

bytery of Truro similar supply has been afforded to Parsboro, Londonderry, Musquodohit, and Wallace River, and through the brethren of the Presbytery, ordinances have been maintained in Yarmouth, as steadily as the distance and expense would warrant. That in the Presbytery of Pictou, supply as demand has been given, and in addition, two missionaries have been sent to Cape Breton, Guysborough, and Canso, a mission, claiming the watchful care of the Church, as affording an extensive sphere of highly remunerative labor, and demanding more attention than the Church has hitherto been able to bestow.

Your Board have no means of affording an accurate statement of the number of Sabbaths, devoted to the different congregations and stations. But from the preceding remarks it will be apparent, that during the current year, a much larger amount of supply has been given than in any previous year, and attended, it is hoped, by proportionably beneficial consequence. But while your Board made these observations, it must be remembered, that the work is but commencing, and that watchfulness and energetic superintendence will be required, to place it in that situation in which it will be able to accomplish all that the Church proposes.

The importance, and your board may add the necessity for efficient Home Missionary operation, is daily becoming more apparent. It is seen in the internal state of the Church—in the extensive and comparatively unoccupied sphere which lies beyond, and which it is hoped will ere long form an interesting part of the missionary operations of the Synod—and further your Board conceive that there are other subjects which might be brought profitably under its superintendence.

It cannot be regarded, your Board conceive, as exceeding due bounds, to affirm, that just in proportion as Home Missions prosper, will the Church flourish, for such has hitherto been the result of experience. Taking this view, the Board beg to subjoin the following remarks. The Missionary field is one which has more or less attracted the attention of professing Christians, particularly the Foreign sphere; and there are various reasons for this. Influences and feeling are brought to bear upon this particular point, which are but tardily developed, in reference to destitution at home, and perhaps it is a wise arrangement that it is so. For this reason it must be evident, that to develop resources in reference to the common place and well understood subject of Home Missionaries, must require a degree of conscientious conviction, higher than is demanded for the more exciting and less understood work of heathen conversion. What then would be the result of steadily promoting the Home Mission cause. It would in various ways promote, far more extensively than at present, operations abroad; because the piety which could be led to cultivate the more familiar field under its own eye, and around which justly, perhaps, less excitement is concentrated, would naturally, as a matter both of duty and of feeling, be directed with redoubled activity to distant scenes. But there is another view which suggests itself to your Board. The Home Mission is the means of supplying vacancies, and if with the contributions obtained for general purposes, the different missionary Boards are enabled to meet existing demands, the settlement of ministers through the agency of Home Missions, in each of the vacant