

Opening of the Theological Hall.

The opening services of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, were held in Chalmers Church, on the evening of the 3rd inst.

The following ministers, members of the College Board, and others, were present. Principal McKnight (presiding), Professors Pollok, and Currie, Drs. Sedgewick, McGregor, Burns and Patterson, Revs. K. MacLennan, S. C. Gunn, John McMillan, A. McL. Sinclair, E. A. McCurdy, E. Scott, A. Burrows, S. Houston, J. C. Burgess, E. Grant, E. D. Millar, D. McKinnon, G. Christie, P. M. Morrison, A. L. Wylie, Laing, M. G. Henry, J. Layton, J. Kosborough, T. Duncan, A. Simpson, Prof. Forrest, D. S. Fraser and E. Gillis.

The meeting was opened by devotional exercises conducted by Principal McKnight, after which Dr. Pollok gave the opening lecture, his subject being "One sidedness in religious thought." It was listened to by the large audience with the deepest interest and attention to the close.

There are six new students entering the Hall this winter and fourteen in attendance.

The number entering is quite encouraging, but more are needed. Among the contributions that are made to the College, cannot, will not, some more of our fathers and mothers give a son, will not some more of our boys give themselves to labor for God in the work of the ministry?

Home Missions.

The Maritime Committee met in the Session Room of Chalmers Church, on Nov. 1st. Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Convener, in the chair.

Present, Rev. Messrs. E. Grant, S. C. Gunn, McMillan, Burgess, Laing, Dr. Burns, Houston, McGregor and J. F. Blanchard, Esq. Also, as corresponding members, Messrs. Millar of Lunenburg, McLennan of P. E. Island, and Simpson of Halifax.

The chief matters disposed of were: First, the sanctioning of a proposal for the appointment of an ordained missionary for Metabedia, part of the time in winter to be devoted to the visiting of the Restigouche lumber camps. This was done very cordially. The extent of the Committee's liability to be limited to \$250, and the man to be sought out and engaged to the Presbytery, who shall also develop local liberality in support as far as possible.

Arrangements in prospect were also made for Bay of Islands next spring, and for Little Bay at the close of Mr. Whittier's two years. Both of these matters involve correspondence with the Presbytery of Newfoundland.

THE CLAIMS OF PRESBYTERIES on the Home Mission Fund for laborers within their bounds during the summer: FOR STUDENTS AND PROBATIONERS FOR SIX MONTHS.

Halifax Presbytery	\$128.93
Lunenburg and Yar. Presbytery	54.00
Pictou	87.43
Miramichi	183.00
St John	238.90
	\$692.26

FOR LOCATED MISSIONARIES.	
Newfoundland Pby.	\$200.00
Halifax	166.66
St. John	250.00
	\$616.66

\$1308.92

Claims to be submitted by other Presbyteries were referred to the sub-committee for settlement, and authority given to pay them

PREACHERS.

To meet requests for 16 preachers there were only eight fully at the disposal of the Board, but there being three others who had expressed willingness to occupy a place in the home field, the following arrangement was made as the best in the circumstances:

ALLOCATION OF PROBATIONERS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

	Dec.	Jan., '82.
Rev. Wm. Maxwell	Halifax	Halifax
Mr. Angus Sillars	Tr., Hfx.	Halifax
" A. McMillan	P. E. I.	P. E. I.
" John A. Cairns	P. E. I.	Halifax
" John McDonald	Sydney	Sydney
Rev. H. Crawford	St. John	St. John
" Roberts		St. John
" S. Mullin	Pictou	Pic., Tr.
" E. Ross	Mira'chi	Wallace
" J. Thompson	Wallace	Tr., Hfx.
Mr. F. W. George	Mira'chi	Mira'chi
" J. L. George		Referred to Clerk.