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HOME MISSIONS.

The following letter from the Rev. George Walker of New Glasgow, was addressed to one of the Editors of the Register, without, so far as we are aware, any intention of publication. As the subjects are of interest to the whole Church, we trust he will pardon the liberty we have taken in laying his views before the members of the body generally.—Our own attention had been directed to the very subjects to which Mr Walker has referred, and we were just preparing to bring them before our readers, when his letter came to hand.

The plan advocated by Mr. Walker for licensing students, was proposed by the writer at last meeting of Synod, but not meeting with general countenance, his motion was withdrawn. We trust that the attention of members of Synod will be directed to the subject previous to the next meeting of Synod, and that they will be prepared to come to a decision on the subject.

While on the subject of supply, we may mention that letters have been received from Mr. A. L. Wylie, expected out last spring from Scotland, explaining the reasons why he did not come at that time, and asking further information regarding this colony; and that we have strong hopes of his coming for our assistance at an early date.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—There are some subjects to which I wish to call your attention, in which I know you take a deep interest, and towards which my own attention has been more especially directed since my visit to the Island in September last.

1st. MINISTERIAL SUPPLY.

At the last meeting of Synod, the propriety of Licensing some of our advanced students to preach the gospel, in the present exigencies of the church, was brought under its immediate notice. After considerable discussion, in which almost every member present gave his opinion, it was unanimously resolved to defer any action upon this important subject for the present. At that time I was decidedly opposed to any such proposal;—opposed to it, because I thought it was a step in the wrong direction—a step, which, if taken, might tend to inflict a serious injury upon the church, and upon the young men themselves. Since that time, however, I must confess that my opinions have become considerably modified. Although I am persuaded that in the present circumstances of the church, and of the world, those who aspire to the office of the holy ministry should not only be men of God, an-