

**SHORT SERVICE PLAN.**—The Free Church Assembly has approved of a plan proposed by the Colonial Committee of sending out first-class men to the Colonies for a term of three years; at the end of that time to return. The Committee believed that if these men came home they would be all the better for their colonial experience and advice, and they believed that the Colonies would be all the better of their services for two or three years. But the Committee also believe that a good many of these first-class men would find a first-class sphere, and would find the climate and ways of the people such that they would think twice before they returned to this country. This proposal, of course, implied that these young men, if they returned home, would come back, not with a stigma, but with a feather in their cap, as men who had been chosen for an honorable work, and had honorably discharged it. No doubt that plan would cost a little money, and the Committee propose to divide the expense between the Colonial Churches and the Colonial Committee; and they were satisfied that the plan would be so admirably adapted to promote the cause of Christ that it would be well worth all the expense.

**REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN.**—Rev Dr. Binnie, of Stirling, is likely to be appointed one of the Professors of the Free Church College, Aberdeen.

**UNION.**—The way is now clear for commencing the Union between the two branches of Presbyterians in England.

## NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

### NOTICE.

Contributions to the various schemes of the Church received on or before the 20th of each month will be acknowledged in the succeeding Record. Sums received at a later date will have to remain over for acknowledgment to the following Record.

### HUNTER PRIZES.

Three prizes of \$50, \$40 and \$30 respectively, will be offered for competition to the students at the Theological Hall in Halifax. Subjects of Examination:—Chalmers's Evidence of Christianity; and the Book of Acts in Greek. The competition will take place about the middle of November.

A. McKNIGHT.

The Treasurer of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, acknowledges receipt of the following sums:

### FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

|                                                                 |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Acknowledged in last Record.....                                | \$410 27 |
| A Teacher, Yarmouth.....                                        | 5 00     |
| St. John's, Nfld., per Rev. M. Harvey                           | 74 40    |
| Riverside, half year, Portapique section.....                   | 9 30     |
| Riverside, Bass River Section                                   | 23 21    |
| “ Castlereagh.....                                              | 3 52     |
|                                                                 | 86 03    |
| John Meek, Rawdon.....                                          | 1 50     |
| New Annan, per Rev. J. Watson.....                              | 10 00    |
| Catharine McLean, per Rev. E. A. McCurdy.....                   | 1 00     |
| West Point.....                                                 | 10 00    |
| Bay St. Missionary Society, Toronto, per Rev. Dr. Jennings..... | 45 00    |

Total.....\$593 20

### DAYSpring AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

|                                                                       |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Acknowledged in last Record.....                                      | \$87 35 |
| Presbyterian congregation, St. John's, Nfld., per Rev. M. Harvey..... | 59 24   |
| Maria King, Attleboro, Mass., per Rev. A. B. Dickie.....              | 90      |
| West Point, P. E. I., per Rev. C. Fraser.....                         | 2 08    |

\$149 57

### FOR SUPPORT OF MR. J. A. MACDONALD, MISSIONARY TEACHER.

|                                                       |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Windsor Ladies, per Mrs. Murdoch, half year.....      | \$12 50 |
| Hopewell Ladies, per Rev. J. McKinnon, half year..... | 12 50   |
| Riverside Ladies, per Rev. A. Cameron                 | 12 50   |

\$37 50

### HOME MISSIONS.

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Acknowledged in last Record..... | \$402 75 |
| A Teacher, Yarmouth.....         | 5 00     |
| Riverside, half year, Portapique | 10 47    |
| Bass River                       | 14 85    |
| Castlereagh.                     | 3 52     |

28 84

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|----------------------------------------------|-------|
| John Meek, Rawdon.....                       | 1 50  |
| New Annan.....                               | 10 00 |
| Musquodoboit, Middle Settlement.....         | 20 00 |
| Fall River and Waverley, per A. N. Auld..... | 44 80 |

Total.....\$512 89

### SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Acknowledged in last Record.....            | \$358 77 |
| Riverside cong., half year, Portapique..... | 2 85     |
| Riverside cong., half year, Bass River..... | 10 04    |
|                                             | 12 89    |
| Prince St., Pictou, addl.....               | 2 00     |
| New Annan.....                              | 10 00    |
| Chatham.....                                | 25 00    |
| West Point, P. E. I.....                    | 10 00    |

Total.....\$418 66

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| Acknowledged in last Record..... | \$199 42 |
| Interest on \$400 N. S.....      | 23 36    |