

and he may be permitted to add, that this consideration has been upon his own mind the constraining cause, of his accepting the trust which his brethren have tendered. At the same time, he entertains the hope, that the Church at large will derive benefit from his labors, and on that hope, depends all the reward which he covets.—The past year's experience, enables him to estimate the amount of labor necessary to conduct aright, a Monthly Missionary Periodical. While his ministerial and pastoral duties are of such a character as to demand close and steady application; could he have honorably withdrawn from all connection with the publication of the *Register*; he would have most firmly resisted all solicitation to the contrary.—Much however may be done to lighten the burden; were those who take a deep interest in the prosperity of the Church to forward such items of general intelligence as may prove useful and gratifying to the reader. Original communications, of a character suited in their nature and extent to our pages, will always prove acceptable, and if forwarded by the 20th of the month will appear in the forthcoming number, unless more important matter be on hand. All postages should be prepaid, and all expense in transmission, which is not absolutely necessary, should

be avoided by correspondents, as it will be by ourselves. It is of the utmost consequence to enforce and practice economy; to husband the funds of the Church if we would keep her well provided with "the sinews of war." We regard the *Register* still, somewhat in the light of an experiment, though happily no longer, in the light of a doubtful one. Were the Presbyterian interests of the Province so consolidated, as to put forth a united and steady effort, worthy of their character; a Newspaper and Magazine would soon be added to the list of her stated publications, and some well qualified individual would be selected to devote his entire time and talent to their superintendence.

This is "the good time coming," and it does not seem to be distant; but in the mean time the *Register* should be well wrought,—the entering wedge should be driven home; and when the elevation which the Church has thereby experienced is fairly computed and well understood, then will follow another and another wedge, until the proud position is obtained from which, will be unfurled, in *all its glory*, over the mountains and vallies of Nova Scotia, that GOD HONORED BANNER which has so long and so triumphantly floated over "the hills and dales of Auld Scotia."

Home Department,

The following extracts from letters of the Rev John Sprott, of Musquodoboit, will no doubt prove acceptable to our readers. Under the direction of the Pby. of Halifax, he has recently accomplished a missionary tour, to Shelburne, Clyde River and Barrington; and the following graphic descriptions of what passed under his observant eye, unfolds a very pleasing view of a portion of the Province, which from its isolated character, has hitherto attracted very little sympathy from our Church. To this want of sympathy may very warractably be traced its present desolate condition, and the desolation will soon be complete, if active measures be not speedily adopted to remedy past neglect. It may be permitted us, farther to

observe, that were each missionary to forward an account of his doings, intermingling the somewhat dry details of labor undergone, with such observations on men and things, as are mete for the public eye, our pages would be much more interesting and instructive, and the *Home* would not be so inferior as it now is, to the *Foreign* Department of Missionary effort, either in point of general interest or pecuniary support.

Shelburne, Nov. 1852.

Rev. James Bayne,

Dear Sir,—A letter from this place, on Church affairs, will not be uninteresting. You know that our congregations here have lost their lights, their lamps are gone out. I trust that by the blessings of Heaven upon the application of talents, they may yet be rekindled, and the good cause revived. I have found a sprinkling of good people from Ragged Islands to