

HOME MISSIONS.

Having devoted considerable space to notices of the Synod's Deputation in New Brunswick, we have very little space left to devote to the important subject of our Home Missions. We subjoin a list of Home Missionaries under appointment for the month of November, as it will be interesting to our readers generally to know how they are distributed, and where they are labouring:—

Rev. P. Morrison and Mr. Josepe Hogg, P.E.I. Presbytery.
 Mr. A. R. Garvie, Pictou Presbytery.
 Rev. F. Cumming, and Mr. H. Archibald, Frere Presbytery.
 Mr. Simon Fraser, St. John Presbytery.
 Mr. J. B. Bearisto, York Presbytery.
 Mr. S. Lawson, St. Stephen's Presbytery.
 Rev. Mr. McDougall, Cape Breton Presbytery.

We have on our list the names of two Home Missionaries whose services are prevented by indisposition, and consequent inability to do at present the work of evangelists.

We bespeak the earnest prayers of the church for those who are engaged in sowing the precious seed of the word, that they may sow diligently and faithfully beside all waters. We bespeak the prayers of the Church for those who after long and expensive preparation are hindered by failing health from prosecuting the work to which they had consecrated themselves for life, that they may be strengthened in body if the Lord's will be so, and especially strengthened in their faith in the wisdom grace and faithfulness of the Great Master, who says betimes to willing souls "It is well that it was in thine heart," but the house shall be built by other hands, that they may be enabled to possess their souls in patience, and to glorify God by submission to His will.

And we would entreat the continued an increasingly earnest prayers of the Lord's people, that willing labourers may come forth to gather in the Lord's harvest,—that the Lord's presence may be felt during the present Session, powerfully in our Theological Hall, so that if the number in attendance should be small, they may come forth with a double measure of earnestness and zeal.

Dalhousie College is about to be opened as we pen these lines. Oh may the Spirit

of the Lord incline the hearts of a goodly number of this youthful and promising band to enter the noblest of professions, and to take part with us in this ministry of the Lord Jesus.

NEW BOOK.

A valuable work has just been published in St. John, by Rev. WILLIAM ALVES. It consists of a series of lectures on the First Chapter of Ephesians. It is highly commended by most competent judges. Dr. King says of this volume:

"These Lectures, of which there are fourteen, present a clear and scriptural exposition of the very rich portion of the word of God which they take up. The theology in my judgment is sound; and while the exposition of the profound doctrines which that chapter sets forth indicates the maturity of the scholarship which has been exercised upon it, the views are expressed in language so simple and perspicuous that a child may intelligently follow out the discussion. Each discourse is so short as to be very convenient for being read aloud in the family circle."

The book is now, we understand, being offered to our people in most of the towns and villages of the Lower Provinces. We trust it shall meet with a cordial reception, for it is worthy of a place in the libraries of all our people who can conveniently spare what is required to place it there. Before reading it, the recommendations of Drs. Hodge and King had fully assured us of its orthodoxy and judiciousness, but a personal perusal has shewn us that it is written in elegant style, and that the matter while mainly expository, is also highly practical and deeply interesting. More than once have we taken it up for a few minutes and have read on for an hour with much profit and enjoyment.

The publishing of books is seldom profitable in the colonies as it is in Britain and the United States, and our brother has shewn considerable courage in running the risk of pecuniary loss. A generous reception of the present work will not only place a good book written by one of our own ministers in our families, but will encourage others to contribute something to the general stock, and save us from the reproach of