

We have no hesitation in appealing to all who desire to honour God with their substance; or Churches, or Sabbath Schools, which desire to have a share in the missionary work, to contribute towards the support of these native teachers, feeling confident that it would be difficult to find a better investment for £6 a year than in providing the salary of a native teacher in the New Hebrides.

One word more—these teachers are only acquainted (as a rule) with a few Books of Scripture, and have not the opportunities which other Christians have of increasing their knowledge. In their daily life they are continually in contact with the people they instruct, and are exposed to many temptations, and some of them to dangers, from which their white brethren are free. Will the Lord's people cover them with the shield of their prayers, as they push forward wielding the sword of the Spirit?

By order of the Mission Synod.

ROBERT M. FRASER.

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MARITIME ITEMS.

DIGBY :—Soon after the settlement of the Rev. D. S. Gordon at Bridgetown and Annapolis in 1862 he paid some visits to Digby, Hillsburgh and Bay View. At each of these stations he found scattered Presbyterian families and set about the erection of churches. A neat one was built at Bay View free of debt, and one was commenced at Hillsburgh but this station has been abandoned. For some years catechists have always been placed at a disadvantage having to rent a public hall. A few years ago the Reformed Episcopalians obtained a foothold in the town. A clergyman was settled but only remained a few years. After his removal the church was sold, and purchased by the Baptists. This left vacant the church occupied by them, and it was purchased a short time ago by the Presbyterians for \$550. At the last meeting of the Halifax Presbytery they were recommended to the Hunter fund committee for a free loan of \$400. The purchase of this building at the present time must give some standing to our cause in Digby. As the missing link between Digby and Annapolis is now to be constructed, an increase of population may be looked for and some accessions to Presbyterianism. Had the ground been taken up in Digby when our pioneers were

cultivating the Eastern parts of the Province one of the largest congregations in the Halifax Presbytery might have been found in this town. In taking the present fresh start, sympathy, encouragement and support are needed. Any contributions sent to Rev. P. M. Morrison to assist in paying off the \$400 will be most thankfully received.

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The Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond met at the Forks, on the 12th, in the forenoon, and at Baddeck in the evening. Rev. R. McLeod, Little Narrows, preached at Forks, and Rev. L. R. Gloag at Baddeck. The inquiry into the affairs of the congregation showed good progress. Baddeck contributed last year for all objects \$1327.70 and the Forks \$416.00, or a total of \$1743.70, of which \$216 was for the schemes of the church. The Committee of Presbytery that visited West Bay, Malagawatch, and River Dennis reported good progress both spiritually and financially. Committees that visited Lake Ainslie, Strathlorne, Port Hastings, and River Inhabitants, give a similar report. Principal Grant was nominated as Moderator of Assembly. It was agreed to ask for supplements for the following congregations :—Lake Ainslie, \$100; Middle River, \$100; Strath Lorne, \$150; Port Hastings and River Inhabitants, \$150; Mabou and Port Hood, \$175.

The *Witness* says with regard to the Augmentation Fund. "Pictou Presbytery has as usual taken the lead. Last Synod allotted \$1,000 to the Presbytery. This sum has been paid in, and \$26 additional. One congregation remains to be heard from which will increase the surplus considerably. We hope other Presbyteries will follow this admirable example."—It is all needed and well spent. The Good Book tells us that it is blessed to give, and weak congregations that are not able to support ordinances themselves, know that it is blessed to receive.

The following have been appointed as commissioners to Assembly from the Presbytery of Miramichi, viz. Messrs. Wm. Aitken, John Robertson, F. W. George, and A. F. Thompson, ministers, and Dr. Pedolin, Newcastle; George Haddow, Dalhousie, Dr. J. F. McCurdy, and Arch'd McMurchy, Toronto, elders.