

NOTE ON THE STATISTICAL TABLE.

In reference to the alternative numbers given in the columns exhibiting the number of congregations paying Stipend under \$400, and under \$500, respectively, it is necessary to explain that there are two modes of estimating the amount of Stipend, one proceeding on the promise of the congregation, the other on the way in which that promise has been implemented last year. Neither gives precisely the result aimed at, as the arrears will probably be paid up to a large extent, but not wholly. The more detailed statement is as follows:—

Under \$400,—Dartmouth, French River, Goose River, Dundas, West Point &c., Leitch's Creek, Springfield &c., Sussex &c., and Prince William. In respect to actual payment for the year 1866, the following have fallen into the same class—Sheet Harbor, New Annan, Brown's Creek, Richmond Bay West, Woodville, Parrsboro, Harvey, Hampton, New Mills, River Charlo.

Up to \$400, but under \$500—Annapolis, Clyde River, Cornwallis West, Lawrence-town, Earl town, Little Harbor, St. James's in New Glasgow, Wallace, Bedeque, Richmond Bay East, Acadia Mines, and St. James, N. B., besides those already mentioned as having fallen into the preceding class. In respect of actual payment, the following have also fallen into this class—Cornwallis North, Shelburne, Queen Sq., Charlottetown, New London and Summerfield, Princetown, St. Peter's East, St. Peter's West, West River and Brookfield, Maitland Ist., Onslow, Boulardrie, Grand River, Baddeck, Middle River, and Blackville. Considerable additions would have to be made to these if the returns are more complete, as an unwillingness to publish the amount of arrears is a very common reason why the statistical return is withheld.

REV. JOHN MORTON is actively engaged in visiting the Churches preparatory to his leaving for Trinidad. He will probably leave in November. Much interest is manifested by our people in the Trinidad Mission.

More labourers are urgently needed in the Home Mission field—Probationers, Catechists and Pastors. This fact must

be kept prominently before the Church that our young men may come forward in larger numbers to the help of the Lord, and that the whole Church may pray more devoutly to the Lord of the Harvest to thrust forth labourers into His own wltened fields.

It is now some months since we have had news from the New Hebrides Mission. It is likely that owing to the loss of the *John Williams*, the *Day Spring* will be in greater demand than ever.

The *Presbyterian*, published under the auspices of the Presbytery of P. E. Island is making its appearance regularly, and is well filled with edifying reading matter. We recommend it specially to our readers in the Island, but it is well suited to other latitudes.

UNION. The subject of Union is now warmly discussed by all the organs of the Presbyterian churches in the United States. A Convention is to be held in Philadelphia, to which representatives are invited, from every branch of the great Presbyterian family.—In the "Old Country" the Union negotiations are making progress. Consolidation seems the order of the day among all denominations.

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

MISSIONARIES WANTED.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, having been authorized by Synod to engage the services of one or more Missionaries to the New Hebrides, invite Ministers and Probationers to consider prayerfully the urgent call for Evangelists in that dark and destitute portion of the earth.

Applications or letters of inquiry addressed to the Secretary will meet with immediate attention. By order of the Board,

P. G. MCGREGOR, Sec'y B.F.M.
Halifax, Oct. 24th, 1866.

The Treasurer acknowledges receipt of the following sums:

HOME MISSIONS.

Bedford, per Mr P. Smith.....	\$53 75
Dartmouth, per Rev A. McKnight,..	17 30
Sharon Church (Rev Mr Mowatt), per Roderick McGregor, Esq.....	26 75
Curchville Ladies' Society, per do..	16 00
Hopewell (Rev Mr McKinnon) per do.	26 00
N. P. Olding, New Glasgow, per do.	2 00
— Dickson, Esq., St Peters, P.E.I., per Rev Dr. Bayne.....	2 08½
Cong. at New Mills, per Rev Mr McMaster.....	3 11