

great effort to-day to convert the Romanist, I dare say that not one among you can have had so many opportunities of knowing how to handle it, with the help of God, than the poor, humble and unprofitable servant of God, who has now the privilege of writing you these lines. As soon as my college will be rebuilt, and the classes opened again, (D.V.) I propose myself to continue the blessed missionary work which we began in Canada last winter and summer. If my dear and kind friends of the Lower Provinces do continue, for some time, to strengthen my hands and cheer up my poor broken heart as they have done lately, through you and others, it will not take much time before we will again be able to praise the Lord on the same ground where we have shed so many tears, for the work is advancing very fast.

May the God of the Gospel for ever bless the pastors and the people of your Provinces, who do so nobly come to the help of your so tried, but forever grateful friend,

C. CHINIQUE.

Home Missions.

The December number of this periodical contained the Board's arrangement of Home Mission labourers for the winter, but unexpected events have necessitated some changes.

Mr. J. F. Layton having assigned urgent reasons for remaining in Bermuda, the Board concurred, and it became necessary, for that and other reasons, to retain Rev. A. Stirling in Nova Scotia. He has been zealously preaching in different parts of the Pictou Presbytery, whence he proceeds or has proceeded to Cape Breton to be employed in the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond, but chiefly in the congregation of Mabou, which has been left unsupplied for months past. We trust soon to hear that the Gospel is being preached there with a frequency and unction which will cause them to feel that the fast has been followed by a feast. The Miramichi Presbytery has had its chief vacancy supplied by the induction of Rev. R. Wilson to the charge of St. John's, Chatham, and the Presbytery of St. John has been strengthened by the settlement of Rev. W. Stuart at Fredericton. and Rev. Samuel McCully at Prince

William. By the indisposition of one of our Probationers, this Presbytery was left at a disadvantage during December and the first half of January, but Mr. John Allan, of Harbour Grace, a licentiate of the Free Presbytery of Edinburgh, having recently been received, has now commenced mission work within its bounds.

The Presbytery of Halifax has received an accession in the induction of Rev. A. R. Garvie to the charge of St. John's Church. Windsor. Newport congregation has forwarded a call to Rev. J. D. McGillivray, which awaits an answer. Bedford, Fall River, the Junction and Mount Uniacke have been supplied by the Theological Students.

Rev. Thomas Cumming, who has declined calls to James' Church, New Glasgow, and to Zion Church, Charlottetown, and Mr. Charles Fraser are doing missionary work in Prince Edward Island whose Presbytery has been increased also by the ordination of Rev. Samuel Gunn over the congregation of West River and Brookfield.

Pictou Presbytery has to provide for Scotsburn, James Church, N. G., and Merigomish; and of late for Fisher's Grant, Little Harbour and Sherbrooke, Mr. Maxwell having met with a trying accident—the fracture of a leg—and Mr. Campbell being struck down with severe illness. At present this Presbytery has not a single Probationer, but from the 1st of February Mr. J. W. Nelson will aid its members in giving as full supply as practicable to the congregations just named.

Mr. Nelson has spent the last two months in Truro Presbytery, and we believe his services were given almost exclusively to the congregation of Acadia Mines. This Presbytery will for a time, of necessity, be left unaided in supply of their two vacancies.

We continue in our present number the publication of Reports of work performed during the past season. We have by us two interesting reports of missions to congregations in the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond by Rev. Wm. Grant and Rev. A. Ross of Pictou, which are not for publication; but which show a large amount