

Prince Edward Island is also suffering from unavoidable neglect, and we are glad to learn that that zealous and able missionary, the Rev. Mr. Grant, will spend a portion of the ensuing summer in attending to the spiritual wants of some of the stations there. The last missionary there was almost unfortunate bargain, and we hope never to see his like again engaged in so important and responsible a work. Indeed the welcome advent of the last four missionaries has made us more sensible than ever of our really destitute condition. We require four more, and could we only obtain men of equal zeal and calibre, we could not only find employment, but if we were put to it, could not have much difficulty in supporting them. In the meantime it is satisfactory to feel that by the end of the year the Colonial Committee, which at present is paying to Nova Scotia at the rate of upwards of £1300 per annum, will probably be relieved by settlements and colonial contributions at least of £1000, leaving only £300 to be provided from home. Let us hope that by next year matters will have so far improved that there will be no balance whatever against us. We hope that before that time Mr. Stewart will be settled as minister of the Musquodoboit district, and that the Halifax Presbytery may be successful in obtaining another missionary to labor in her out stations. Prince Edward Island requires two missionaries, but hitherto, perhaps for sufficient reasons, has been slow in making any effort in her own behalf. Cape Breton requires two active missionaries, and Pictou County requires the services of other two. We are hopeful for the future, but our hopes are grounded on the fact that we are beginning to be alive to the necessity of individual exertion, and also to the consciousness of our inherent strength.

#### THE SUCCESSFUL PREACHER.

It is a fact, patent to the observation of all, that some preachers of the gospel are more successful than others. Why is this? Many reasons might be given—I shall speak of but one in this article, and as it appears to me a main or prominent one. I shall give in this communication my own observation and experience, and in doing this I may give the observation and experience of others. This is an important matter, especially to ministers of the gospel. "How may I best succeed in my calling and profession?" is a

question of no trivial importance to the ambassador of the cross,—one that no doubt every preacher of the gospel has thought of. We find men of talent, acquirement, and acknowledged piety on the one hand, preaching for years; and, if they are unsettled, travelling over the church from east to west, and from north to south, without effecting a settlement. On the other hand, we find other men, it may be, of inferior talent, no more (and it may be less) acquirement and no higher order of piety, who, if they are unsettled, do not remain so long, but receive, it may be, call after call, and that, too, from the very congregations where the other type of men have labored.

Now what is the matter with this former class? They seem to lack something which the latter have, and that something is the secret of success. What is it? In observing this first order of men preach, the hearer cannot fail to have been struck with one thing, viz: that the preacher almost invariably addresses himself almost exclusively to the judgment of his hearers, and might appropriately be called an *intellectual* preacher. When we come to view the other class of preachers, we find that, while they do not overlook the *mind* of their hearers, they address themselves *strongly* to their *affections*, and may appropriately be called *heart* preachers. They address men's *emotional* natures as well as their judgments. They want not only to *convince* them but to *move* them. In this *moving*, I think, lies the difference. No man, I believe, can be a successful preacher who does not *know* the road to the human heart, and knowing it, does not frequently *travel* it. As far as I know the history of the ministers of our church this has been a characteristic, to a greater or less degree, of all those who have been *truly* successful. This is certainly true of our ministry at the present time. And what is true of our own church in this respect, will, no doubt, be found to be true of others.

If a man preaches *to* the heart, he will, in the nature of the case, preach *from* the heart. If he addresses men's emotional natures, he will become an *emotional* preacher; and this is perhaps but another way of expressing the idea that he is a man of *unction*; and this word, though we may not be able to explain it very well, is understood by all those who are of kindred spirit, and this class embrace almost everybody. Almost every one is pleased with an emotional preacher—a man of unction—a man who can make you almost forget to draw your breath—a man who, when he speaks or prays sends a tremor through your whole system—a kind of electricity.

But I may be told, this is all animal feeling. I think not. I have been speaking of the feeling of a regenerate man—a partially sanctified soul—and not of an unregenerate sinner. The fact of the matter is, no man can do me much good by preaching to me,