

## THE MISSIONARY'S RETURN.

Rev. J. W. Mackenzie and family purpose leaving for the South Seas in May. Parties wishing to do anything for the mission family or the field, where they labor should do it quickly.

The following extract of a private note from Mrs. Mackenzie will give information that some may wish :

"With regard to material for the natives I may say that prints for women's dresses, strong material for shirts, and tweed for trousers. Something suitable for trimming the women's hats would also be acceptable. Needles and white thread-spools and linen thread, are always in demand. The climate effects black thread so that it soon becomes useless, I would not wish ready-made clothing for the natives except men's shirts."

In addition to this it is well to bear in mind that as Mrs. Mackenzie's time is largely given to teaching, the ready-made clothing for the mission family, is one of the direct ways of doing mission work that should not be forgotten.

## NOTICES.

### HOME MISSION.

The semi-annual meeting of the board of Home Missions (Maritime Provinces) will be held in the session room of Chalmers Church, on Tuesday, 25th April, at 3 p. m.

P. G. MacGREGOR, Sec'y.

### SUPPLEMENTS.

The semi-annual meeting of the Supplementing Committee will be held in the same place on Wednesday, 30th April, at 9 30 a. m. Recommendations to the General Assembly for the coming year will be made. Reports from Presbyteries, and copies of the latest Statistical Returns of charges of which supplements are asked, should be sent to the Secretary in due time.

THOMAS SEDGWICK, Con.

P. G. MacGREGOR, Sec'y.

N. B. The Committee's recommendations will be founded on the latest Statistical and Financial Returns.

### COLLEGE.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Presbyterian College, Halifax, will be held in the Library of the College on Thursday, 27th April, at 10 a. m. preparatory to the closing of the Theological Session, on the evening of the same day.

R. F. BURNS, Chairman.

P. G. MacGREGOR, Sec'y.

Ladies in Scotland, during 1881, forwarded £1,200 to the Waldensian Church.

## IS IT TRUE?

Is it true that ministers of the Gospel are not generally speaking against dancing? So it is asserted, without foundation, it is to be hoped. This is not true in respect to the venerable General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, who declared

"The fashionable amusement of promiscuous dancing to be entirely unscriptural, and eminently and exclusively of the world—wholly inconsistent with the spirit of Christ, and with that propriety of Christian and that purity of heart which His followers are bound to retain."

The Synod of New York and New Jersey, after mature deliberation and with great unanimity, expressed its fears of the

"Dangers to piety arising from the mingling of professors of religion in amusements not only detrimental to piety, but inconsistent with the spirit of Christ—such for example as are accompanied with wine drinking, dancing and card playing, which indulged in, cannot fail to injure the religious influence of those who partake of them and prove a serious obstacle to the upbuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom."

Our own Church, I make no doubt, will eventually declare itself in the same direction. When the Report of the state of religion within our bounds is given in—when some of the hindrances to piety and vital godliness are enumerated, would it not be well to mention that which some have to record as obstacles and hindrances to the advance of the cause of Christ in our congregations.

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We have received the following note and gladly make the correction to which it refers.

"In a paper on the statistics of St. John Presbytery, published in the Dec. No. of the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN, Woodstock, N. B., is put down for 20 cents per family for the general work of the church. It should be \$1.85 according to the Assembly's Report. If to the above is added what was paid for the support of gospel ordinances and manse building the sum would rate \$28.00 per family."

The Rev. John Campbell, formerly of St. Andrew's church, Halifax, has been appointed to a position as minister of Buccleuch church, in Edinburgh.