

HOLY MISSION BOARD.

The Maritime Committee met on Tuesday 6th inst. The business was the examination of Returns of Catechists and Claims of Presbyteries for maintenance of these during the summer in their respective Solds.

The Claims of the Presbyteries of Pictou, Truro, Halifax, Lunenburg, and Shelburne, and of St. John were received and disposed of. Those from Miramichi and R. E. Island, were not on the table. The claims generally were less than usual, the stations in most cases paying in full and in all cases very respectably. There was marked progress in the Presbytery of St. John.

DISTRIBUTION OF PREACHERS.

As usual there were nearly twice as many preachers asked for, as were at the Committee's disposal. They were allotted with as much fairness as the committee could bring to bear on the subject.

It was agreed to welcome Rev. M. Rose a Gaelic Preacher of the Scottish Free Church who has offered himself to the Colonial Committee for this country.

The Committee also welcome with pleasure the Rev. Thos. Duncan who is returning to labor with us again.

CORRECTION. — Halifax, Nov. 6th.

Please notice two errors in the published State of the Funds in your last issue. First. The heading should have been Oct. 1st inst. instead of Sept. 1st.

Second. Under College, line third. Including Balance of \$1710.50 should have been \$3710.52, which is large enough without being magnified. It is the accumulation of seven years at the rate of \$530.07 per annum.

P. G. MCGREGOR.

There are in the Presbyterian Church of Canada 799 pastoral charges, an increase of 9 on last year; there are 122 vacancies, 8 more than last year; mission stations, 109 last year, 101, but the returns are incomplete; congregations and stations, 1,011,

last year, 903; the total number of churches and stations supplied by pastors, 1,493, or adding mission stations, 1,714, a decrease of 23. The families reach 69,507, an increase of 1,328; of communicants there are 118,603, an increase of 2,735; sittings in churches, 350,432, an increase of 16,097; mansees, 434 and 65 rented houses.

About a year since a prize of one hundred guineas was offered for the best Essay on "The heathen world, its need of the gospel and the duty of the church to supply that need." Thirty six essays were sent in from various parts of the Continent and the prize has just been awarded to Rev. Dr. Patterson of New Glasgow.

We are glad also to state that arrangements have been made for the delivery of this Essay in a series of lectures to the students in our Theological Hall during the present term.

Whilst in our own Church there is quite a dearth for ministers, across the Atlantic there seems to be a superabundance. The English Baptist Missionary Society has been burdened by the applications of young men who desire to be sent as missionaries. A large number of applicants have been received on condition that they will be sent out should an increase of contributions warrant it.

It is cheering to note that there will be an increase of candidates at our Pine Hill institution this winter.

The tea-meeting and bazaar at Upper Musquodoboit realized \$275 in aid of the manse which is now completed and occupied.—A tea-meeting at Dean Settlement realized \$230, in aid of the new Church there. Before the end of the year the Church is to be finished. This congregation has entered heartily and zealously into the work of Church and Manse building.

Collection in the church in Upper Caledonia for the Schemes of the Church, \$18. Also \$2.00 for Dayspring from Sabbath-School near Wallace Bridge.

Rev. Dr. King the newly appointed principal of Manitoba College has raised \$5000 to pay the most pressing debts on that institution.

The Robertsons have had very successful meetings in Montreal, Ottawa and other cities in the West.