

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Sermon of the Rev Professor King, published by Synodical appointment, is now ready for distribution, and will be sent to all parts of the country with the Synod Minutes and circulated gratuitously in the same number and proportion as the Minutes. These documents, with the Statistical Tables, will make another demand on the Synod Fund which should stimulate all our congregations to increased liberality in its support. If all our congregations would make the usual collection every demand would be met and liquidated.

The Statistical Table is delayed till Sessions who have not forwarded Returns have been heard from.

Our present number is taken up mainly with Synodical Reports. These contain a vast amount of information, carefully compiled, and of a character that cannot fail deeply to interest the Church. We hope they will be read with attention and "inwardly digested." Reports are generally "dry reading"—but in the cases before us it is far otherwise. Our next issue will contain the Report of the Foreign Mission Board and of the Board of Education.

The Presbytery of Halifax is giving regular supply of preaching to the Gold Diggers at Tangier. Within the last few weeks the Rev Messrs Duff, McLean and Steels have officiated there. We understand that about two-thirds of the people are Presbyterians from various sections of the Province. The attendance on public worship is large and the behaviour of the audience is exemplary. A government tent is shortly to be erected in which the people will congregate for worship.

Sabbath desecration has reached a pitch in this city which demands the attention of the whole Church. We are glad therefore that the Synod appointed a *Special Committee* to devise and execute such measures as may be most suitable for securing the better observance of the Lord's Day here.

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Home Mission Board will meet in the Presbyterian College, Halifax, on Thursday, the 8th August, at 2 o'clock, afternoon.

A. MCKNIGHT, *C. vener.*

PROFESSORIAL FUND.

Lauchlan McDougal, Whycocomb, CB
per Rev. James Ross. \$13 00
JAMES H. LIDDELL.

PAYMENTS FOR THE FREE CHURCH RECORD.

Mr Chas Taylor, Lawrenceton	£	4	4½
Mr McDougall, Loch Lomond		5	7½
Mr J Cameron-New Glasgow		4	1 3
Rev Mr Jack, N B		10	0
Rev Dr McLeod, C B		7	6
Mr J McPherson, Capo North C B		3	9
Mr Donald McLean do.		3	9
Mr Ronald McDonald, Big Intervale		1	10½
Rev J Munro, Wallace		12	6
Mrs D. Johnston, Douglastown, N B		9	4½
Dr J B Johnston, Chatham, N B		4	4½
Mr J A F Sutherland		2	6
James Kerr, Nappan, N B		7	6

Monies received by the Treasurer from 20th June, 1861.

SYNOD FUND.

1861.			
June 24	From Hugh Ross, R. Hill, 15s.; Prince St. Church, Pictou, 75s. 3d.	£	4 10 3
" 25	" Church, Queen's Square, Charlottetown, 25s.		1 5 0
" 27	" Windsor, 45s.; Woodville, P. E. I. currency 24s.; N. S. 20s.		3 5 0
" "	" Casumpeque P E I currency, 36s.; Bedequo, 36s. 9d., P E I c'y		3 0 7
" "	" Clyde River and Barrington 15s. 6d ; Baddeck, C. B., 36s. 6d.		2 15 0
" "	" Chatham, 81s.; 2d Congregation, Maitland & Noel, 75s. 8d.		7 16 8
" "	" Lower Londonderry, 80s.		4 0 0
" "	" Musquodoboit, Mid. Set., 30s.; Up. Set., 30s.; Strathalbyn, 25s.		4 5 0
" "	" Lunenburg and Stations, 15s.; Congregation 9 Mile River 50s.		3 5 0
" "	" East St. Peters 14s. P E I currency; Bay Fortune 36s. P E I c'y		2 1 8
" "	" Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield, 60s.; West Bay, Capo Breton, 24s.		4 4 0
" "	" Shubenacadie, Gay's River and Lower Stewiacke, 51s. 6d.		2 11 6
" "	" Cong. West River, Pictou, 30s.; Princetown P E I, 52s. P E I c'y		3 14 3
" "	" 5 Mile River 1st Cong. Maitland, 27s 6d; Hopewell, W. B., E. R. 15s.		2 2 6
" "	" James Church, N. G. 50s.; Central Church, W. River, 22s. 6d.		3 12 6
" "	" Upper Londonderry, 40s.; Clifton, 40s.; Primitive Church, N. G. 30s.		8 10 0
" "	" Economy and Five Islands, 55s.; West River P E I, 45s. P E I c'y		4 12 6
" "	" Upper Stewiacke, 120s.; N. S. E. Branch, E R., 25s.		7 5 0
" "	" Earltown, West Branch and R. Hill, 41s. 4d.; River John, 30s.		3 11 4
" "	" North Cornwallis, 48s.; Green Hill, Salem Ch. 65s.; Onslow, 40s. 7½d.		7 13 7½
" "	" Sherbrooke, 30s.; Glenelg, 30s.; Caledonia, 20s.; Wallace, 28s. 4½d.		5 8 4½
" "	" Covehead, 25s.; Capo North, 40s.; Yarmouth, 48s. 9d.		5 13 9
" "	" Amount received by Mr. A. K. McKinlay, Halifax, to date		0 7 8½
" "	" Poplar Grove Ch., add. 20s.; Cornwallis, per Rev. A. McKay, 15s.		11 15 0
" "	" Rev. A. Munro, P E I, 20s. 7½d.; Newport, 29s. 4½d.		2 10 0