Samuel & Isuac her chil-
gow, 31s; New London, 237s 9d	dren, 1s 3d each, 0 8 9
(Is. cur.) £25 2s; 20 18 4	May 13—Col. Prince Street Ch, 13 4 6
R. Geddis Musquodoboit, 2s 6d; D.	Mr. R Smith, Truro, 11 6 10½
Geddis, 1s. 3d; Poplar Grove	7—East St Peters, P. McCallum, 10s;
Ch., for native agent, 30s; 1 13 9	Franklin Sterns, 5s; Mrs Sterns,
Half col. Mis. meeting 40s 3d;	3s 9d; Wm, Sterns, 4s 6d; sun-
Pleasant Hill, Economy, 2s 7d;	dry friends of mis. after Sab.
H. Lectures, Truro, 8s 3d.; 2 11 1	service 30s 10d, (Is. cy.) 5s 1d 2 5 1
July 24—Lower Londonderry, 99s 1d;	May 20—Princetown cong. 500s, do.
a friend to Mis., N. G., 10s., 5 9 1	for printing materials 60s Is, c. 23 6 8
Aug. 25—Evng. Soc., Fish Pools,	Kildare Settlement, Cascumpec,
40s; Mrs. Jackson, Car., 6s 6d, 2 6 6	23s 3d; do. to give Scriptures
Carried over £418 3 1½	to Anciteum, 23s 3d, 1 18 9
	Carried over, £590 3 4

Amount brought forward	£590 3 4
June 17—Mr J. McKay, sen., 5s; Mr R. Smith, Truro, 6s 3d;	
30—R. John con. 39s 6d,	5 5 9
Shubenacadie & Gay's River, Upper Londonderry,	1 0 0
	5 10 0
Upper Stewiacke, 18s 4d; Mrs H. Dunlap 30s; Cavendish 162s 11d, 19	0 3
Now London, 152s 4d (Is. cy.) 126s 11d; James' Ch. 100s; St Mary's 129s.	17 6 11
Mrs. H. Cumming, Widow, Sherbrooke 20s; Musquodoboit 24s 6d	2 4 6
Mirimachi 100s; miss. box children of G. Keir, Esq., 10s; Miss Rainy 4s,	5 14 0
George Johnston 5s; Mrs. J. 5s, Miramichi; Windsor, 209s 1d; Newport 97s 7d;	15 16 8
E. B. E. River, 65s; W. B. 62s 6d, Chureville	6 7 6
	2 2 8½
Nine mile river congregation, Juvenile Miss. Society, Nool,	7 0 0
	1 10 0
James' Ch. Rel. & Ben. Soc. Juvenile missionary do.,	3 0 0
	6 0 0
Bedequ, £12 0s 6d; do. for bell for Aneiteum, 6s 9d, (Is. cur.)	10 6 0½
Lower Londonderry, Halifax,	10 19 2½
	20 0 0
Lot 16, P E Island, £6 6s 3d; Bank interest on £300,	14 5 2-
July 5—Allan Cameron, 5s 2-d; W. 5s 2-d, D McDonald 5s 2-d, Mabou,	0 15 7-
Half col. at miss. meeting,	2 7 3
1853]	746 14 11½
July 6—By balance at date,	£525 13 10½
1852 DR	
June 27—To postages, &c., paid Mr. Bayne, Secretary,	£0 18 9
Dec. 7—Paid to Miss Geddie per Rev. John Geddie, £20 stg. Bill to remit to Mr. Geddie, £123 15s 5d, sterling.	25 0 0
	155 7 11
31—Bal. of Register accs. at date	28 3 1
May 7—Paid Mr. R. Smith, Truro, carriage of cloth from Truro,	0 7 0
June 30—Paid Rev. James Waddell postages,	1 0 3
Commission on £408 4s 7½ at 2½ per cent,	10 4 1
July 6—Balance,	525 13 10½
	£746 14 11½
We have examined the annexed account and find it correct.	
George Walker, Roderick McGregor, Alexander Fraser, } Auditing Cou.	
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY in account with Abram Patterson, Treasurer.	
1852. Dr.	
July 19—To paid stationery postages to Convener 1851—2 per order, 30s.	£1 10 0

Aug. 4—Rev. Jas. Ross per order for half years salary,	87 10 0
1853	£89 0 0
Feb. 4—To paid J. Bowes & Son printing copies of Bye Laws,	1 0 0
March 8—Rev. J. Ross per order for half years salary,	87 10 0
Incidental expenses per order,	9 0 0
J. Bowes & Son printing 580 tickets per order,	1 10 0
Comu. 2- per cent on £74,	1 17 0
	100 17 0
1852 Cr.	
June 25—By received from Sherbrooke & St Mary's 25s; Upper Londonderry 80s, Princeton, 60s (Is. cur.), 50s; nine mile river, 100s,	£5 5 0
	7 10 0
Aug. 4—This sum charged Educational Board at date,	76 5 0
	89 0 0
24—Ladies Prince St. Church	6 12 0
Sep. 11—W. River Young, ladies' Benevolent Society,	2 6 8
Oct. 22—Truro Rel. Ben. Soc.,	19 0 0
Nov. 9—A. Lauder, R. John,	1 0 0
Dec. 13—A member of Prince St. Ch.	0 2 6
1853	
Jan. 17—Mrs. J. McKenzie N. G.	1 10 0
Miss S. Crocket 5s 2½d; a pledge redeemed, 10s; Mrs. Widow Campbell, S. H., 5s 2½d	1 0 5
Mr. John Hughan	0 10 5
E. B. E. River, Ladies' Society	2 0 0
Churchville Ladies' Soc., 20s; Bible & Evin. Soc., E. R., 50s; 3	10 0
A friend in the con. upper settlement, E. River, 100s,	5 0 0
20—From Stewiacke 60s less 25s, expended by Rev. J. Smith for books,	1 15 0
28—Mr. R. Smith, Truro, 80s;	
Feb. 20—David Dickson, Esq, A. Mines, 20s,	5 0 0
4—Salew Ch. con., G. Hill,	7 4 1
25—A member of James' Ch. E. R.	1 0 0
Mar. 8—Mr. Peebles, Quebec, 40s; J. D. McDonald 10s; W. Matheson, Esq, G H., £10,	12 10 0
This sum charged Ed. Board at date,	39 16 3
	£100 17 4
20—From Ladies' penny-a-week Soc., lower end Merrigomish,	2 7 6
Apr. 18—St Mary's con. per Rev. J. Campbell, 80s; May 3—Mr. R. Smith, Truro, 80s,	8 0 0
June 17—Mr. T. Graham, N. G., 100s; J. Carmichael, Esq, £6,	11 0 0
20—Ccl. taken 19th June, in Primitive Ch., N. G.,	21 9 10
Carried to the next page	£148 14 8

Amount brought forward,	£143 14 8
A friend in Mabou, C. B., per Mr. James McKay,	1 0 0
24—col. Prince St Church con.	24 14 10½
28—From Mr R. Smith, Truro.	£6
18s 1d; do. for Theo. Liby.,	8 18 7
80—R. John, 46s 10d; upper part Maitland, 20s,	8 6 10
Shubenacadie & Gay's R. 60s;	
U. Londonderry.	£7 1s 3d, 10 1 3
Stewiacke	7 6 5½
Eastville miss. branch Society educating divinity students,	0 8 2
John Dixon, E. St Peters 5s; bal. of Rev. J. Waddells mis	5 5 6½
Mrs H. Cumming, wid. Sher- brooke, 60s; Sherbrooke, 20 Glenelg, 10s.,	4 10 0
Mirimachi 40s; Windsor £10 9s 1; Newport £4 17s 7d,	17 16 8
Primitive Ch. Ev. Society, Fish Pools, 40s,	2 0 0
Ladies' penny-a-week Soc. W. River, to be expended by Messrs. Ross and Watson	5 0 0
Col. W. R ver, £20 10s; Be- deque. 40s (1 cy.) 33s 4d,	22 3 4
E. Londonderry 80s; Rel. & Ben. Soc., James' Church, East River, 60s;	7 0 0
Prompter on scale of £5; if scale fails, to go to Theo. Library.	5 0 0
Halifax, £30,	30 0 0
	£196 14 0½
July 4—To paid Messrs. Ross & Watson by order of La- dies' Soc., W. R., £5; Com. on £194 at 2½ p. c.	9 18 0
Balance,	£186 16 0½
July 4—By don. from G. W. Grant, student, 40s,	2 0 0
Lower set. M. R. penny-a- week Soc. advanced a stu- dent & returned,	2 3 10
Princetown, P E I, 75s 10d (1 cy.); Primitive Ch., L. Harbor Section, 33s. 7d,	4 16 9
	195 16 8
To paid Conr. of Seminary Board,	0 9 9
Balance due July 7, 1853,	£195 6 11
We have examined the annexed account and find it correct.	
George Walker, } Roderick McGregor, } Auditing Alexander Fraser, } Com.	

### MONIES IN CHARGE OF EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

Fund for endowing Theological Pro- fessorship, including interest to 15th June,	£550 15 6
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Mrs Dicks' Mrs Matheson' and Mo Cara's Bequests, including other monies and interest.	1395 16 5
Balance of Seminary Account,	195 6 11
	£2141 18 10

ABRAM PATTERSON, Treasurer.

### THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS in account with Abram Patterson, Treasurer. 1852 Dr.

July 1—To paid postages and stationary to Secy. for 1851—2 per order,	£1 4 3
Sep. 13—Pictou Pby. per order 100s; Oct. 9—Rev. G. Chris- tie £12 10s; post. 1s,	17 11 0
19—Rev. E. Ross for Wallace Church £10, per do.	10 0 0
20—Mr S. McCully mission to Guvshoro' and Canso,	4 14 9
Dec. —Paid Pictou Pby. as di- rected by Mr Matheson donor	2 0 0
17—Mr Honeyman bal. due of mission to Cape Breton, Halifax Pby. Mr. Clarks mis- sion to Shelburne,	2 10 8 4 0 0
30—Mr. Cameron's mission to Digby and Annapolis,	4 0 0
1853	
Jan. 14—Rev. P. McGregor to pay printing instructions to Probationers,	1 5 0
Rev. Mr McCulloch for Har- vey, New Brunswick,	6 0 0
19—Rev. J. Byers, expenses of mission to do.	6 18 0
Mr S. McCully mission to West Chester,	3 0 0
29—Mr R. Grant mission to Pais- boro, Minudie & Joggins,	6 11 8
Feb. 1—Rev. J. Byers mis. to P E I, £8 7s; J. McLeod per order, £7 10s,	15 17 0
19—Rev. J. Byers do. to Canso 82s 6d; Mr S. McCully, mission to Guvshoro 60s,	7 2 6
Mar. 20—Mr. R. Grant do. to Sheet Harbor, 60s, Rev G. Christie, mission to Harvey, N. Brunswick,	3 0 0 5 0 0
Mr S. McCully to Wallace R. 30s; do. to Greenfield 30s; do. Green's Creek, 30s; Mr Thompson, bal. of mis. Harvey, £14,	3 0 0 15 10 0
June 24—Mr G. Clark mis. to Annapolis and Digby,	4 7 5
do. balance do.	6 0 0
Rev. J. Cameron, mission to Annapolis and Digby,	0 11 3
Carried to next page	£130 3 6

Amount brought forward	£130	3	6
Mr. R. Grant, mission to Sheet Harbor,		1	10 0
July 5—Paid Mr Christie	£12		
10s; do. Mr Waddell	£10	22	10 0
Mr. Byers mis. to N. B.	£6		
10s; Sec. of Board.	70s,	10	0 0
Mr. Clark's miss. to Rawdon,	90s; Mr. Crawford's mission to Causo.	40s,	6 10 0
Mr. McGregor for Mr. Sprott		4	10 0
Pby. of Hx. per order,		6	0 0
Comm. on £226 16s 6d, at 2½ per cent,		5	13 5
Balance,		129	0 7½
	£315	17	6½

1852	Dr.		
June 19—By bal. of last year's account,		£89	1 0½
25—U. Londonderry. 60s; Bedeque, 81s (l. cy.) 67s 6d; nine mile River.	£9,	15	7 6
Mirimachi, 46s 6d; Stewiacke	£8 4s; 2 mis. Soc., Noel, 1851—2. 80s,	14	10 6
Newport, 64s 11-d, half of col. mis. meet. 40s 6d; a friend to mis. N. G., 5s,		5	10 5½
L. Londonderry 29s 9d;			
Sep. 10—Col. Prince St. Ch. for Covehead con.,	£7 6s,	8	15 9
W. River, young Ladies' Ben. Soc. 46s 4d; R. Hill Ladies' mis. Ben. Soc., 33s 9d,		4	0 1
Mr Rogers per Rev. J. Watson 3s 1-d; 13—Ladies' Rel. Ben. Soc Jas. Ch., 60s,		3	3 1½
Nov. 9—A. Lawder, R. John, Mrs W. Blak e,		1	0 0
Student's Mis. Society,		0	5 2½
		10	7 7

1853			
Jan. 17—Part of legacy from late H. Dunlap. Stwke.,		5	0 0
W. Chester, per Mr McCully, 22s 1d; Juv. mis. soc., Maitland, 80;		5	2 1
E. B. E. River, Lad. Soc. 20s; Churchville Lad. do. 20s;		2	0 0
27—W. district Prince St. Ch.		2	10 0
28—Mr R. Smith, Truro.		12	3 0
28—J. Hannah, Advocates Hr. 20s; J. McNudge, Parrsboro, 5s 2-d,		1	5 2½
Cross roads 32s; Joggins 13s 5d; Munadie, 7s 8-d,		2	13 1½
Feb. 4—Salem Ch., G. H., £6 5s 2-d; 19—Miss H. McCulloch, 5s 2-d, Miss I. McCulloch, 5s 2-d,		6	15 7½

Amount brought forward,	£189	10	3½
Mar. 7—Lad. Rel. Ben Soc., Prince St Ch.,	£6; 20—W. Matheson, Esq., 100s,	11	0 0
Apr. 2—S. S. A., Pictou, to assist weak Sab. Schools,		3	0 0
11—A young lady per Rev. J. Watson 5s; May 11—Rev. D. Roy, 20s,		1	5 0
May 20—Harvey set., N. B., £13; Dr Keir's con. 50s' (Is. cur.) 41s 8d, (N. S.)		15	1 8
June 17—Mr J. McKay, E. R.,		0	5 0
28—Mr R. Smith, Truro,		6	8 1
30—River John		3	10 6
30—U. Londonderry £4 10s; Cavandish, £5, (Is. cy.), £4 3s 4d, (N. S.)		8	13 4
Stewiacke £13 0s 7-d; James' Ch., E. R., 60s; St Mary's 60s; Miramichi, 61s 3d,		22	1 10½
Mrs H. Cumming, wid., Sherbrooke, 20s; Bedeque, 56s 3d (Is. cy.) 46s 10-d,		3	6 10½
W. Branch ladies' soc. 20s; E. Branch, 10s; Windsor, Nine mile river cong., £8 10s; Juv. mis. soc., Noel, 30s,		10	0 0
Rel. Ben. Society, James' Ch., 60s; Halifax, £14,		17	0 0
L. Londonderry £6 3s 7d; Shubenacadie & Gay's R.		7	3 7
July 4—St Peters to pay preachers, 30s, (Is. cur.) 30s; Yarmouth, 40s; half col. at missionary meeting, 47s 3d,		4	7 3
		315	17 6½

7—By bal. brought down, £129 0 7½

We have examined the annexed account and find it correct. George Walker, }  
Roderick McGregor, } Auditing  
Alexander Fraser, } Com.

## Notices.

The period of our issue this month has been delayed, and much important matter in type excluded, to make room for the Synod accounts.

J. & J. Yorstox acknowledge the receipt of the following articles for the Foreign Mission, viz:

Thirty-one yards Drugget from Ladies of Mr. Roy's congregation, E. River. Cash two shillings and six pence from William Redpath. Cash, one shilling and three pence, from a friend.

**OBITUARY.**—At the residence of Andrew McKinlay, Esq., Halifax, on Sabbath 17th ult, the Rev. Andrew Kerr, late minister of the congregation of Economy and Five Islands, in the 91st year of his age. A brief notice of his life and ministry will appear in our next number.

The Treasurer of the Mission Education Fund, acknowledges the receipt of the following sums:

Miss Little, daughter of Mr Thomas Little, Londonderry, 2s 6d,

Bedeque congregation, per Mr, John McLeod, £4, (Is, cur), 23 Cs 8d,

Mrs, William Chisholm, New Glasgow, 10s, Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, Primitive Church, New Glasgow, two pounds.

#### RECEIPTS FOR THE REGISTER

From James Dawson, two shillings and six pence, Rev, J. Murdoch, twenty-five shillings, Rev, John Cameron, four pounds, Rev, Dr, Keir, eight shillings and three pence, Rev, George Christie, thirty-one shillings and three pence, James McGregor, fifty shillings, and one shilling and three pence from the following:—William Adams Maclean, James B, Davison, Wallace, Peter Ross, East River, James Grant, East River, Mathew Hill, Cape Breton.

#### FORMS OF BEQUESTS.

Persons desirous of bequeathing property, real or personal, for the advancement of Education generally, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, are requested to leave it to the "Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia," this being the Synod's Incorporated body, for holding all funds intrusted to its management, for all Educational purposes, Classical, Philosophical, and Theological.

"I devise and bequeath to The Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the sum of——[If in land, describe it,—if in money, name the time when it is to be paid.]

If persons wish to state their object more definitely, they may do so thus:—

"I bequeath to The Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, the sum of——to be applied for the support of the Synod's Theological Seminary, (or) in aid of young men studying for the ministry, as the Synod may direct, (or) for the Theological Professorship Fund.

#### FOR RELIGIOUS OR MISSIONARY PURPOSES.

I hereby bequeath the sum of——Pounds to my Executor [or to some other persons in whom Testator has confidence] to be applied in aid of the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, (or) in aid of the funds of the Board of Home Missions, (or) to assist the congregation of——in erecting a place of worship.

In this way the bequest may be varied or divided to meet the wishes of the Testator.

#### MONIES RECEIVED BY TREASURER,

##### FOR SEMINARY.

July 23—From James' Church, New Glasgow, four pounds ten shillings.

##### HOME MISSION.

Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, Primitive Church, from Miss M. Carmichael, two pound

##### FOREIGN MISSION.

Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, Primitive Church, from Miss M, Carmichael, two pounds ten shillings, Two Misses Arthur, Pictou, one pound, William Chisholm, New Glasgow, one pound, Rev, Mr, Barrie, Erremosa, Canada, one pound.

Monies received by Treasurer, from 20th June to 7th July, are acknowledged in the year's accounts, as published this month.

#### BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Board of HOME MISSIONS.—The Rev'ds. McCulloch, Watson, E. Ross, Honeyman, and Wylie, with the Presbytery Elders of Truro, Upper & Lower Londonderry, three to form a quorum. Rev. Wm. McCulloch, Secretary.

Board of FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The Rev'ds Baxter, Keir, Roy, Walker, Bayne, Waddell, Watson, G. Patterson, and Ebenezer McLeod, & Daniel Cameron, West River; Alexander Fraser, Esq., New Glasgow; John Yorston & J. W. Dawson, Pictou. Rev. J. Bayne, Sec.

Educational Board.—The Rev'ds Smith, McGregor, Campbell, Ross, Bayne, and Messrs Abram Patterson, Charles D. Hunter, Adam Dickie, Isaac Logan, John D. Christie, James McGregor, John Yorston, Anthony Smith, J. W. Carmichael, and J. D. McDonald. Ex-Officio members, the Moderator and Clerk of Synod for the time being. Rev. J. Bayne, Sec.

Seminary Board.—The Professors ex-officio, Rev'ds McCulloch, Bayne, Christie, McGilvray, Watson, G. Patterson, and Daniel Cameron and James McGregor. Rev. Wm. McCulloch, Convener. Rev. J. Watson, Sec.

Committee of Bills and Overtures.—The Rev'ds Bayne, Roy, and McGilvray, and James McGregor. Rev. J. Bayne, Convener.

Committee of Correspondence with Evangelical Churches.—The Rev'ds. Patterson, Walker, and Bayne. Rev. G. Patterson, Con.

Committee of Enquiry respecting the best locality for the Seminary.—The Rev'ds Murdoch, McCulloch, McGregor, G. Patterson, and James McGregor.

General Treasurer for all Synodical Funds.—Abram Patterson, Esq., Pictou.

Recipients of contributions to the schemes of the Church.—James McCallum, Esq., P. E. I., and Robert Smith, Merchant, Truro.

General Receivers of Goods for the Foreign Mission.—J. & J. Yorston, Pictou,

Publisher and General Agent for the Register.—John D. McDonald, Pictou, N. S.