

Rev. J. W. McLeod, of Trinidad, is not improving in health. He still instructs the teachers in all the fields and attends to matters of business, such as paying the teachers, &c., in his own field. He expects to return to Nova Scotia with his family in June.

To see what the Mission Fields in Trinidad are doing in the way of self-help, note the following. Last year the native congregation in Princetown, consisting of seventy members, gave about seventy pounds to the work, or an average of five dollars each.

In San Fernando, Mr. Grant's field, besides various expenses in connection with the church, the native congregation gave one hundred pounds sterling towards Mr. Grant's salary, and agreed to pay for this year one hundred and fifty pounds toward the same object.

In Couva, Mr. Wright has already secured a subscription of nine hundred dollars from planters, estate owners, agents, and East Indians towards the erection of a church.

While Mr. Morton has a subscription list of fifteen hundred and fifty dollars, of which eleven hundred dollars have been already paid, for the erection of a church at Tunapuna, the newest field in the island where he has been laboring for the last five years. Of this sum but ninety dollars was given in Nova Scotia, some by Estate owners residing in Britain, but the most of it in Trinidad.

The prospects of the Augmentation Scheme for the current year are good. Many congregations have given what they were asked, and others equally able will, it is hoped, not be behind.

Miramichi Presbytery has had two of its vacancies filled. Rev. A. O. Brown was settled at Campbellton, Jan. 5th, and Rev. J. H. Cameron at Bass River, Feb. 4th.

Rev. J. F. Forbes was inducted on Jan. 13th at West River and Green Hill, Pictou Co. That district, now happily united, making one of the best congregations in the Synod.

Rev. Thomas Stewart, son of the late Rev. Murdoch Stewart, has been ordained a missionary in connection with St. John Presbytery.

#### Our Ordinary College Fund.

Do not forget the collection appealed by the General Assembly and endorsed by Synod. The time we trust will come when we can dispense with the collection, but not yet or for some time to come. But for the large short-coming in an Endowment Fund the annual appeal would not be so indispensable. Amid some discouragements our Professors are doing their work manfully, thoroughly, faithfully, and merit the hearty sympathy and support of the whole Church. Notwithstanding the host-lone power of other institutions in the West, and on the other side of the line, and the generally felt dearth of candidates for the Ministry, there are nineteen students in attendance and the boarding arrangements are in first class condition. Every congregation and mission station should contribute.

#### "Unable to Pay Before."

A cheque for fifty dollars was sent the other day to the treasurer of the College Endowment Fund, from one who modestly refuses to let his name be known, who through stress of circumstances was unable to make good his subscription sooner, but who, in all the hard experience through which he was called on to pass, which might have given him an honorable release from his engagement, felt it still binding upon him. Now that his sky is beginning to brighten again he remits this as a first instalment of his old obligation. This is no more than just and right, yet, judged by the ordinary course of procedure in such cases, it is highly to his credit. We do wish some others who have not had his excuse for delay would go and do likewise.

It is not to the credit of our Church in the Maritime Provinces that though about \$105,000 were subscribed to our College Endowment and Building Fund, not \$72,000 were paid. We expected a shrinkage of \$20,000 or so, but not like what it has turned out. Several congregations paid in little over half of what they promised. There are names on the books of those who would feel themselves insulted if included in the list of those "unable to pay," who are still owing \$100, \$200, or even \$300 each. Even though the Board felt disposed (which it does not) to employ legal processes in compelling payment of these large amounts, they are almost, if not al-