

As far as our own beloved "Zion" is concerned, it becomes us to erect our Ebenezer and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." He has greatly extended our bounds and added to our numbers by means of a most harmonious union consummated in St. John at the last meeting of Synod. He has preserved peace throughout all our bounds. While a considerable addition has been made to the number of our preachers and ordained ministers, not one has been removed by the hand of death. Our field now extends from Gaspé to Harbor Grace; from Labrador to Bermuda: O that our zeal, liberality and devotedness were quickened, that we might go in and possess the land!

Since the beginning of last year, our pioneer missionary with his family returned to the New Hebrides; another has been added to the number of our labourers in that field; and the Gospel has been given to another people printed in their own tongue—the third translation furnished to the heathen by the Missionaries of our Church.

May the Lord give us grace as individuals, as congregations, and as a Church, to be more active in the future than we have been in the past. Our work increases, the field of our operations widens, every succeeding year. And so it must be till the world is converted to Christ.

We commenced with a sacred song; let us end with one:

Harp, awake! tell out the story  
Of our love, and joy and praise;  
Lute, awake! awake our glory!  
Join a thankful song to raise!  
Join we, brethren faithful hearted,  
Lift the solemn voice again,  
O'er another year departed  
Of our threescore years and ten!

Gracious Saviour! Thou hast lengthened  
And hast blessed out mortal span,  
And in our weak hearts hast strengthened  
What Thy grace alone began.  
Still, when danger shall betide us,  
Be thy warning whisper heard;  
Keep us at Thy feet and guide us  
By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!

Let Thy favour and Thy blessing!  
Crown the year: we now begin;  
Let us all, Thy strength possessing,  
Grow in grace and vanquish sin.  
Storms are round us, hearts are quailing,  
Signs in heaven and earth and sea;  
But when heaven and earth are failing,  
Saviour! we will trust in Thee!

### HOME MISSIONS.

We would remind the friends of evangelical work, at this season when so many societies and congregations are dividing funds raised for religious purposes, of the claims of many in our own land to a share. The people of the Lower Provinces have the first claim on us. The Synod meets these claims as we noticed in our last number.

1. By sending missionaries over the land.
2. By aiding the weaker congregations in supporting pastors.

The latter of these methods has grown upon us with considerable rapidity, so that we feel warranted in saying that *one-half* of the income of the Home Mission Board is thus expended. On examination we find that the Synod have appropriated \$1600 of the fund usually disbursed by the Board, expressly for the strengthening and upholding of nineteen congregations by the grant of sums varying from \$40 to \$200. These cases have all been examined and reported on by committee; and this mode of extending our principles and furthering the Redeemer's cause is, we have no doubt, scriptural, judicious, and economical. We only ask our people to notice that there are \$1600 of the Board's receipts *appropriated*, and that it is only the balance, after that sum shall be paid, that remains for them to use in nurturing stations and paying probationers.

But are not our stations pretty generally filled up? We reply to this, by presenting in review the stations in New Brunswick alone requiring supply. We shall do little more than name them, offering very few details.

1. Shediac, at one time more hopeful than at present; but still requiring attention, on account of those who value ordinances dispensed by our church.
2. Moncton. There are Presbyterians in this flourishing town who are looking forward to the time when they will receive from us a minister of their own.
3. There are some half dozen small colonies of Presbyterians in Albert County—the Mines, Hopswell, Harvey, Lake, &c.—Our cause might be established here by a devoted missionary and liberal aid.
4. Salt Springs and Golden Grove.—