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LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,
That th' earth thy way, and nations all may know thy saving grace.—Ps. lxxvii. 1, 2

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Home Missions.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA, 1855-6.

The Board of Home Missions, in submitting their Annual Report, might speak in general terms, as they have done on former occasions—that they have reason for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for what he has enabled the Church to accomplish in providing religious ordinances for the destitute within their own borders—that the field is widening before us, new calls being constantly made on the liberality of the Church, and that the means at our command are yet so inadequate to supply the claims made upon us. The remarks made upon these subjects in former Reports might be reiterated, but without dwelling on them we proceed to lay before the Synod a summary of their operations for the past year.

MISSIONARIES.

At the date of our last Report there were six missionaries in the employment of the Board, Messrs. Grant, McCully, Ross, McKenzie, M. Curly and Keir. To these have been added, Mr Samuel Johnson, who was licensed in the United States, Mr John W. Matheson, licensed by the Presbytery of Pictou in December last, and Mr Alexander Cameron, recently licensed by the same Presbytery. Of these, Mr Samuel Johnson has been ordained to the pastoral charge of

the congregation of Harvey, and the Rev Alexander McKenzie has been obliged, from ill health, to decline farther appointments. The Board regret to be obliged to add that there is little probability of his being able to resume them. Besides these, the Rev James Thomson has been able to take occasional appointments. All these brethren have been employed almost constantly, and it will thus be seen that the amount of labor performed will equal, if it do not exceed, the amount of any previous year.

SUPPLY OF VACANCIES.

The vacancies at the date of the last Report were, Harvey, Shubenacadie and West Branch. Of these, Shubenacadie has been supplied by the translation of the Rev James McLean, and Harvey by the ordination of Mr Samuel Johnson. But to the number have been added the congregation of Mabou, which has been discouraged, but not disheartened, by the removal of its minister, and Economy and Five Islands, rendered vacant by the demission of the Rev James Thomson. Besides these, the congregation of Maitland and Noel has, in consequence of the age of its present minister, been receiving supply, and the congregation of Middle Stewiacke has been united with Brookfield to form one new ministerial charge.

MISSION STATIONS.

The following stations have received supply: in the Presbytery of Halifax, Annapolis, Cape Sable Island, Ragged