

the necessary position. It is one of the Funds that will be a sure test of the moral stamina and enlightened public spirit of our people as a whole.

Our Foreign Mission is not as strong as could be wished. Death has taken away four of our good and brave pioneers. More men are called for, and the responses are not as prompt as we could desire. Yet here, too, there is room for gratitude and hope. One of our most useful and acceptable ministers is now nearly ready to depart to the foreign field. He has been cheerfully given up by his congregation,—by his Presbytery and by the Synod,—invaluable as his labours were in the Home field. Another gratifying circumstance is that hitherto the Foreign Mission Board has not been at a loss for funds. Our children are learning to give liberally and intelligently for the extension of the Gospel in heathen lands.

In our Home Missions more labourers are required. Several additional young men would be eagerly welcomed into this field, where they would find ample scope for all their energies and talents.

There is one department of the Church's work which causes deep concern at present, and which naturally sends the wisest and best of our ministers and people to their knees to ask direction from the Head of the Church. We refer to the Theological Hall. Our prosperity in Home and Foreign Missions,—in every department of the Church's work,—depends directly or indirectly on the condition of the Theological Hall. That we must have an institution for the training of our young men for the ministry, appears too plain to admit of discussion. What, then, is to be done, now that our venerated Professor of Theology can be with us no longer? This question must be confronted in all its aspects by the Synod now assembled at Charlottetown. The future of the church will largely depend on the course then and there decided upon. Funds may be required for the Hall—will be required—cannot be dispensed with. The people will readily respond to a call for Funds if a good claim is presented to them. The grand desideratum

is an efficient Hall to train an efficient ministry, that we may have men to occupy the Home field and also to go far hence to the gentiles.

This question appears difficult at present; but God, who has given us help and guidance in other days, will come to the rescue now. There is no need to be discouraged or alarmed. There is good reason to look forward with joyous confidence in the belief that our Lord shall be with us always, leading us in the right way.

A DAY IN TRURO.

My first day in Truro was a day long to be remembered. It was the Lord's day, and I knew that a large band of young people were to come forward to make a personal profession of faith in Christ, and to take their place as members in full standing in the church. The day was fine and the congregation very large. Dr. McCulloch preached an excellent discourse from Isaiah xxv. 9: "We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Proceeding to admit the candidates, nearly 70 stood up. A few who could not be there will be admitted next Saturday, making in all 72.

After the usual questions had been asked, the Dr. baptized 26 persons. He then addressed the new members on the duties involved in the stand which they had taken, and gave them excellent advice in a most fatherly manner. Among the persons thus addressed, we saw men with their wives, but they consisted chiefly of young persons, mostly in manhood and womanhood,—one girl of 14 and a boy younger still being probably the only exception.

The Dr. then addressed the older members of the church on the duties which they owed to the younger, and especially in connection with the present revival of religion. His address in this case was also very good, and equally so the short appeal made to those who still appeared to be careless. These familiar earnest addresses I enjoyed more than the regular sermon.

The service in the evening consisted of a prayer-meeting, which was exceedingly in-