

ing at the same time to be frequently on the move visiting different stations, is with the Committee a subject of deep solicitude and anxious prayer. A number of men of this class are undoubtedly to be met with in France, Switzerland, and Belgium, but the difficulty in inducing them to come arises from the fact, that they can ill be spared from their transatlantic fields of usefulness, and that while we would assume the expense and the responsibility of bringing over to this distant region, none but the best, the most efficient, active and zealous ministers, these are precisely such as our friends on the European continent are most unwilling to part with. This convinces us more and more of the urgent necessity that missionaries of the higher class should be raised within our own borders, by providing for the most promising youth in our Institute a superior education, and sending them ultimately, if need be, to Switzerland to complete their studies in the Theological Seminary of Geneva, under the tuition of men whose names are widely known in Evangelical Churches.

This has already been the case with Mr Duclos, a former pupil of Mr Wolff, who is now pursuing his studies under the direction of Dr Merle D'Aubigne, supported by the liberality of Mr Henderson, of Park, Scotland, and from whom we receive encouraging accounts.

#### COLPORTEURS.

Only one laborer of that class is in the permanent employ of the Society, a long experience having shown that this work, which requires a Missionary to be constantly moving notwithstanding the rigors of a severe climate, in order to be carried on actively and continued without intermission year after year, not only demands great zeal, but unusual powers of physical endurance. This part of the work is, therefore, now generally entrusted to the converts themselves, who labor only for a portion of the year.—Being themselves of the people they find ready access to them, and no prejudice can be excited against them on account of their being foreigners. Moreover, as they have some trade which they abandon, only temporarily, to resume it afterwards, they can never become a charge upon the Society. Besides, as they receive no other stipend than their mere expenses while on the field, their invaluable labors are accomplished at but little cost.

Not the least important consideration in this arrangement is that while endeavouring to impart blessings to others, these men are abundantly blessed themselves; nothing, perhaps, tends more to strengthen and make steadfast the new faith of a convert than this public witnessing for the Truth amongst his own countrymen, while the Spirit of self-denial and devotedness to Christ is cultivated, by the sacrifices they often make for the cause of God, and the persecution they have to endure. For details of the labors of Colporteurs, we beg a reference to the *Missionary Record*, published in December last.

[To be continued.]

#### Notices, Acknowledgments, &c

Appointments of Preachers for May.	
<i>Probationers.</i>	<i>Presbyteries.</i>
Rev Daniel McCurdy	Truro.
" Hugh Ross	Halifax.
" James Thomson	P E Island.
Mr Robert Grant	Pictou.
" Samuel McCully	Halifax.
" William Keir	Pictou.
" John W Matheson	Halifax.

Messrs John Currie and Alexander Cameron are expected to be licensed during the present month, and immediately thereafter will proceed, the former to the Presbytery of Truro and the latter to the Presbytery of Pictou. Mr Matheson has been appointed to labor along the line of the Railroad during the months of May and June, and part of July.

Communications for the Home Mission Board during the next two months should be addressed to the Rev George Walker, he having been appointed acting Secretary during the absence of the regular Secretary.

It is requested that communications for the *Instructor* and *Register* during the next two months be sent to the Rev P G McGregor, Halifax.

The Presbytery of Pictou will meet for Presbyterial visitation in Prince-St Church, Pictou, on Tuesday, 13th May, at 11 A M. Sermon by the Rev James Byers.

The Presbytery of Halifax will meet at Shubenacadie on Tuesday, 20th May.

The Rev George Patterson being engaged in collecting materials for a biography of the late Dr McGregor, will be obliged by those having it in their power, furnishing him with information either oral or written concerning his early labors. Inci-