

SETTLEMENTS.

During the last autumn Rev. Mr. Stuart settled at Fredericton, and Mr. Garvie at Windsor, Mr. Gunn at West River P. E. Island, Mr. McCally at Prince William, and Mr. Wilson at Chatham. More lately Mr. Fraser has been ordained over the congregations of West Point, Campbellton and the Brae. In the room of these we have received Mr. Allan, of Harbor Grace, Licentiate of the Free Presbytery of Edinburgh, and Messrs. K. McKay, J. W. McKenzie, E. Smith and A. F. Carr, Licentiates of our own Presbyteries, with Rev. A. McKay and Alex. Grant in the way already described. For nearly a year Mr. David Smith of Truro, has found it necessary to deny himself the privilege of preaching the gospel, awaiting the gradual strengthening of his vocal organs impaired by an attack of Bronchitis. In this state of comparative inaction, he has refused to turn aside to any other avocation, hoping that the time will soon come when he can devote himself to what he regards as his life's work. Of the services of Mr. J. W. McKenzie as well as of those of Mr. Joseph Annand whose services were highly appreciated at Wallace last year, the Board has been deprived by their devotion of themselves to Foreign Missions. Messrs Thompson, Leishman, Roxborough and McNeill, are all the Catechists employed under direction of the Board this summer. The offered services of Rev. Mr. Patterson of Ontario, during an excursion of six weeks in the Lower Provinces, the Board have cheerfully accepted, and trust his labours may be blessed.

SPECIAL AID.

To stimulate the congregation of Dundas to finishing their Church, the Board granted the sum of \$40, and they have also granted \$100 for the benefit of Rev. S. Bernard, and the Mission district over which he presided; the facts of the case being such that the Board felt this grant to be an act of justice to Mr. Bernard, as well as of courtesy to the Presbytery who had done all they could in the case.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOURERS.

In the supply of Presbyteries the Board have sought to meet all demands, but frequently were unable. They bear willing testimony to the courtesy, forbearance and justice of the Presbyteries who never in any case unduly pressed their claims. They have sent no Probationer during the year to the Presbyteries of Miramichi, Cape Breton or Lunenburg, which they regret more especially in the case of Lunenburg, because the application of that Presbytery was early and earnest. The Board however felt that large vacant congregations had the first claim, and that the Probationers

belonged to them by a kind of right. Sympathizing however with the desire of the Lunenburg Presbytery to have the more neglected portions of their bounds visited, the Board hope soon to place a missionary at their disposal for a time.

CHRISTIAN LIBERALITY.

Of the measure of support given to our funds by the people, we cannot complain. By order of Synod we paid \$600 lacking five, at the commencement of the year to remove the debt of the Supplementing Committee, and we end with a balance in fund of \$1134.10. We have not only received all that we need, but have had the pleasure of seeing it sent along without any special appeal ever having been made for funds. Long may this Board have the same story to tell. Ever may our Churches be which those planted by apostolic hands were, Missionary Churches. The men who formed those early Christian Societies were men sent by the Lord himself, and they seem to have communicated the spirit of the great Commission to others. They were all imbued with the like zeal for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ, and filled with a similar desire to impart to others that knowledge of the Lord Jesus which they themselves enjoyed. And it was to the existence, prevalence and power of the missionary or aggressive spirit in the churches of the first two or three centuries that we trace the wonderful triumphs of the Gospel then won.

OUR OBLIGATIONS.

And it is to be hoped that we, the ministers, the elders, the students, the people, are the whole people of this highly privileged Christian and Presbyterian Church, will cherish an equally deep sense of obligation, and individually display its power. We owe much to our country, more to our Church, and most of all, to our Redeemer. We are debtors to all, to diffuse the Gospel, and very specially to spread it over the Provinces in which God has cast our lot. We say nothing of their healthful climate and manifold resources. We say nothing about blessings of civilization and constitutional government. We simply remember that it is "our own land" either native or adopted, and that to us it has been given to bring into subjection to our Lord and its rightful King: And to this work we must all in good faith and with honest aim, and strong resolve, devote ourselves.

If, then, we are verily debtors to diffuse this Gospel, and if our Preachers refuse to preach, woe is unto them, for a dispensation of the Gospel is committed to them; but instead of fulfilling it they become followers not of Jesus but of Jonah, who fled from duty, and thought to escape responsibility. If ministers are willing to work