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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

With the returning season of the Synod's Annual Session, the Board of Foreign Missions gladly hail the renewed call for an account of their stewardship. The events of the past year, which have fallen under their cognizance, are suggestive of much important observation; but it is considered desirable to direct attention chiefly, to those which are obviously, the most practical in their bearings. Since the date of last Report, nothing has occurred to require any extraordinary action; and meetings, for the transaction of routine business, have not been very frequent. The subject which has been found most harassing, is the acknowledged difficulty of procuring adequate missionary labor, for a people that are now so eagerly stretching out their hands unto God, and uniting their pleading voice with that of their missionary, in the oft, but vainly reiterated cry *Come over and help us*. The public notice, inviting applicants for missionary labor in the South Seas, has been continued from month to month, for another year; but without any effect beyond what has been already communicated. Mr George

N. Gordon, of whom mention was made in last year's report, as a candidate for the foreign service of the Church, has been prosecuting his studies under the direction of your Board, with all the diligence and zeal which could have been desired, and with quite as much apparent success as could have been reasonably anticipated. The term of attendance at the Synod's Theological Hall, during the months of September and October, 1853, was improved by him in such a manner as to secure the cordial approbation of Professors Keir and Smith. After a short interval, and with the express sanction of your Board, Mr Gordon repaired to Halifax, and attended a six month course of study at the Free Church Theological Seminary. Certificates from Professors King and Lyall have been duly forwarded, bearing full attestation to the propriety of his private conduct, and to his diligence and improvement as a Student of Theology.—Professor King says, "Mr Gordon has been enrolled with me this winter for the first time, as a Student of Theology; he attended along with the Students of the third year, having attended along with the same Students in the previous years of their course. Although he himself was not enrolled, he

attended the Hebrew also along with them this winter. From not having been previously enrolled he has had no discourses prescribed, but he was regularly examined in Theology and Hebrew, and acquitted himself very creditably; and his conduct, so far as known to me, has been in accordance with his Christian profession." Mr Lyall says, "Mr George N. Gordon attended the class for Moral Philosophy during the session 1858-1, — was distinguished for diligence in all the duties of the class, and gave evidence of great intelligence in the subjects of study, and of habits, at once pains-taking and conscientious." In addition to these certificates of character and standing, it is of much consequence to refer to the report of a Committee, appointed by the Pby. of Halifax, under whose inspection Mr Gordon has been placed. This committee received, as Presbyterial exercises from Mr Gordon, a popular sermon, and an examination on Church History, Greek and Hebrew. "The discourse exhibited (says the report) evidence of diligence and of mind. In theology it was sound; in illustration, appropriate and practical; and in style, scriptural and generally accurate, frequently figurative and striking. Mr Gordon gives promise of becoming a useful and acceptable preacher of the Gospel." "Altogether the committee have much pleasure in stating to the Pby. that the exercises as a whole, were such as to warrant the Pby. in cordially encouraging Mr Gordon in the prosecution of his studies." With such ample and varied testimony of so favorable a character, it cannot be thought that the encouragement which your Board have extended to Mr Gordon, is either unwarranted or injudicious. It may be well however, to state the precise position in which he now stands. For this purpose, a few extracts from their minutes and correspondence may be found satisfactory.

July 1st, 1858. Heard Mr Gordon, as a candidate for the vacancy at Ancticum. — Gave an account of his past studies and of the motives which have actuated him in preferring his claims. Agreed, that under

present circumstances the application be favorably received, with the distinct understanding that proper testimonials be procured by him to be laid before the Board, and that he place himself under their direction, to prosecute his studies."

September 1st, 1858. Read certificates in favor of Mr Gordon, from P. E. Island and Halifax, comprising two from the elders of Cascumpec congregation, P. E. I., (under date September 1852,) who were familiar with his early life; and one from Mr Cundell, secretary to the P. E. I. Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in whose service Mr Gordon had been employed as travelling Agent, for the six months ending November 1850. Also from Professors King and Lyall, of the Free Church College Halifax, whose classes he had attended for several sessions. A medical certificate from Dr Parker was farther presented, attesting the adaptation of Gordon's constitution for missionary service in the South Sea Islands. All these certificates were found to be highly satisfactory. Read a letter from Mr Gordon in connection with these testimonials, and as he was present, an opportunity was afforded to him for any additional remark he might think proper to make. Agreed that Dr Kier, as a member of the Board be authorised to introduce him to the present Session of the Hall, in order that he may receive the full benefit of all the classes."

At a meeting of your Board held at Truro during the late meeting of Synod, an application was read from Mr Gordon, desiring information as to his precise position, and their opinion as to the course of study he was then prosecuting at Halifax. It was agreed to invite the Brethren then assembled to a free conference, in order to prepare a more satisfactory answer. The conference was in due course obtained, and after full deliberation, the Secretary was instructed to reply, that the manner in which Mr Gordon has disposed of his time for study and personal improvement, has given very general satisfaction and that his present standing is quite similar to any one of

our students of the same attainments; with this additional recommendation, that he is favorably regarded as a candidate for the Foreign Mission. In the communication which was accordingly sent to Mr Gordon, the following statements occur.

"All appear to be perfectly satisfied with your apparent piety and great zeal, but there are other properties necessary to missionary success, which can only be acquired by patient study and daily effort. It is the desire of us all that you should go forth a *workman thoroughly furnished*, for it is quite obvious that the tests and privations of the missionary life, once fairly undertaken, preclude all opportunity for much personal improvement. Where there exists an ardent love for the Redeemer and the extension of his kingdom, and a burning zeal for the salvation of souls, there is great need of such a measure of christian prudence, as dwells alone with the wisdom that cometh down from above. You know what Jesus said to his disciples, the first Christian missionaries, 'Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves;' and what the greatest of all merely human missionaries said to his spiritual children, 'Let not your good be evil spoken of.'"

A reply was in due course received from Mr Gordon, acquiescing very cordially in the sentiments thus expressed; and from that time to the present he has been fully occupied in the prosecution of those studies which were there so highly approved. Besides regular attendance on the classes of Professors King and Lyall, he has been directing special attention to medical study under Dr Parker and others of the same profession. In a letter recently received, Mr Gordon says, "I am attending regularly to the Dr in the afternoon and am obtaining much valuable information in the use of medicine. I attend to mixing medicine for patients, and I read upon the nature of these medicines. Dr Parker takes much trouble in obtaining for me all the practical information which he thinks will be beneficial to me. I do not pay so much attention to print-

ing yet as I expect to be enabled to do after a short time."

In another letter he speaks of turning his attention to mechanical pursuits, and no one who has perused the correspondence of Mr Geddie, with any degree of attention, will be disposed to call in question the propriety of this step. With such entire devotement of time and talent to the preparatory work of a missionary life, your Board have felt peculiar gratification, and have readily acknowledged their obligation to proffer all that encouragement and support which are necessary for its continuance. Their earnest desire to hasten, as far as is consistent with due regard to health and opportunity, Mr Gordon's preparation for the field of labor, has induced them to direct him to refuse all the repeated offers which have been made for his services by the Halifax city mission, under whose direction he had formerly been engaged, with much approbation and apparent usefulness. Other sources of support have in like manner been refused, and with the conviction that in this respect they have but anticipated the general opinion of Synod, your Board entertain the confidence that they will be cheerfully sustained in the appropriation of funds which has consequently been found necessary. They have only farther to remark, that by special direction, Mr Gordon has been requested to attend the present meeting of Synod, in order to facilitate any personal intercourse which may be considered desirable. Reference in this minute has been made to the position of the only candidate that has yet offered to supply the vacancy at Ancients, because your Board have felt deeply the responsibility in that matter and are anxious that their action throughout should be distinctly known to the supreme Court and to the Church at large; and they are deeply sensible that while the necessities of the mission are very claimant, much of future usefulness and comfort on the part of any individual who may be separated to this field of labor, must depend not only on natural abilities, piety, and missionary spirit, but upon such other preparatory qualifications, as time and diligent application can alone test and secure.

With regard to Mr Geddie, it is not necessary that any lengthened statement should be given of his labors and their results, inasmuch as these have been regularly published in the *Register* and circulated throughout the church, and have not been of such a nature as to call for much action from your Board.

The only official communications received since last meeting of Synod are under dates, Dec. 25, 1852, and Oct. 1, 1853. Private letters have, however, been received of later and more frequent dates. In all these, the tone in which your highly esteemed missionary writes, is that of lively gratitude for the divine protection and blessing upon his person and family, and for the wonders wrought under his ministry; confident expectation of the speedy and final triumph of Christianity throughout the island; and resolute determination "to spend and be spent" in the work of evangelizing the New Hebrides group. In these and kindred emotions, it is not too much to assert, that all the friends of missions who have perused the ample testimony to Mr Geddie's zeal, efficiency and success, which the history of his mission has afforded, will readily and largely participate.

The progress which has been made during the past year has been very decided, and parties who have every claim to be accounted competent and disinterested witnesses, have presented a picture of the state and prospects of the mission, much more bright and cheering, than your missionary has yet done. It will thus appear that by giving full weight to all his statements, there is no danger of over-estimating the advantages which have been acquired. The accounts which have come to hand do not cover a period of more than five years and four months, but during that time, heathenism has been razed to its foundations in Aneiteum. There is not now a single district in that island, so lately the undisturbed seat of Satan, that has not cast its idols to the moles and bats, that is not now clamorous for christian teachers. Schools of a most efficient character, are in successful operation. From the boarding school, two well qualified agents have been selected and have already gone forth as missionaries to a neighboring island. A large church, containing 500 persons, had been built

at the principal station, and within a year after its erection, it was found necessary to enlarge its accommodation.

In May, 1852, thirteen persons were baptized, and these, with the mission family, were constituted into an organized body for the regular dispensation of public ordinances. Within a few months from this date, eleven converts were added to this, the first christian church ever known to be established among the Oceanic Negro or Papuan race. It is matter of regret, that the progress thus auspiciously begun, cannot be traced to any later date. Mr Geddie in his last letter, refers to a document which he was preparing, with a view to transmission by the first opportunity, and containing all general information about the mission. This important packet has not come to hand, but will be made public as soon as it arrives.

With regard to the domestic comfort of the mission family, it is highly gratifying to observe the very marked improvement that has taken place. An excellent and commodious stone house has been erected and is now inhabited. All the mission goods, which have at different times been sent from Nova Scotia, would appear to have reached their destination in safety, and afforded seasonable and abundant supply of clothing, school materials and other necessaries. The society of another mission family (Rev J. Inglis') though not immediately accessible, can now, without much difficulty, be obtained; and even the natives around the mission station, are now, to a considerable extent, moulded into the habits of civilized life.

There is perhaps, no feature in the year's correspondence more gratifying in itself, as indicating the permanent prosperity of the mission, than the perfect cordiality of sentiment, feeling and operation which subsists between your missionary and Mr Inglis, the highly esteemed agent of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland. Mr Geddie uniformly makes honorable mention of the zeal, ability, faithfulness and success of the labors of Mr Inglis. In his letters to your Clerk, as well as the Secretary of the Committee under whose inspection he is placed, Mr Inglis expresses a strong conviction of the abundant, well directed, and prosperous la-

hors of Mr Geddie. What an inviting prospect does this present to any minister or probationer who may desire to cast in his lot with "*Brethren who dwell together in unity*" Though under the support and control of different churches, they appear to be sufficiently united in counsel and operation to strengthen each other's hands, and adopt such arrangement of mutual labor, as the qualifications and opportunities of each may direct. There seems to be no jealousy, but such as should ever exist in the faithful followers of Zion's King, for her prosperity and his honor; and no rivalry, but such as may provoke to love and good works. It is farther worthy of observation, that the same spirit of cordiality which appears to exist between the two missionaries, has been, so far as circumstances have permitted, reciprocated by the missionary committees of the respective Churches in Scotland and Nova Scotia. In answer to the correspondence of your Board, Dr. Bates writes under date Nov. 1st, 1853. Your letter was read in our Synod as a part of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The Synod cordially reciprocated the kind and fraternal sentiments expressed in your letter, and is anxious in promoting the prosperity of the mission so far as means and opportunities will permit. He adds, We esteem it a privilege to claim an interest in a laborer so estimable and so faithful as Mr Geddie has proved himself to be. Such sentiments, your Board are persuaded that this Synod and the church at large will readily and fully reciprocate, esteeming it a privilege to claim an interest in a laborer so estimable and so faithful as Mr Inglis has proved himself to be.

Another subject worthy of special notice in this report, is the highly prosperous state of the funds. The experience of another year has abundantly testified, that the claims of the Foreign Mission are regarded with a spirit of enlarged and enlarging liberality. — While the pecuniary support has ever been more than equal to immediate exigencies, there has grown up from the spontaneous generosity of the people an extensive and steadily increasing supply of Home made clothing, and other material suitable to the wants of the mission family, and general purposes of

the mission. Of this class of contribution, there are now on hand, 14 boxes ready for immediate shipment, the estimated value of which, exceeds £400 cy. This no doubt, is the accumulation of two years, but, even so, it affords the most gratifying evidence of the zealous and growing attachment, which so generally prevails. It would appear moreover, that the Aneiteamese are now in the way to become more independent than they have hitherto been. Under the direction of their missionaries they have begun to raise Arrow-root, as an article of export. In 1852, five hundred pounds weight of this valuable esculent, were raised; and it was anticipated that the next year's crop would yield double the amount. It would seem too, that a ready and profitable market for any quantity that may be raised, has already been secured. — It is therefore far from chimerical to suppose that as the natural resources of Aneiteum are being developed, its inhabitants will, in a few years, prove both able and willing to support their own christian Teachers, and assist in maintaining others in the islands around.

There is but one other topic to which your Board are solicitous to draw special notice, and that is the necessity of more urgent means to provide additional missionaries. Allusion has already been made to the difficulty which has been encountered in dealing with this vexed question, whom shall we send? — who will go for us? The Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia has now the eye of the christian world lifted with eager and admiring gaze, upon the zeal, energy and success, which has attended her efforts on behalf of the heathen; and, what is of much higher consequence for her guidance and support, the arm of the holy One of Israel has been stretched forth and is stretched forth still. With most manifest tokens of divine approbation, past effort has been crowned, and if ever church were beckoned forward in the Master's cause, it is the church of which this Synod is the supreme court. That great things are expected from her, should be regarded as the highest meed of praise which one individual or community can bestow upon another, and as the highest honor which Christ awards to his faithful followers on earth. The entire New Hel-

rides group is waiting for Messiah's Law. A most interesting movement in New South Wales has resulted in a determination on the part of the christian churches in that flourishing colony, to send out and permanently support two ordained missionaries. *Fate* is the probable scene of their labors, while Tanna seems to be, by universal consent, allotted to the church in Nova Scotia. But who will go for us? Whom shall we send? Is it not a serious reflection on the piety and missionary zeal of our ministers and probationers that this loud and earnest appeal should be so oft repeated. Should it not be made subject of earnest and importunate prayer, of prayer without ceasing, that he who hath made the fields white unto the harvest, and in whose hands are the hearts of all men, and especially the hearts of his chosen servants, would send forth laborers into his harvest!—Should not our Theological Professors and Board of Superintendence press the

claims of the mission upon the young candidates for the ministry, under their charge? Should not those probationers who are standing idle in the market place, hear the voice of him that saith, "Son go work to day in my vineyard," and should not our settled ministers review the comparative claims of the Home and Foreign field?

Our only unfailing hope is, that he who has opened the wide door and effectual will in due time bring forward such as are fully qualified and zealous to enter in and take possession in his name. That he will do so, cannot be doubted, but he may do in such a manner as will be to our shame and confusion. To the Throne of Grace then, all ye that make mention of the name of the Lord. Keep not silence, and give him no rest. Then shall the handful of corn, now taking root in Aneiteum, shake with prosperous fruit like Lebanon, and they of the city, the churches in Nova Scotia, shall flourish like grass in the Earth.

Home Department.

MISSION TO CAPE BRETON.

The Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia has never, till recently, attained any foothold in this island, beyond the solitary congregation of Mabou and Port Hood. From the date of the Rev Wm. Millar's induction in 1821, to his resignation in 1851, no exertion has been made to extend the bounds of the church in this direction. Since this period, however, the attention of the Pby. of Pictou has been earnestly directed to the very favorable character of Cape Breton as a Home Mission field, and already it has been satisfactorily ascertained that with a moderate degree of prudence and perseverance, a sufficient number of congregations may be formed to constitute a presbytery, under whose immediate oversight the spiritual necessities of the Island will be much more efficiently supplied. In Mabou and Port Hood, presbyterial oversight has resulted in 'strengthening the things which remained and were ready to perish.' Repeated visits from ordained clergymen and probationers have effectually raised the energies of the 'little

flock," until they now present an aspect, which, for zeal and sincerity of purpose they are not one whit behind the most promising of our congregations of similar extent. The entire adhering population is estimated 170, and the number of families 48. As a test of their spirit and anxiety to secure a settled ministry, it may be stated, that by voluntary subscription a sufficient guarantee has been obtained to enable them to offer £100 salary per annum. The Pby. of Pictou will no doubt arrange matters so as to induce any minister, to whom their call may be addressed, to accept of it, with full assurance of adequate support, according to the rules of the Church.

In accordance with a petition from this people, for moderation in a Call, a member of Pby. was lately sent down to perform the necessary service. He was appointed at the same time to dispense the sacrament, and visit the congregation and missionary ground in its vicinity. Having returned from the fulfillment of those duties, it is now in our power to state, that this has been one of the most pleasant missionary excursions

which he was ever called to undertake, and that the results have fully realized all that was anticipated. The Call was unanimous, and addressed to Mr James McLean, Preacher of the Gospel, and should he be induced to accept of it, there is every reason to expect a prosperous settlement.

With regard to the missionary ground which has been visited, the principal locality was, N. E. Margaree. Here, at present there is no Protestant minister, although a sufficiently extensive population exists to admit of such variety of sect, as Congregationalist, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian. The precise number of the population and proportionate strength of each sect, could not be ascertained, but it was apparent that an excellent mission field exists in that district, and that with energetic measures, a self-sustaining congregation would ultimately be secured for our church. In the mean time those who are most anxious to effect a union with us, are disposed to obtain supply in connection with another station which has been formed in Baddeck, County Town of Victoria,—and at a meeting publicly held, a committee was appointed to facilitate this object, as well as to ascertain the amount of support which could be offered for a settled minister. From the ability, spirit, and zealous cooperation of this committee the best results may be anticipated; and there is good reason to believe that all the aid which the Pby. can afford will be cheerfully rendered. Farther notice of the mission will be given in a future number.

THE PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND during the last winter resolved to endeavor to take up as a missionary station, the settlement of St Peters Road, where there are a number of Presbyterian families. For this purpose a member of Presbytery was sent as a deputy to preach in that settlement and to enquire whether or not the inhabitants would desire permanent missionary labour by our ministers. By which means it was ascertained that the people were not only thankful that the people were had taken their case into consideration, and were in circumstances to afford them supply, but earnestly desirous to have the gospel regularly preached among them by our ministers, and declared

their willingness to contribute toward defraying expenses. The Pby. then appointed the Rev James Allen, of Covehead, to preach in that settlement every sabbath evening, and this he has continued to do regularly since the spring.— It has recently appeared that his labors are beginning to tell in most happy effect upon the settlement. His services are well attended and a decided interest appears to be taken in all his labors.— And it is confidently expected, that the nucleus thus formed, will become ultimately a very respectable and self-sustaining congregation. This is a mission of great interest, and of great promise. It is situated about 6 miles from Charlottetown, in one of the most beautiful and flourishing sections in the island; and 'ho' at present it imposes an additional amount of labor on Mr Allan, as he performs all the ministerial duties of his own congregation at Covehead besides supplying regularly this station, yet his strength appears to be increasing with his increasing labors, and his mind so cheered by indications of success, that there is reason to hope that he may be enabled to perform his additional duties, with both satisfaction to himself, and advantage to those who enjoy his labors.— *Com.*

THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU met at Merigonish, for Presbyterian visitation of the congregation, on the 15th ult.— A full and searching enquiry was made into its whole affairs. A case of discipline, in the same congregation, occupied a large portion of the time of Pby. From the length of time occupied, as well as the importance of the case, the Presbytery found it necessary to defer the consideration of the steps to be taken in reference to the congregation, to another meeting to be held in three weeks.

Mr George Ruddick, Student of Theology, read a dissertation on "the suitability of the time at which our Saviour appeared to the great ends of his mission," which was approved.

A Call from the congregation of Martletown, which had come out unanimously in favor of Mr James McLean, Provisioner, was laid upon the table of Presbytery and sustained. The regular steps were appointed to be taken to ascertain Mr McLean's decision in reference to it,

and subjects of trial for ordination were assigned him, in the event of his accepting.

The Rev James Waddell was appointed to supply Dr Keir's pulpit a portion of the time during the sitting of the Hall. Supply was appointed for the several vacancies and stations under the charge of the Presbytery.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

In submitting their second Report, the Committee have only to communicate, that they have been endeavoring to pursue the even tenor of their way in the important work intrusted to them.— Their proposed order of proceeding has been considerably interrupted by sickness and other unavoidable causes; still they have succeeded in visiting most of the congregations a second, and some, even a third time, and also greatly extended the sphere of their operations. During the latter part of last summer, Mr Allan Fraser completed the circuit of the Pby. of P. E. I., and the sale of 2107 volumes, valued at £200 currency. Mr Wm. McLeod who has been laboring diligently in the bounds of the Pictou Pby., has lately been laid aside by sickness, from the work in which his heart seems to be engaged, and Mr James Millar of Truro has taken his place.— Mr Dickie having retired from the western circuit, his place has been very efficiently occupied by Mr John Falkoner of Truro and Halifax. Mr Falkoner seems to be imbued with the true spirit of a religious and missionary colporteur, and meets with many a cordial welcome from families and even settlements in that capacity. He suppers the domestic altar and the social prayer meeting. This is the very spirit and manner in which the Board of Publication wish us to instruct our missionary colporteurs to act, being not merely booksellers, but missionaries, especially to the distant and destitute sections of our country. Mr Falkoner may be mentioned as a pattern for imitation in this respect.— Being also an Elder, he has no hesitation in conversing freely on religious subjects, in praying in the domestic circle, in the social assembly, or by the

bed of the afflicted;—for which services we claim a continuation of that patronage and hospitality which have hitherto been extended to our colporteurs, for the benefit of the Board of Publication which supplies us.

Besides the usual circuit in the bounds of the Pbys of Pictou, Truro and Halifax, preparations were made, as indicated in last Report, to visit the western end of the Province. Mr James Millar was despatched with a supply for Annapolis and Digby, and a further supply of nearly 1000 vols., valued at £100, were ordered to meet him at Yarmouth. There he spent the most of the winter, visiting Carleton, Chebogue, Barrington, Clyde River and Shelburne, returning by Liverpool and Lunenburg.

Some farther advances have also been made westward, on the north side of the Bay of Funday; and a small supply by Mr Hardie, one of the Theological Students, has been sent as far north as Miramichi,

As none had been travelling on P. E. Island during the winter, another large supply of over 1000 vols., valued about £100 currency has been forwarded there and a Colporteur engaged to undertake the labor of distribution. Thus during the last year, or since last meeting of Synod, there have been purchased from the Board of Publication 7279 volumes, at a cost of \$2660.00, or £665.0s, 7d currency, which with the number and value reported last year, make 15487 volumes, valued at \$5847.6s or £1411.16s 3d, currency, all of which have been put into circulation, excepting the last two orders of about 1100 volumes each, now being circulated: and all have been paid or accounted for excepting the above mentioned last orders now on hand, valued at £267.17.6d.

Of the above amount there have been discounted to clergy during the last year \$27.32, which shows that they have availed themselves of the privilege accorded them, of purchasing to the amount of \$136. And there have been discounted to sabbath school and congregational libraries \$16.56; which shows that that privilege allowed has been exercised to the amount of \$82.80. There have also been given gratis to the amount of \$9.38, besides a great number of tracts on the fundamental doctrines of the gospel and Presbyterian

Church polity, of which we kept no particular account.

As the result of our labors for the two years in which we have been thus engaged, we may conclude with the following summary view. We have purchased to the amount of \$5647.65, accounted for as follows: cash remitted, \$2958.50; paid for exchange \$78.75; to colporteurs for wages and expences, \$1021.01; freight, truckage, &c. \$177.32; agent's salary, \$150; discount to clergy and libraries, \$146.68; extras, \$4; leaving a balance in hand, cash to be remitted \$256.46; books in depositary, \$813.95. Of the 15487 vols. purchased, 13200 have been actually put into circulation, and the rest are now being circulated. And the amount of

benefit likely to result, by the divine blessing, on the distribution of so many standard religious works; and whether we should make some contributions to the funds of the Board for so many privileges conferred; we leave it to the Synod and the Church to determine; assuring them from past experience, that the work is only fairly begun, and that if continued in their position, the committee will not fail, according to their ability, to carry on the work to the utmost possible extent, both in Nova Scotia proper, Cape Breton, and the adjacent Provinces.

All which is respectfully submitted by the Committee.

JOHN I. BAXTER,
Convener.

Miscellaneous.

POLYNESIA,

VOYAGE OF THE "JOHN WILLIAMS."

We feel pleasure in giving the subjoined letter from Captain M., dated Upolu, Samoan Islands, 7th January ult., containing a brief narrative of the incidents of the last voyage of the *John Williams*, and we would particularly invite attention to his interesting notice of the visit to *Eromanga*,

ANEITEUM.

"Having received on board the Rev. A. W. Murray and the Rev. J. P. Sutherland, Mrs. Sutherland and daughter, we left Sydney harbor on the 13th October, and, after a fine passage, arrived on the 22nd at the island of *Anciteum*, one of the New Hebrides; anchored in S. W. Bay, off the Mission station, where the Rev. J. Geddie is laboring with much success. God is, we believe, crowning our labors with his blessing in a remarkable way. We landed his supplies, with 3000 copies of Mark's Gospel, the first whole copy that has been printed in this language. After a Sabbath's services on board and on shore—the Missionaries preaching to the natives and crew—on Monday 24th, took on board our Teachers and their wives and the natives we had left here on our way to Sydney.

"Tuesday 25th—Took in the Rev. J. Geddie and family; weighed anchor, and

made sail out of S. W. Bay; sailed round to the Rev. Mr. Inglis's station to the north side of the Island; got there, and went in with two boats; landed about 5 p. m. Messrs. Murray and Sutherland had gone round the day before. Here we found the people, men, women, and children, all with smiling faces, waiting to shake hands; and they made us a present of yams for the ship's use. They are collecting timber to build a chapel. Mr. Inglis has a neat dwelling, laid out with a garden, and has a good library, and the house is so neat and clean that it would do credit to any family in Europe. I could not but look back on twelve or thirteen years ago, and think when, with Mr. Murray, our Missionary, we found the people all barbarous, and could not in safety trust our lives among them; but now there is not one that we may not feel safe with; all hail us with joy and gladness. What has God done by his Gospel for this people! We got safely on board, but not without some danger, as the boats were heavily laden, the sea was rough, and the night becoming dark.

FOTUNA.

"We had on board, including Mr. Geddie's family, fifty-eight passengers. Made sail for the Island of *Fotuna*, where we arrived the next day, the 26th. Here we left two Native Teachers and

their wives, the first fruits of the Aneiteum Mission: they go to spread the Gospel they have received. We also landed fourteen natives brought from Aneiteum, one a chief, and all belonging to this Island, but who had been living on Aneiteum, and who are favorable to Christianity. We gave them a passage, in the hope, by this means, to help the Gospel on this Island, where one of our Teachers was killed some years ago.

ERAMANGA.

"Next day we made sail for *Eramanga*, anchored in Dillon's Bay, and found our Teachers well. They had erected a small place of worship, besides dwelling houses. I went on shore with our Missionaries and Teachers and, with the chief and a few people, we held divine service. Thus we were permitted to worship Jehovah in perfect safety and peace on the spot where a few years back our beloved Missionaries, Mr Williams and Mr Harris, fell under the clubs of the savages, and myself with others had to flee for our lives. We returned from the service to our boats, and found the chief who killed Mr Williams on the beach. He asked permission to go on board, which we granted. On asking him why he killed our Missionary, he said, that white men had killed his relatives, and he did not know anything about him. After landing two Teachers with their wives, we weighed anchor on the 28th, and sailed for Elizabeth Bay; cast anchor 1 p. m. The chief came off, and we went on shore with the Teacher and his wife, whom we left. Went inland some distance, saw the native plantations, returned on board in the evening, and got under weigh.

FATE.

"Made sail for the Island of *Fate*, and next day, 29th, came to anchor at Oldrolo, on the south side of the Island. Finding one of our Teachers ill, we removed him on board, and placed another and his wife in his place. Had a very interesting interview with the chiefs and people; spent a Sabbath here. Our Missionaries, Messrs. Murray and Sunderland, went on shore, and had services with the natives in their own chapel. Besides adults, there were ninety children present. Monday, 31st, got under weigh, and made sail for the south-west side of the Island. Tuesday, November

1st.—Came to anchor off a small village, called Tromata. The two chiefs that sent their sons away with us last time we were here, to go to Samoa, came on board and received them safe. They live on an Island close to the main Island; it forms part of the large harbor and one side of the entrance into it, about four miles from where the ship lay. We went in with two boats containing Missionaries Murray, Sunderland, and Geddie, two Teachers and wives, and chiefs; we landed amidst a large number of men, women, and children, all greeting us with the best feelings of their nature. After a short visit, left our Teachers and their wives at this village in care of the chiefs and people, apparently glad to have them to instruct them. We called upon God to bless their feeble efforts. Returned on board, hove up the anchor, made sail for

LOYALTY ISLANDS

"Thursday, 3rd.—Close in to the small Island *Teka*; our Teacher there came on board, got his supplies, and returned in our boat. The Missionaries having gone on shore, the people came to meet them; they have two chapels on this Island and a neat Samoan-built Teacher's house. Some of them are rude in appearance, and very many destitute of any clothing. They do all the Teacher's work, build his home, plant his food, &c.

MARC.

"Returned on board, made sail for the large Island *Marc*. By dark were off the west side of the Island, abreast of our Mission station. Our Teacher Maka came on board next day, 4th a. m. Missionaries and Teachers (including a Teacher and wife who were to stay) all went on shore in two boats. The people were all ready to meet us; a short service was held in their large chapel. The people were attentive in listening; our Missionaries addressed them through the Teachers, read the Word of God, sang, and prayed. After the service, walked round the village, saw a neat house, containing six rooms, wattled and plastered. This is built for any Missionary that may come and teach them, for which the people are anxious. They made us a present of yams for our ship, and accompanied us to the boats. We returned to the ship, made sail for the other side of the Is-

land on the 5th, came to anchor about one and a half miles from Om, our Mission station. Our Teacher Me ter came off. Things are in an interesting state. Here we spent a Sabbath; our Missionaries went on shore, and held a service with the people; they had large and attentive congregations morning and afternoon. Besides their chapel, they had built Teachers' houses and a house ready for a Missionary to come into, and long for one to teach them. The people seem to be thirsting for the bread and water of life. Our regret is that no white Missionary is here to cultivate this field, that seems ripe and ready for a spiritual harvest.

LIFE.

"Monday, 7th—After leaving a Teacher and wife here, we weighed anchor and made sail for *Lifu*; at 11 a. m., off the north-east end; hove to for about an hour, but the sea was rough, and the wind and surf breaking heavy, could not get intercourse with the shore. Ran for a place where we heard one of our Teachers had removed. At the head of a large bay found the place; our Missionaries Murray and Sunderland went on shore, had a short but satisfactory interview with our Teacher Pow. They have got a large quantity of timber cut, for building a large chapel. The people here, as at Mare, are thirsting for the waters of life. The night coming on, and our vessel in danger, the Missionaries had to hurry off, and only got on board just in time to save we know not what trouble. We did not get clear out of this bay without having to thank God for his overruling providence and care over us. Made sail for Aneiteum, Sabbath, 8th, a. m. Came safe to anchor in S. W. Bay, 13th November.

SUMMARY.

"We have in the last month sailed about 1300 or 1400 miles, visited seven Islands, located eleven Teachers and eleven of their wives, visited ten Mission stations, anchored seven times, &c. Thank God.

"P. S.—Our passage from Aneiteum has been the longest we ever made. We had to go as far south as 36 deg., and then had to contend with head winds almost all the way here. We called at *Savage Island* on our way; the cry of the people is for more Teachers; we

visited it on the 1st and 2nd of this month. We stay here (at Upolu) a few days, to get water and some refreshments, and to await the meeting of the Missionaries. It is the stormy season here now. We sail from this to the eastward.

CALABAR.

DUKE TOWN.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF REV. WILLIAM ANDERSON.

The Young Blasphemer cut down.—Friday, Dec. 9, 1853,—William Cobham, about eleven or twelve years old, died to-day rather suddenly. He was one of the sharpest of our school-children. He was at school on Tuesday. On inquiring yesterday as to the cause of his absence, I was told by his classmates that on Tuesday (when I was at Creek Town at meeting of committee), he had spoken "vozy bad words in school. He had said that the Bible was not God's word, that no other world live, that his brother Etam was a fool for wanting to be baptized, and that he would not be such a fool." I was told further that the other children were horrified at his language, and that they said to him, "That is very bad word; you see God flog you plenty for that word;" "and now," they concluded, "we see God flog him for true." When I saw him he was in the grasp of death and quite delirious. His death is making evidently a very solemn impression on the minds of all the other young people here.

Visit of Consul Beecroft, and the countenance given to the Missionaries.—Thursday, Feb. 2.—Her Majesty's steamer "Antelope," with Consul Beecroft on board, came up the river yesterday. To-day King Eyo and King Duke received the last instalment of goods pronounced to Kings Eyamba and Eyo when they signed the treaty for the abolition of the slave trade in, or rather from, this river.

Friday, 3.—A large meeting in school-room to-day, called by Consul Beecroft for the settlement of sundry *palavers* betwixt himself, on behalf of several British and Spanish subjects on the one part, and the Duke Town gentlemen on the other part. He lectured

them well on their barbarous treatment of the three Fernando Po men whom they made prisoners last year, because they attempted to convey one of their own countrymen from his house of bondage. The Consul took a noble stand also on the side of humanity, in regard to some of the prevailing habits here, and strongly and justly condemned the ordeal of the *essere* and the destruction of twin children. He also urged on them the importance of their giving attention to the instructions of the missionaries, whom they sent for to instruct themselves and their children. This led him to condemn the practice, long since abandoned at Creek Town but still kept up here, of having Egbo runners out on the Sabbath, and thereby preventing all except a few of the free people from attending either meetings or Sabbath school. He also claimed liberty of conscience for all who wish to join the church. I have no doubt that this visit of the Consul will be remembered and prove productive of much good at this station.

Dangers by Fire and Water.—Friday, 17.—Needful a day's recreation, went to Creek Town with Mrs A. Attended on King Eyo's dinner. Glad to see that he is anxious to deal with the Old Town murderers. A severe thunder storm in the evening. On our return home, found that the electric fluid had shivered our flagstaff to pieces and killed two of our goats. We felt grateful that all the people in the yard, young and old were safe.

Saturday, 18.—A more serious visitation than that of yesterday befel us to-day. Shortly after noon, the children were sent to the beach for a turn of water to be used in the usual Saturday's purifications. Several of them stripped and went into deep water to try to swim. Three went beyond their depth and were sinking. Some persons on the beach saw them and plunged in to the rescue, but in the meantime one was gone and never re-appeared. The name of the lost one was Akanam Offiong, a smart girl of ten or eleven years of age. She has been living with us upwards of two years. She was by birth half free. Her owner received information of her death with great indifference. One of the two who were scarcely saved belongs to Autaro Young. On his

being informed that his boy had been almost drowned, he stated that he wished he had been drowned altogether, for now that no slaves can be killed for him when he dies, he would like some of them to be dead before him, to work for him when he goes, and that he would just need a little fellow like Effiong Awei to sweep his house in the other world!

First Marriage celebrated by the Missionary.—Wednesday, 22.—This evening had the pleasure of solemnizing a marriage ceremony for the first time in this country. The happy couple are David King and Abasi Ekeng. I may state why the bridegroom is so named. Some years ago when he and other schoolboys were selecting English names for themselves, he pitched on "King David." I represented to him that this was scarcely a suitable appellation for him, but that I knew a great and good man in my country called David King and that I thought this would be a better name for him than King David. As it was a matter of no importance to him in what order the words were placed, he adopted the suggestion. He is a grandson of the late king Eyamba; and as his grandfather used to designate himself "king of all black men," so has the grandson for some years written himself, "David—king of all black boys." The bride is a daughter of Jemmy Henshaw's. They are the first free natives of the country who have been married after "white men's fashion." Mrs A. had some difficulty in getting a dress capacious enough for the bride, and she is not nearly so corpulent as the most of her countrywoman, but after being arrayed in a gown (for the first time in her life), and neatly turbaned, her appearance was very becoming. She seemed fully alive to the importance of the step she was taking. The ceremony was celebrated in the school room in the presence of a goodly number of interested spectators. I look on this marriage as an event of great importance. Here is one of the most influential young men in the country bidding a public farewell to polygamy. He has had a plurality of wives, but now stands strongly pledged to keep by one only. I have reason to hope that others of our young men will ere long follow his example.

Thursday, 23.—The "Golden Age" here in sight between five and six o'clock this evening. Went down to meet her, and reaching her was glad to find Captain Davies, Mrs D., their fine little boy about

eight months old, and Miss Miller, all well.

Sabbath, 20.—Among the pleasant sights of this day deserves to be noticed the unexpected one of the newly married pair at our English service in the evening. The bride was rather better dressed than on Wednesday evening, having got on a very neat straw bonnet. They walked arm in arm both to church and from it, which is quite a new thing among the Calabarese. This is the first time that we have ever seen a Calabar man treat his wife as an equal. At the close of the service I was glad to see the ship-captains and surgeons who had been worshiping with us, shake hands kindly and respectfully with the young couple.

Interesting class at Creek Town. March 2.—Met at Creek Town to-day a very interesting class of five boys, all desirous of being baptized. In so far as I examined them, I was much pleased with the extent of their knowledge of scripture history, doctrine, and precept. Their attainments reflect great credit on Mr Thomson's diligence and perseverance. I believe that they have received most of their instruction from him. Only one is a native of Calabar, the others have been imported from neighboring countries. On enquiring at them as to their family connections, the touching reply of four was, being interpreted, "Our fathers and mothers are not; we are slaves." I trust that they are under the teaching of the Holy One, and that they are or shall be of the number of those whom the truth makes free. They all wish immediate admission to the church, but I have seen so much discomfort and mischief arise in churches elsewhere from precipitate admissions to communion, that I do not feel at liberty to assume the responsibility of their immediate baptism, and especially after only one examination, and one day's acquaintanceship. I have had cause to reject several applications for immediate baptism here, and in each case I have had cause of thankfulness that I rejected the application.

Site for a Church.—*Tuesday, 7.*—The Duke Town gentlemen being rather reluctant that we should have a place of worship in the immediate vicinity of their palaver-house, lest we and Egbo should come into collision, and having expressed their willingness that I should take possession of a very excellent site occupied by a decayed house belonging to the supercar-

goes in the river, provided they (the river gentlemen) did not mean to repair their house and retain it as a place of rendezvous, I put myself in communication with the white gentlemen on the subject, and feel glad that all the four proprietors of the house now in the country, viz: Captains Calvert, Davies, Cuthbertson, and Lewis, very readily gave up their right and title to both site and remains of the old house in my favor, or rather in favor of the mission. It only remains now, I believe, that Duke Antaro get a dash for the use of the land, which is on his family property, and then Mr Hogan will go on with the work. He is now ready to proceed.

THE CONGREGATION OF BROUGHTON PLACE, EDINBURGH, UNDERTAKING TO SUPPORT A MISSIONARY IN OLD CALABAR.

We have much pleasure in stating, as the following letter from the Rev Dr Thomson intimates, that the congregation of Broughton Place, Edinburg, of which the Rev Drs Brown and Thomson are the ministers, have resolved to support a missionary in one of the new stations, which it is designed to open at Calabar. This congregation has paid for many years the salary of the missionary at New Broughton, Jamaica; and now the people there, owing to the debt on the station being defrayed, and the prosperity with which the Lord has favored them, raise three fifths of the salary, the congregation, instead of relaxing their benevolent efforts, have, besides all that they are doing for the instruction of the ignorant at home and on the continent, as well as in Jamaica, nobly determined to set up a new station in Calabar, and to aid in helping the degraded and long neglected Africans to stretch out their hands unto God. May the Lord greatly prosper them in this work of faith and labor of love, and make their example to persuade others to go and do likewise.

28, Howard Place, July 12.

My dear Mr Somerville,—You may probably have heard, what I now intimate to you in due form, that our people in Broughton Place have unanimously resolved to send out a missionary to Old Calabar. We are most anxious that both our missionary and the scene of our mission should be wisely chosen, and we shall be very happy to have your advice and assistance in both.

You are aware that we confine to our

mission church in Jamaica all the assistance it requires; and when it is considered that our people, at the end of twenty years, are prepared to undertake a second mission, and to rear up a second New Broughton, I think I may claim for them the praise of "not being weary in well-doing." I am, &c. ANDREW THOMPSON.

MORISONIANISM.—The Rev A. C. Rutherford of this town, has given orders to his booksellers here to suppress the further sale of his treatises in favor of Morisonian error. The Rev gentleman has candidly admitted, after mature deliberation, the fallacy of the system he has formerly supported.—*Dundee Warder.*

Notices.

Appointments of Preachers during the month of September:

Preachers.	Presbyteries.
Mr Robert Grant,	Halifax.
Mr Samuel McCully,	Pictou.
Rev. Alex. McKenzie,	Pictou.
Rev. Daniel McCurdy,	Pruro.
Rev. Hugh Ross,	P. E. Island
Mr James McLean,	Halifax.
Mr Jas. McG. McKay,	Halifax.

SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Account with Abram Patterson, Treasurer.

1853,	Dr.
July By balance of accounts	£2 5 10½
Sept. Bedeque, P.E.I, £2 2s3d, Is. cur.	1 15 2½
New Annan congregation	0 19 7
Nov. Mahou congregation	2 0 0
River John congregation, bal. of col. in addition to former contributions	0 7 7½
1854	
June Collection Prince St Church,	7 11 10
Upper Londonderry congregat'n	2 2 6
Primitive Church	3 0 0
Bedeque P.E.I, £2 12s3d Is. cur.	6 10½
Prince Town do., £3 18s6d do.	3 5 7½
West Branch E. River cong.	2 0 9½
Shelburne	2 7 10½
Clyde river section	2 0 9
D. Geddes, Barrington	0 7 6
Onslow and Bear river	2 10 0
East branch East river cong.	2 6 8
Musquodoboit congregation	3 0 0
Sherbrooke	2 1 3
Glennel 25s; Caledonia 23s 9d,	2 8 9
Stewiacke,	7 0 0
Miramichi	1 10 0
Lower Londonderry	1 10 8
Halifax	6 0 0
Nine mile river	8 0 0
Fortune Bay £1, Is. currency	0 16 8
Robert Smith for last quarter	6 0 0
Newport	1 17 2
Windsor	1 16 8½
Economy and Fiva islands	2 0 0
River John congregation	1 13 0
July James' Church, New Glasgow	3 15 0
Salem Church congregation	2 10 6
	£53 8 0

1853.	Cr.
August Paid Bowes & Son, for printing, per bill	£7 10 0
Rev P.G. McGregor, carriage of parcel	0 8 9
Rev James Smith, per order	30 0 0
Dr Keir, do	30 0 0
Clerk of Synod	5 0 0
Janitor	2 0 0
Circulars & postage	0 5 6
Stationary	0 5 0
Printing proposed alterations	1 0 0
Commission on £81 2s 1½d at 2½ per cent	2 0 6
	£78 4 9
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	5 3 3
Audited by George Walker, Roderick McGregor, Alexander Fraser,	Aud. Com.

The Board of Home Missions will meet at West River on the 1st Tuesday of Oct., at 4 o'clock, p. m.

Monies received by Treasurer from 20th July to 20th August, 1854.

FOREIGN MISSION.	
Aug., From a friend, per Miss Ged-	
did, for printing press,	£0 5 0
do. in Little Hr. per do. for do.	0 5 0
Jur. mn'y soc., J. Ch., N. Glasgow,	7 0 0
Evangelical Society, do. do.	5 0 0
Ladies' Rel. & Ben. Soc., do.	3 0 0
do. do. for printing press,	2 0 0
D. Dickson; A. Mines p. Rev D. Roy,	0 10 0
Mr John Dick, do. do.	0 2 6
Evangelical Society, Fish Pools,	
per Mr Roderick McGregor,	2 0 0
From Mr Murray; Mabou,	1 0 0
From Prince Street Church Sabbath School for Printing Press &c	6 16 2
Ladies Bible Class taught by rev. James Bayne; for ditto	1 3 9
Young Men's do do do	3 3 6
Miss Isabella Jackson,	0 3 9
A stranger,	0 0 10
	REGISTER.
Aug., From agent,	3 0 0

HOME MISSION.	
Aug., From Mr W. Hogg, P. Island,	£0 5 0
Ladies' Rel. & Ben. Soc., James Church, New Glasgow,	3 0 0
Evangelical Soc., do. do.	4 0 0
Evangelical Soc., Fish Pools, per Mr Roderick McGregor,	2 0 0
From Mabou Congregation,	6 0 0
Mrs. Ethridge, Margaree, per Rev. James Bayne,	0 10 5
Mr Ross, Margaree, per Mr Bayne,	0 1 3
SEMINARY.	
Aug., Ladies' religious & ben. soc'y. James' Church, New Glasgow,	3 0 0
Mr Thomas Graham,	5 0 0
Rev David Roy,	1 0 0
Mr Kenneth Forbes,	1 0 0
Mr Thomas Fraser Hill,	1 5 0
Several donations from Rev D. Roy,	1 3 4
From Mabou congregation,	5 0 0

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

in account with Abram Patterson, Treasurer, 1853.	
	Dr.
July, By balance of Ac. at date,	£129 0 7½
Omitted in last ac. from Newport,	4 17 7
Ladies' Penny-a-week Soc. P.ria. Ch	2 0 0
Con. from West Chester Mount., per Mr McCully,	2 7 5
Aug: A friend to the prosp'ty of Zion	0 5 0
Evangelical Society, Fish Pools,	1 0 0
Sep. Collection Prince Street Ch.,	4 15 0
Miss Sarah Crocket,	0 5 2½
Oct. Roger Hill Rel. & Ben. Soc.,	1 18 7½
Mr Robert Smith, Truro,	0 17 9
Nov. Student's Missionary Society,	14 0 0
West River Young Ladies' Religious and Benevolent Society,	2 4 6½
do. Penny-a-week Society,	3 10 0
1854—Jan. Mrs. McColl, Guysboro,	0 10 0
Bal. from R. Smith, 1st Jany.,	3 0 0
Mr Joseph McNaught,	0 10 0
Feb., Salem Church Congregation,	5 6 4
Ladies of Stillwater, St. Mary's,	1 0 0
Mar. Contr'ns from Digby, per Mr. McGregor,	2 0 0
Amount of monies received by Mr Grant at date,	14 2 8
Collection taken Primitive Ch.,	1 6 9
Apr. Ladies' Miss'y & Repos'y Soc., S. Mt. Dalhousie, per Mrs Reid,	0 14 0
Mr Smith, quarter ending Apr. 1,	15 7 9.
May, William Matheson, Esq.,	5 0 0
Zed'd by Mr McLean at C. Br'n,	19 10 0.
June, Princetown, P. E. I. per Mr James Beariste, £5 13s. I. c.,	4 14 2
Bedeque, P. E. I., £3 I. c.	2 10 0
West St. Peter's £8 15s 2d, I. c.,	7 5 11½
East St. Peter's, £2 11s 3d, I. c.,	2 2 8½
Upper Londoudorny,	5 0 0
Yarmouth,	8 15 0
Stewiacke,	15 5 0.
Legacy from the late Mrs H. Dunlap, per Rev. Mr Smith,	2 10 0.
Mrs H. Dunlap, senr,	0 0 3
Mrs Graham, Cox, per Rev Mr Smith,	0 5 0
Lower Londouderry,	9 10 0½
Halifax,	18 2 6
Nine Mile River Congregation,	10 0 0
Ladies' Penny-a-week Soc., W. R.,	3 7 6

R. Hill Ladies' P'y-a-week Soc.,	2 0 0
Y'ng Ladies' Rel. & Ben. Soc., R. H.	2 0 0
do. do. West River,	1 10 10
Mr. Robert Smith,	13 8 7
From do. for Harvey Church,	2 10 0
Brackley Point and Cavohend,	2 0 5
Half of collection Miss'y meeting,	2 3 3
Windsor, £31; Newport £6, 11s; £37, 11s, for the 3 schemes divid-ed equally,	12 10 4
Harvey Settle'm't, per Rev. E. Ross,	4 10 0
A friend for do.,	0 10 0
River John,	3 2 6
St. Mary's,	3 0 0
July, Ladies' Penny-a-week Society, Springville,	0 7 6½
	£387 2 10
	Cr.

1853.	
July, To paid Rev. J. Byers, omitted in last account,	£2 10 0
Mr McCully's mis. to W. Chestor,	7 10 0
do. order of Synod Hx. Pby.,	3 17 0
Sep., Rev. Mr Millar,	5 0 0
Mr Crayford's mission to Digby and Annapolis,	3 0 0,
Mr Thompson, do. do.	6 0 0
Miss Goddie for Little Hr. school,	1 0 0
Oct., Mr McLeod's mission to C. B.,	6 0 0
Mr Thompson do. Wallace River,	1 10 0,
Nov., Rev. Geo. Patterson do Canso,	2 0 0
Mr McCurdy do. Carver Hill and New Brunswick,	12 10 0

1854.	
Jan., Rev. Hugh Ross do. C. Breton,	6 7 3
Rev. Jas Byers do. Parsboro,	1 12 9½
Mar., D. McCurdy do. N. Bruns'k,	10 0 0.
Hugh Ross do. Wallace River,	5 0 0.
Geo. Christie supplem't Yarm'th,	12 10 0
P. G. McGregor's mission to Digby,	4 7 6
Mr Grant's mis'n in Pictou Pby.,	5, 13 0
do. Gay's River, &c.,	6 12 0
do. Wallace River, &c.,	9, 10 0
do. Parsboro, &c.,	9 0 0
Apr., Mr McCully's m'n to Kemp't'n,	1 0 0
Secretary of H. Mission Board,	3 3 9
Mr R. Smith, postages p'd by him,	0 0 9
Rev. Mr. McKonzie, m'n to Harvey,	10 0 0
Mr McLean's mis'n to C. Breton,	25 10 0
June, Rev. Mr Clark's do. Digby, Annapolis, &c.,	4 16 10½
Mr McCully do. P. E. Island,	1 14 9
do. do. Wallace River, &c.,	1 10 0
Rev. H. Ross, do. C. Sable Island,	9 10 0
Clerk of Halifax Presbytery,	10 0 0
Rev. E. Ross's exp's to H'vy set.,	6 0 0
P'd Mr McKay's m'n to C. Breton,	7 10 0
do. bal. of mn'y labors P.E.I.,	6 7 6
July, Rev. D. Honeyman's expense on mission to Cape Breton,	2 17 6
Mr R. Grant's labors Pictou Pby.,	7 10 0
Rev Wm. McCulloch, st'ry, post.,	4 11 2½
Com'n on £258 2s 2d at 2½ per c.	6 9 0½
	230 0 11
By amount brought forward,	387 2 10
Bal. in Treasurer's hands,	£157 1 11
Audited by Geo. Walker, Roderick McGregor, & Alexander Fraser. } Andlt. Com.	

RECEIPTS FOR REGISTER.

William Boak, 7s, 6d; rev R. S. Patterson, 17s, 6d, James McCallum £1, 13s 4d; Cameron McDonald, 7s, 6d; rev John Campbell, 7s, 6d; do. J. L. Murdoch, £3, do. John McLeod, 7s, 3d, John B. Coulter, 1s, 6d, rev H. Crawford, £2, 10s; do. G. Christie, £1, 17s, 6d; Primitive Church, New Glasgow, £3, Robert Smith, 10s, Congregation Cavendish, and New London, Per rev I. Murray, £1, 15s, William Graham, £1, 12s 6d, M. McPherson, 1s 6d; Robert Laird, 1s 6d. For 1853, rev R. Sedgwick, £1, 12s 6d, rev P. G. McGregor, 7s 6d; Charles Forbes, 5s.

ERRATUM.—In last months register, for 'monies received by Treasurer from 20th Jan. to 4th July,' read "monies received by Treasurer from 20th June to 4th July see accounts in this register from 4th July to the 20th July as under.

J. & J. Yorston acknowledges the receipt of the following articles for the Foreign Mission, viz:

A box for the mission family from James Carmichael, Esq., per A. McPherson, from Ladies of Primitive Church, New Glasgow, value —£8 10s.

Cash from Mrs Redpath, Little Carriboe River, 2s 6d.

Pictou, August 21, 1854.

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 directed to meet the wishes of the Testator.

The Treasurer of the Mission Education Fund acknowledges the receipt of One Pound Two Shillings, from Sabbath school Children in connection with Poplar Grove Church Halifax.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY WANTED.

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

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Board of HOME MISSIONS.—The Rev'ds. Professor Ross, Patterson, Watson & Walker, and the Presbytery Elders of Green Hill, West River and Primitive Church. Rev George Patterson, Secretary.

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

Educational Board.—The Rev'ds Smith, McGregor, Campbell, Ross, Bayne, and Messrs Abram Patterson, Charles B. 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. John McRinlay Esq., Secretary.

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

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, Sedgwick, and James McGregor, Esq.

Committee of Bills and Overtures.—Messrs Roy, Bayne and Mc Gilvray, and James McGregor,—or Bayne, Convener.

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

Receivers of Contributions to the Scheme of the Church.—James McCallum, Esq., P.I. Island, and Robert Smith, merchant, Truro.

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

General Agent for the Register, FEENE BEATTIE, Junior, Pictou.