

The response to the correspondence thus opened has been,—

1st That our young men have returned except the two named who have gone to evangelize the Indians of the far West, Mr. Thomas Christie whose arrangements, previously made, prevented, and Mr. H. McD. Scott, who was anxious to prosecute his studies farther in Germany.

2nd. That six young men from the American Colleges have been received.

These labourers have been dispersed to the satisfaction of the Presbyteries making the applications, and were as follows :—

St. John Presbytery—Messrs. Russel, Richards, Gardener, and Talbot.

Halifax Presbytery—Messrs. Scott, Gunn, Pettinger, Adams, Robinson & Junor.

Truro Presbytery—Mr. Boyd.

Victoria and Richmond Presbytery—Mr. Bayne.

The appointment of these to special localities is of course Presbyterial work, but as the whole Church is interested in the work which they are doing, the following list is submitted :—

Mr. Richards—Nerepis and Jerusalem.

“ Russel—Hopewell, Albert Mines, Petcodiac and Salisbury.

“ Gardener—Pisarinco, Spurr's Cove and Musquash.

“ Talbot—Glassville and Florenceville.

“ Boyd—Maccan, &c.

“ Bayne—North East Margaree.

“ E. Scott—St. Croix and Ellershouse.

“ A. Gunn—Eastern Shore between Tangier and Sheet Harbour.

“ Pettinger—Bay of Islands, Newfoundland.

“ Robinson—Digby Gut, Hillsboro, &c.

“ Adams—Bedford, Fall River, Junction and Beaver Bank.

“ Junor—Assistant to Rev. W. Thorburn, Bermuda.

3rd. So far as the application to Scotland is concerned, no favourable response has yet been reported, but as there has been no sufficient time to ascertain what effect may flow from Mr. Sedgwick's agency, the Board still entertains the hope that we will have some accession from one or other of the Parent Churches during the summer of 1873. It must be borne in mind that our agents have not invited all kinds of ministers, but only men who from a union of good talents with high character, would prove real accessions to the body. For such men the Board have pledged payment of passage money.

FINANCES.

With all due submission to Synodical authority fifteen hundred dollars were handed over to be disposed of by the Supplementing Committee, in carrying on their important department of Home Mission

work. The Church has still supplied us with all that we required. Our credit columns shew, including the \$1371.71 balance on hand at the commencement of our year, \$3878.96; our payments including the \$1500 referred to, \$3342.13. Present balance, \$536.83. We will therefore still need to be remembered by our friends in discharging their golden gifts, and more especially if our appeals to Scotland are successful, for we have asked not for money, but for men.

PAYMENT OF PREACHERS.

Having touched on the pecuniary, the Board would record their conviction that the present allowance to Probationers of \$6 per week and board is too small, and when the man has a family, utterly inadequate to provide for them the ordinary means of living; and when flourishing congregations confine their payments to this sum and plead Synodical law, they are being trained to injustice and illiberality. Let the allowance be \$8 with board from regular congregations, and five or six from Mission Stations, the deficiency to be made up by the Board, and allowance for travelling expenses to cease except in very special cases.

A BLESSING ENJOYED.

In conclusion the Board is persuaded that limited in number as the missionary agents of the Synod have been in these Provinces, and frequent as their removals have consequently been, from one place to another, still the Lord's blessing has been enjoyed to such an extent as to cause us to “thank God and to take courage.” On some portions of the field the blessing of the Lord has descended in encouraging showers, on some the there have only been the drops of promised rain, while on others, alas, there have been no refreshing of the dry and thirsty land, and some who have gone forth with their seed basket have been sown in tears. This is substantially what must be reported from the most favoured congregations of the body, who have had faithful preaching and pastoral labour from January to December. While then our most perceptible want is men, the want really most urgent is the Presence of God's Holy Spirit in the fulness of His rich and glorious Grace; and as these two points were well put by Dr. Dickson at the American General Assembly at Baltimore, on Home Mission evening, we adopt his words as an appropriate close.

RICHER BLESSINGS NEEDED.

“Our great want is men of the right spirit and temper, who feel that for the love of Christ they are willing to preach the unsearchable riches.”