

In the course of your journeyings, you will often encounter parties, and be placed in circumstances, where one false step, or one opportunity of good neglected, may blight your prospects of usefulness. In all such cases, you will endeavour to act, as you know your Master would require, with Christian watchfulness and prudence guiding your every movement, and availing yourself of every opening, which Providence may afford,—adapting yourself to persons and circumstances, but with a single object, of being instrumental in saving some.

In prosecuting your work, you will bear in mind, that the Church Courts expect from you a full and accurate account of your proceedings,—such account to contain, not a bare statement of Sabbath services or private labors, but a view of the state of religion in the locality, the encouragement or discouragement with which you may meet, the prospects of success, and such other topics as may suggest themselves, as involving interesting and necessary information, and calculated to facilitate those farther movements, which the Church Courts may have in view.

This Journal, you are to submit to the Presbytery, in whose bounds you labor.

To the above directions and advices, may be most appropriately added, the duty of Prayer, as a necessary and powerful means of guiding and sustaining you in your honorable and arduous work, and of opening to you the hearts of your hearers. Be diligent in cultivating a spirit of earnest prayer, and may He who has counted you faithful, in putting you into the ministry, bless you and your work, and in the confidence that He will do so, we commend you to Him, and to the Word of His Grace, for the work, whereunto you have been appointed.

By order of the Board of Home Missions,



Secretary.

The Board herewith forward to you a series of Regulations adopted by Synod, for your guidance in your work, and to which they trust you will attend diligently and faithfully :

Regulations for the Guidance of Probationers of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

Adopted by Synod, and ordered to be communicated to Probationers by the Board of Home Missions, together with a Letter of Instructions from the Board.

I.—All Probationers are placed by Synod under the superintendance of the Home Mission Board, as the only official channel of employment.

II.—On application the Board is empowered to transfer Probationers from one Presbytery to another, it being understood that the Presbytery make a limited application, or the Board a limited appointment, and in no case excepting a call, said appointment to be annulled.

III.—When a Probationer's appointments have expired, and the Presbytery does not require from him farther services, intimation thereof is to be conveyed by the Clerk of Presbytery to the Secretary of the Board, together with his address.

IV.—No Probationer under the superintendance of any Presbytery, shall take regular appointments under another, unless duly transferred; and if by oversight or otherwise, Presbyteries shall fail to give employment to a Probationer, he shall report himself to the Board.

V.—Probationers are required not to interfere unnecessarily in the Congregational business or arrangements of localities in which they may be labouring, and especially when Congregations may have in view to call a Pastor.

VI.—Probationers are required to submit to Presbyteries a written report of their proceedings, and also to the Board,

when their appointments are of a strictly missionary character.

VII.—Probationers may receive money in Congregations and stations in which they labour, but shall account faithfully to the Board or Presbytery who are responsible for remuneration of services.

VIII.—Any ordained Probationer acting under the Board, in admitting parties to the fellowship of the Church, shall take order, that the names of said parties be inserted in the Congregational Records.

IX.—Probationers labouring in vacant Congregations are required to perform all the duties of the settled Pastor—in as far as these are consistent with their position—such as Family visitation—Visitation of the Sick—Prayer Meetings—Sabbath Schools—Bible Classes—and when these are wanting, to endeavour their establishment, should there be a prospect of their continuance. Each Probationer to commence his visitations where relinquished by his predecessors, till the whole be accomplished.

X.—Probationers to be exceedingly careful to observe a godly life and conversation, that their intercourse with the people in private, may confirm their public teachings.

XI.—Probationers to keep a journal of all their missionary proceedings, for the information of Presbyteries or the Board.