

field in the various departments of theological literature.

Your Board have also made a careful investigation into the state of the college funds with the view of shewing the amount necessary to be raised during the current year; and the following is an abstract prepared by a sub-committee of the Board:

II. PROFESSORIAL FUND.

To interest received.....	£445	6	1
Deduct commission.....	11	2	8

Net income.....	£434	6	5
By salaries.....	434	3	5

II. EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To interest received.....	£193	16	8½
Contributions from congregations, 236	1	2	

	£779	18	0½
Deduct commission.....	32	11	11

Net income.....	£747	6	1½
By salaries.....	£785	0	0
Truro building.....	23	17	3½
Heirs of Prof. McCulloch, 12	0	0	825 17 3½

Expenditure over income.....	£73	11	2
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This result is *less unsatisfactory* than the state of accounts has been for some years, and so far indicates progress in the right direction. The Synod will perceive, however, that we are still considerably short of the only position that can be termed satisfactory—that of being able to make ends meet. The obvious remedy is to raise the amount of collections from congregations from £286 to £350. A small effort on the part of ministers and sessions all over the church would accomplish this. In regard to the year's expenditure it may be remarked that the Board have not found it necessary to draw on the Treasurer for the incidental expenses of the Hall—last year's balance, together with the matriculation fees of students, having sufficed to meet the object. On the other hand, there has been an expenditure of about £40 for charges, including some arrears of interest, in connexion with the Seminary building at Truro.

All which is respectfully submitted by authority of the Board of Superintendence.

A. FORREST, *Chairman.*

W. MAXWELL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD, 1866.

At the date of last report there were seven names on the Probationers' roll. Eleven have since been added to the staff of labourers. Of the eighteen, five have been ordained as pastors of duly organized congregations, viz.—in the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond, one; in the Presbytery of

P. E. I., two; in the Presbytery of Pictou, one; and in the Presbytery of Halifax, one—leaving thirteen on the list at present. Their names are, R.v. D. Sutherland, Eb. McNab, Sim. Fraser, Wm. Campbell, Edw. Archibald, Donald Stewart, Saml. Bernard, A. McL. Sinclair, Allan Simpson, Joseph Hogg, Arch. Glendinning, Howard Archibald and J. G. Cameron.

In our last report we stated that the Rev. D. Sutherland had proceeded to the mission field of Labrador. From his report, which has recently appeared in the *Record*, it will be seen that Mr. Sutherland has laboured zealously along that inhospitable coast during the fishing season, with what results it is not competent for man to estimate. On his homeward voyage he visited the congregations of St. John's, and Harbor Grace, Nfld., with a view to collect some funds in aid of the mission. To the credit of the people of Newfoundland, be it said, he succeeded in raising a sufficient amount to liquidate all the expenses in connexion with the mission during the summer, and the additional sum of £30, which has been placed in the H. M. Treasury.

Mr. Sutherland brought under notice of the Board an inviting field of mission work in the Bay of Islands, Nfld. The Rev. Moses Harvey, also, warmly recommended the Board to send a preacher to that locality, if possible. In accordance with these suggestions, the Rev. E. Archibald, who has been appointed to the Labrador mission field for the present summer, has been instructed to visit the Bay of Islands and raise the standard of Presbyterianism in that promising sphere of labour.

Passing to Bermuda, we find a somewhat difficult problem presenting itself for solution. The peculiarity of the position is briefly this:—The stations supplied by our preachers there form part of the pastoral charge of the Rev. W. Thorburn. With commendable liberality the congregation pay our Missionary £80 sterling per annum, and his travelling expenses. This, however praiseworthy on their part, will leave to the preacher only a very small balance after he has paid incidental expenses.—Hitherto the congregation have neither asked nor received any assistance from our Home Mission Fund. But, it is evident that if the expense of living be taken into account, a probationer is not so well remunerated in Bermuda as in our own districts. And, if we continue to furnish supply as heretofore, it is a matter for consideration whether a small grant should not be allowed from our funds, in addition to the salary paid by the congregation. The position is interesting historically, geographically, morally, and merits the warmest interest of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.