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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.—1854-5.

In presenting the Annual Report of the Home Missionary operations of the Church for the past year, the Board, without dwelling at length on the nature and importance of the work in general, will proceed to give an outline of what has been done in the various departments entrusted to their care.

MISSIONARIES.

At the time of the last Annual Report there were on the Probationer's list the names of seven laborers, viz: the Revs. Alex. McKenzie, Daniel McCurly and Hugh Ross, and Messrs. Robert Grant, Samuel McCully, James McLearn and James McKay. To these have been added by licensure the names of Allan Fraser and William Kerr, both licensed by the Presbytery of E. Island, while the names of Messrs. James McLean, James McG McKay and Allan Fraser have been removed from the roll in consequence of their having accepted Calls and been ordained in pastoral charges. These brethren, except when prevented by private business, have been almost constantly employed, and from the reports presented the Board have pleasure in bearing testimony

to the diligence and zeal with which they have in general fulfilled the appointments given them by the several Presbyteries.—The Board have also reason to believe that in general their labors have been appreciated in the various portions of the Church in which they have been called to labor. Of course there will not always be the same measure of acceptability in the various probationers, and the Board cannot disguise that as formerly a supposed want of acceptability of particular probationers has hindered the regular operations of the Board. The annexed Table (No. 1) will show the manner in which they have been severally employed. (See page 150.)

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

The Board have felt this the most delicate part of their duty, in consequence of the conflicting claims of the several parts of the church, and the inadequacy of the means at their disposal to meet the demands upon them. They have endeavored to discharge this part of their work with an impartial view to the interests of the whole church, and also to the interests of each probationer. They have as far as practicable acted on the rule of rotation, and have found it to relieve them of many difficulties.