

EDUCATIONAL.

The Session of the College at Truro was opened on the 9th of October. After a brief and appropriate prayer by the Rev. James Bayne of Prince Street Church, Pictou, the Introductory Lecture was delivered by the Rev. Professor Lyall. Having given a classification of mental phenomena the learned Lecturer showed that the science of *mind* underlies all the other sciences. This view he proved and illustrated by a reference to the several branches of education taught in the Institution and in this way exhibited to the audience an outline of the curriculum of study. The Lecture exhibited throughout, much profound thought and several original and peculiar views. Many passages were exceedingly chaste and beautiful—in the Professor's happiest style. The number of Students is now about forty, and a few additions are still expected. Professors and Students seem to enter with good heart on the winter's campaign in the fields of learning.

The session of the Theological Hall, Halifax, is to be inaugurated on Monday evening, the 4th of November. Professor McKnight is to lecture on the occasion in Poplar Grove Church. We are not able, of course, to say how many students will be in attendance, but we think that the classes will be at least equal to those of last year. The Church has every prospect now of a fair supply of talented and well educated young men to occupy her pulpits and to carry the glad tidings of salvation to every corner of the Provinces. The finger of the Head of the Church may be marked in the fact that as the supply is increasing, the demand also increases. Indeed we may safely affirm that never in the history of these Provinces were the services of Presbyterian ministers more eagerly sought after or more generally acceptable. Let the Church thank God for the Colleges, and rally cordially to their support. Our prosperity as a Church must depend mainly on the manner in which we support the Colleges and the HOME MISSION. The benefits which our Educational and Home Missionary schemes have already conferred on these Provinces are but an earnest of what may yet, by the blessing of God, be accomplished. Let us therefore remember these schemes constantly in our prayers and in our thank-offerings.

HOME MISSIONS.

Two probationers—Messrs. Falconer and Frame—have been added to the list of the Synod's Home Missionaries.

At a meeting of the Board on the evening of the 24th ult., the following appointments were made:—

Ministers.—Rev. J. Waddell, to remain for a short time in the Presbytery of Truro, and then be transferred to the Presbytery of Halifax. Rev. H. D. Steele to remain in the mean time in the Presbytery of Halifax. Rev. W. S. Darragh, to the Presbytery of Pictou for November and December.

Probationers.—Mr. D. McKinnon to remain for a short time in the Presbytery of Halifax, and then be transferred to the Presbytery of Truro. Mr. D. S. Gordon, to the Presbytery of Halifax for three months. Mr. Adam McKay to the Presbytery of Cape Breton for two months. Mr. A. Falconer to the Presbytery of Pictou for November, and two Sabbaths of Decem-