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undergone a corresponding change, tending to encourage the hope, that the cheering prospects of the present, are but the precursors of more prosperous days, and that the fruitful and energetic developement of the various plans of the Church, will lay a secure foundation of both prosperity and extension in future years. The enlargement of the Synod's course of Theological training, is one of the favourable features of her present position, affording as it does a more extensive and thorough course of instruction to her students, than has been heretofore enjoyed, and, from which, ultimately, the best effects may be anticipated. In addition to this, the commencement of a course of Philosophical and classical instruction, by placing again within the reach of the youth of the Church, the means of preparatory study, affords the strongest ground to hope that, if maintained in efficiency, our Institutions, even upon their present limited scale, will afford an unfailing supply of well educated ministers, as well as a safeguard against the dangers arising from the absolute necessity, heretofore existing, of seeking instruction beyond the control of the Church. It may also be anticipated that eventually the facilities thus presented may be embraced by others, whose object is not the Holy ministry.

In adverting to the actual amount of available missionary labour, your Board find the same grounds of encouragement and causes of thankfulness.

They refer with pleasure to the arrival of the Revd. Robert Sedgewick, formerly of Belmont-street congregation, Aberdeen, and trust that he will be a valuable acquisition to the Church with which he has cast in his lot. They would also avert to the pleasing fact that, besides Mr. Sedgewick two more labourers have been added to the Church, Messrs. Ebenezer Ross and Isaac Murray, and that there is a prospect of a third, Mr. Thomas S. Smith, who has been recently licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, United States, making, thus, in all, should Mr. Smith return, a band of six labourers, available for active missionary duty.

But though thus at present, amply supplied, the Board would remind the Synod, that the supply is inadequate to meet existing vacancies, and, as it is probable, that the most if not all of these brethren, will ere long be settled; it becomes a matter of moment to anticipate deficiencies by providing, as rapidly as circumstances will permit, additional laborers to occupy their places in the missionary field.

During the year the Revd, George Walker has been removed from the field, by settlement over the congregation of New Glasgow.

Since the arrival of these brethren they have been actively and usefully engaged in the different Presbyteries, and their reports have been highly satisfactory to the Board, as indicating a desire to fulfil their appointments with zeal and fidelity.

Into a minute consideration or analysis of these reports, your Board do not deem it requisite to enter. They would, however, remark in general, that extensive, tho' necessarily inadequate supply has been afforded to the vacancies in Prince Edwards Island. That in the Pres-