

## VIII.—MIRAMICHI.

Vacant.

Dalhousie.

Kouchibouguack.

## IX.—SYDNEY.

Vacant.

Gabarus.

2nd Cong. of Sydney when organized.

## VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

Vacant.—West Bay—partially supplied by a Catechist.

As this list was known to be somewhat imperfect, it was agreed that Presbyteries be requested to furnish the Board with an attested list of vacancies and Stations requiring supply within their respective bounds; with an estimate of what each station is able to provide per Sabbath in payment of Preachers or Catechists, who may be sent to supply them.

The following list of Preachers, under direction of the Board, was then made up:

- Rev. Wm. McCullagh.
- “ Donald Sutherland.
- “ David Neish.
- “ James Galloway.
- Mr. Ephraim Scott.
- “ Adam Gunn.
- “ E. S. Bayne.
- “ W. P. Archibald.

The Secretary having explained that all the appointments of the late Board of the Lower Provinces, terminated with the present month, appointments were made to meet the present necessity.

*To Halifax Presbytery*, Rev. Messrs. McCullagh and Neish, and Mr. A. Gunn for July; and Rev. E. S. Bayne for last two Sabbaths of the same month.

*To Truro Presbytery*, Mr. E. Scott to remain 1st Sab. July, and Mr. W. P. Archibald for 1st two Sabbaths.

*To Wallace Presbytery*, Mr. E. Scott from 2nd Sabbath July to the end of the month.

*To St. John Presbytery*, Mr. E. Bayne for 1st two Sabbaths of July. Rev. Mr. Galloway and Mr. W. P. Archibald from 3rd Sabbath July. These to continue till the end of August.

*To Sydney Presbytery*, Rev. D. Sutherland for July.

*To Prince Edward Island*, Mr. Stiles Fraser, Catechist, from the 2nd Sabbath of July; and Rev. James Cormack of Kingston.

Rev. David Neish for August.

Several ministers and licentiates from Ontario having made informal application for appointments for a season, in the Maritime Provinces, their names were handed to the Secretary with directions to correspond with them, ascertain when they may be expected, and how long they expect to remain, so that the Board may so arrange as to prevent mis-

understanding and disappointment to ministers and congregations.

It was then agreed—

1st. That it is the opinion of the members present, that the chief business of the Board should and might be transacted, at the two half yearly meetings to be held in Halifax, at the opening and closing of the Theological Hall, at which members from a distance from the seat of meeting might attend.

2. That members of the Board residing in Halifax and Dartmouth, be a sub-Committee; and be authorized to order the payment of Bills so far as this may be found necessary.

P. G. MCGREGOR, Secy.

## The Sabbath School.

### LESSONS FOR AUGUST.

#### FIRST SABBATH.

SUBJECT:—*The Water of Life*, John 4: 5-15.

This is one of the most beautiful and instructive passages in the Gospels. It presents the tender love of Christ in such a light as should constrain every reader to exclaim, “He is the chief among ten thousand, and altogether lovely.”

V. 5.—*Sychar*, called also in scripture *Sychem* or *Shechem*. It is upwards of 30 miles North of Jerusalem, and is situated between mount Ebal on the north and Gerizim on the south. Its modern name is Neapolis or Nablous. Gen. 33: 18, 19.

V. 6.—This well has been identified, and is regarded by travellers with great interest. *The sixth hour*—12.00 noon. The day was divided into twelve hours which were reckoned from sunrise till sunset.

V. 7.—Christ asked her for a drink to arrest her attention. He thirsted for her soul more than for water and he would from a simple beginning lead her on till she received from Him the water of life. Thus Jesus says to the sinner still, “Son, give me thine heart,” as if it were a boon for himself he asked. How wonderful!

V. 9.—The feud between Jew and Samaritan was of old standing. See Neh. 4: 1. For the origin of the Samaritans, see 2 Kings 17: 24-33.

V. 10.—The gift of God means either Christ Himself, or His spirit. See Ch. 7: 37-39. Thus, in an easy and natural way Christ turns this woman's attention to higher than earthly things. And Christ would have sinners now come to Him for living water. The reason why many do not come is they do not know the gift of God—they do not realize who He is that says, Come unto me.

Vv. 11, 12.—Evidently this woman did not know what Christ meant. She has low views,