

Home Missions.

Business Meeting.

The Sub-Committee of the Board of Home Missions met for business in one of the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 2½ o'clock. Present, Rev. G. M. Grant, Chairman; Rev. Messrs. Falconer, J. Campbell, Pitblado, Simpson. McKnight and McGregor, and Mr. Wm. Knight.

Correspondence being read, and Bills, as requested by Presbyteries, examined and ordered to be paid. The following arrangement for the distribution of Probationers and ministers was agreed to:

Rev. Wm. McCullagh, to P. E. Island Presbytery till after Synod in October.

Rev. David Neish to Halifax Presbytery in September, and Miramichi in October.

Rev. James Galloway to St. John Presbytery till after Synod meeting.

Rev. William Johnson to Miramichi Presbytery for September and October.

Rev. Thomas Talloch Truro Presbytery for September, and Wallace for October.

Mr. William P. Archibald to P. E. Island for September and October.

Mr. Adam Gunn to Wallace Presbytery for 1st two Sabbaths of September, and to St. John Presbytery from that date to Dec. 1st.

Mr. E. S. Bayne to Halifax Presbytery for September, and to P. E. I. for October and November.

Mr. James Cormack continued in Halifax Presbytery till the end of October.

Rev. Mr. Galbraith has accepted a call to Hopewell, Pictou County, and has been released from further appointments.

Mr. Ephraim Scott has accepted a call to Milford and Gay's River, and has been left with Halifax Presbytery.

Mr. W. P. Archibald has accepted a call to Bonshaw and Tryon, in P. E. Island.

Rev. D. McRae returns to Ontario, Sept. 1st, and accepts no further appointments in the Maritime Provinces.

Extracted from minutes.

P. G. MCGREGOR, Sec'y.

Our Destitution.

We give above some facts connected with the supply of the Presbyteries and the distribution of the Home Missionaries, but there are other facts which require also to be known and pondered. One of these is that seven young men, and the most of them most earnest labourers from New York and Princeton, have just completed their term of summer service and return to finish their studies. In six weeks more eight young men will vacate their places and return to study in our own Theological Hall. How are all these blanks to be filled up. These vacant congregations to be supplied? Fourteen preachers (for all these are de facto preachers, though formally unlicensed) withdrawn from the Home field, and none coming forward to take their places, give notice of a dreary winter for the little congregations now supplied by Catechists.

These interesting and earnest little flocks may not send in moving petitions, but their destitution does in the most affecting manner appeal to all the Presbyteries, and to all the ministers, and to all the congregations who have ministers, saying, "Come over and help us." More might be done for them, than has been done in the past. If we are to love our neighbour as ourselves, is it right to insist on preaching by our own minister every day. Would it not be more christian and apostolic to ask him to go to the relief of the destitute occasionally. If one minister went monthly, might not the Lord bless three-fourths to us as richly as the whole? Might we not give and still increase. By liberality in money matters congregations stand. Might they not flourish by edifying one another and encouraging their Pastor to carry a portion to those for whom nothing has been prepared?

Bay View.

Mr. W. S. Burroughs from Princeton has been labouring wisely as well as earnestly in this interesting little settlement for the last 4 months. Rev. W. Johnson aided by Mr. Burroughs recently dispensed there the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.