

HOME MISSIONS.

June 1.—Balance on hand.....	\$1923.97
Received from June 1st to December 31st.....	1677.23
	<hr/> 3601.29
Expended from June 1st to Dec. 31st.....	3090.58
	<hr/> \$510.62

In explanation it may be stated that the salaries of the missionaries in the New Hebrides have been paid for the year 1868, and money forwarded for all the requirements of the Foreign Mission so far as known.

On the other hand, one thousand nine hundred dollars have been paid from the Home Mission fund since June 1st, for supplementing stipends, for in this case, the whole of the year's payments are included within the seven months, of which we have given an abstract; and above eleven hundred dollars have been paid to probationers and ministers itinerating. At this rate, the balance of \$510 may disappear entirely before the meeting of Synod. We do not, however, think such a result to be at all probable. We believe that our people, fully persuaded of the importance and necessity of continuing the work of provincial evangelization, will forward the means needful for carrying it on. Enough has been published in the columns of the *Record* within the last few months, to make out a strong case in favour of domestic missionary work, and we trust that the facts respecting spiritual destitution, presented in those letters from New Brunswick, our Eastern Shore and Cape Breton, will be carefully weighed, and aid in evoking the contributions of the friends of Zion in aid of brethren who seldom hear the message of salvation.

Seeing that it is now doubtful whether our people will be specially appealed to for the proposed Supplementary Fund prior to the meeting of Synod, surely our Home and Education funds should be replenished and especially by those congregations which have as yet sent no contribution within the last nine months to either. We trust that churches and societies will for the remaining portion of the year give a larger

proportion of their offerings to the Lord to carry on His work, among the more destitute districts of the Lower Provinces. Contributions and thank offerings from our prosperous church members individually will be thankfully received, and we think applied in such a way as to advance the the work for which our Redeemer laid down his life.

The Dayspring.

Our acknowledgments for the month show that the children of the Church are in motion, and their contributions are coming flowing in almost daily. Above \$800 have been received during the last quarter. More than half as much more is wanted, and now is the time to gather up and forward all the dollars, quarters and cents which can be collected.

Our young friends have heard of the long pull, the strong pull, and the pull all together; this is required at present. We do not ask that it should be very long or very strong, only let it be prompt. Finish up this collection in February, or at the latest in March.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met at St. John's New London, on the 24th Dec. In the absence of the Rev. A. McLean who had been appointed to preach, the Rev. W. R. Frame conducted divine service, taking as his text Isa. 57: 14. last clause. There were present Revs. R. S. Patterson, *mod. pro tem*, I. Murray, A. Campbell, A. Cameron, W. R. Frame, A. Falconer & J. G. Cameron, minister, and R. Cairns, W. Mutch, R. McLean, W. Brown, J. Doughart and M. McLean elders. A commission from the Session of Strathalbyn, in favor of Mr. Allan McSween, was read and sustained. Mr. McSween, being present took his seat as a member of the Court. The Presbytery then proceeded to consider the application previously made by a portion of the St. John's Congregation, for a part of Rev. A. Cameron's services; when the following Commissioners from neighboring congregations appeared before the Court; viz:—Messrs. J. Doughart, A. McEwen, J. McLeod and Hon. Mr. Montgomery, in behalf of New London North; Messrs. J. Biggar, A. Ferguson and T. Frizzle from Summerfield; Messrs. J. McNeill and J. Simpson, from Cavendish; and A. McLeod, Esq., from Strathalbyn.