

through the industry of several successive Librarians, it is admirably arranged and catalogued. It contains upwards of four thousand volumes, a large proportion of which are useful to students,—historical, theological, and scientific works, permanently valuable. But, as every one knows, a library requires constant replenishing. The world is moving, and our students must move too. They must know what is being done in the world of science—what new light is being thrown on old problems, what old theory of darkness is being revived and how it is met; how the battle is faring between faith and scepticism, between truth and error. It is unnecessary for us to tell Presbyterians that their young ministers should be well informed, and that they need books while attending College as well as afterwards. All that we need to show is that the Library is not what it should be, and that there is no way of bringing it up to the mark except by thus appealing to the liberality of our people. The students themselves contribute a considerable sum annually, which, (excepting a few dollars for necessary expenses) is devoted to the purchase of the most desirable new books. But the additions thus made from year to year though valuable, and highly creditable to the students and the Librarian, are not one-tenth of what is required. Speaking very moderately, we estimate that the requirements of the Library would be met by expending, say \$200 annually in new books. Of course it would be easy to expend profitably ten times the sum mentioned; but the students would be delighted and largely benefited were new books to the value of the smaller sum placed annually within their reach. Donations in books as well as in money are thankfully received, although the money is always most desirable; for the books you give may not be those that are most urgently required. Still, if you cannot give money, by all means give books. We hope however that in course of the winter the Librarian will have the satisfaction of acknowledging numerous donations of money. Let it come in cents, dollars, pounds; no matter. The smallest donation will be thankfully

received and put to good use. Donations should be forwarded to the Librarian, the Rev. John Forrest; but if it should be more convenient to send to the office of the *Record* or to either of the Editors of the *Record*, the donations will be duly handed to Mr. Forrest. We are anxious that amid the multiplicity of other claims and calls the Library should be remembered at this season of the year. There is probably no more profitable way of investing a few dollars for church purposes than sending them to the Library-Fund. Past neglect makes present need all the more urgent.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work of the Church has been prosecuted with energy and success during the past summer.

The Board met on the 1st and 2nd of November, when the chief objects of attention were, first, Reports and Disbursements; secondly, the supply of vacant congregations in Victoria and Richmond; and 3dly, the Distribution of Probationers.

What was done under the first head will appear in due time in the Accounts. Under the second head it was agreed to request two ministers, able to preach Gaelic, to undertake a mission of a month each during the early winter months, while something was done in the direction of securing more permanent supply.

In the allocation of Probationers it was impossible to meet the wants of Presbyteries. Rev. Mr. Stirling and Mr. C. Fraser were appointed to P. E. Island; Rev. William Stuart and Mr. David Smith (health permitting), to the Presbytery of St. John; Mr. J.F. Layton, on return from Bermuda,* to Pictou Presbytery, and Mr. J. W. Nelson to Truro Presbytery.

Rev. A. R. Garvie having accepted the call from Windsor, and Rev. R. Wilson, from Chatham, and Rev. Thos. Cumming having consented to occupy Zion church, Charlottetown, for the winter, none remained for any other Presbytery. It will thus be seen that the demand for Mission-

* Mr. Smith must rest a few weeks longer, and Mr. Layton has not returned from Bermuda.