

who is located at Northfield, in the Northern part of Queen's County, in a district where there is truly a field for Christian work, and a loud call and some encouragement to engage in it with ardour.

Some provision has also been made for the Eastern Shore, between the limits of Musquodoboit Harbour and Sheet Harbour congregations, by sending thither a Catechist, who is engaged under direction of Rev. A. B. Dickie in visiting different Harbours and fishing settlements, and doing the work of an Evangelist.

We have again to acknowledge the christian liberality which has enabled us, besides paying from our own funds, by direction of Synod, \$450 for the supplementing of weaker congregations, promptly to meet all claims, deal liberally with all Presbyterial applications, and to grant some small sums to aid Church Building in new and weak settlements, while a good balance remains on hand with which to continue our work.

We have also to inform the Synod that the late George Kerr, Esq., of Chatham, generously bequeathed to the Home Mission enterprise of this Church, of which he was not himself a member, for he belonged to the Church of Scotland, the sum of \$1,000, to be invested on good security and the interest to be applied annually for the furtherance of this work.

#### MEANS PROVIDED—MEN WANTED.

Our people evidently have faith to provide the means. We have what has been called the "sinews of war," but where are the men? For the forthcoming of these, it is evident that more self-denial and a higher faith are demanded. We do need men. We urgently need and we earnestly cry for men; and in closing this report, feel constrained to appeal to our young men at college, and especially to the young men who have completed their Collegiate course, to prepare to take part in this great work. Other Professions are supplied, and some of them filled to overflowing, but the noblest of all Professions is unappreciated and inadequately supplied. The harvest truly is great—the labourers are few. Willing-hearted men, yielding themselves up to work for Christ and for souls, are greatly needed in these Lower Provinces, and farther they will continue in demand. Young men need not fear that the demand will be speedily met, and they left without employment. The cry for men becomes more urgent and piercing year after year.

That there are discouragements on the way to the Christian ministry, and hardships in it, we know—that there are responsibilities which young men fear much more in prospect than the hard work, we admit. But we also know that "He that desireth the office of a Bishop desireth a

good work"; and we are persuaded that a life of responsibility and labour, cheered by tokens of Divine Presence and approval, is not only the most useful, but the *most satisfactory, and every way the best for man*, alike in its course and in its close; and therefore, without any misgiving, we press the claims of Christ, and the urgent calls of His church and of the perishing, on the earnest consideration of all young men to whom the Lord has given education and talents.

We need scarcely add that the men required are men such as have a "*mind to work*," and will give themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word, in the spirit of the Great Master, and of those whom He commissioned. The Board would not wish to lecture their Home Missionaries, and far less the Synod; but they claim to express their desire and prayer that all our ministers and people were pervaded with the deep inwrought conviction that the evangelization of the present population of these young and rising Provinces is our special work, our great, grand, life work—and that while a great part of the work is possible by us, and actually committed to us, our time for work is limited. The present population will soon be gone, and we as workers or idlers will soon have disappeared from the scene, but effects and consequences will remain, and will tell on generations yet to come. And therefore, what our hands find to do, we should do with our might, calling in the mightiest agencies, and to the largest possible extent. What the grand source of success is we all know—the Spirit of the Lord poured out graciously and gloriously. So that if we would see these fields ripe and reaped, and the golden grain gathered in, it behooves us all, filled with the love of Christ and of souls, in faith and prayer, to wait upon the Lord "until the Spirit be poured out from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field and the fruitful field be counted for a forest."

By authority of the Board,

P. G. McGREGOR, Sec'y.

Halifax, May 28th, 1872.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENCE OF THE THEOLOGICAL HALL, 1872.

In presenting its Annual Report, the Board would submit first a brief account of its own proceedings—secondly, some account of the Session of the Hall recently concluded, and close by stating their views on the present condition and prospects of our school of divinity, and of the duty of the church in relation to it.

About two months after the last meeting