

where labourers in the Gospel are greatly needed, but where there is no prospect of settling a minister immediately. Our only means for overtaking such fields is by our Home Missions.

The Map.

We need not call the attention of our readers to the elegant Map of the New Hebrides, which accompanies the present No. of the *Record*. We trust that it will be frequently referred to in connection with our Foreign Missions. Let it be shown and explained to the children in every household, till all become familiar with the relative positions and distances of the "NEW HEBRIDES."

Donations.

Several of our Ministers acknowledge donation visits, Christmas gifts, and so forth. The young men of St. David's Church, St. John, presented Rev. N. McKay with a purse of \$113.

The young men of Parrsboro gave the Rev. D. McKinnon a pair of superior Buffalo Robes.

Friends at Providence Mills made a handsome present to Rev. J. Waddell.

The Presbyterians of West Cornwallis presented Rev. H. D. Steele with money and money's worth to the amount of \$73.

The Gulf Shore section of his congregation presented Rev. John Munro, Wallace, with nearly \$30, to aid in buying a set of harness.

Rev. John McLeod's Bible Class, (Newport) presented him with Scott's Commentaries—5 vols., quarto.

Pastoral Letter.

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island has issued a very spirited and timely Pastoral Letter on the subject of Popery.

Tea Meeting and Bazaar.

The Preaching Station in the North End of this city was opened on the second Sabbath of December. Professor King preached in the forenoon, and Professor McKnight in the evening. Service has been regularly held there since that time. A Bazaar was

held on the 23rd ult., and a Tea Meeting in the evening for the purpose of raising funds.

Abstract of Statistical Tables.

We publish this month an elaborate abstract of the Statistical Tables issued in our last number. We wish to call the attention of all our readers, but especially of Ministers and elders, to this abstract. It is extremely unsatisfactory, and furnishes nothing like an accurate account of the state of the Church. The Clerk of Synod pointed out many of the deficiencies and errors of the tables in our last. We need not now refer to any in particular; they will occur to any reader. Our object in calling special attention to them is that they may be obviated in future.

Our Statistics should be full and precise. Returns should come from every congregation, and every fact should be stated as plainly as possible. Any return is better than no return.

The present year will be favorable for securing full returns from all parts of the Church. Most of our important vacancies have been supplied, and more than half a year will have elapsed before the meeting of Synod. The imperfection of returns arises mainly from leaving the filling up of the Schedules till too late—till the meeting of Synod or even still later. Now we have to suggest most respectfully, and urgently to recommend, that the work be commenced *early* this year, so that it may be well done, and the end be secured which the Church has in view.

We know well how our ministers are overburdened with work, and we would not willingly add to their burdens; but we have all the same interest in this object; it is for the benefit of all, and if the work is commenced in good time no one will feel it much.

Every congregation in the Church should be able to see what is the position of every other congregation, and what amount of work has been accomplished in the year; now the simplest and best way of securing this end is to have our Statistical Tables complete. Let us then make an effort!