

first payment at the time appointed, any reasonable time will be allowed, but the Board desire that applications for membership be forwarded with as little delay as possible. I have to request that you will publish the terms as follows:—

“7. Ministers under forty years of age now on the roll of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces and those ministers of the late Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, who did not enter the union, (and any ministers now in connection with them) not now upon either fund shall have the privilege of joining the united fund up till 1st July, 1893, on the following terms:

That they pay the arrears due according to the class on which they choose to enter, from the time they should have entered up till four years rates, and thenceforward the annual rate, but they may pay the amount of arrears in instalments of \$10 per annum for the higher class and \$5 for the lower with interest on the balance due.

8. The cases of those 40 years of age and over, not now on the fund, as in No. 7, shall be made the subject of special arrangement”.

I have also to intimate that ministers rates and congregational collections are hereafter to be forwarded to me as Secretary.

GEORGE PATTERSON,
Secretary

New Glasgow, 7th June 1893.

HOME MISSION.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS, MARITIME PROVINCES, 1892-3.

The work of Home Missions is to see that the people of our own land have the Gospel and divine ordinances within their reach, to provide supply for the vacant charges and for the Mission Stations and to follow, with the message of peace, those who are dwelling solitarily in the wood or by the sea shore.

To overtake these objects, two classes of missionaries are employed, the ordained Minister and probationer for the supply of vacant congregations, with an occasional missionary tour; but the chief part part of the pioneering work, of late years, devolves upon our students, who are employed in Mission Stations during the summer, for periods varying from five to six months.

Twelve ordained Ministers, and eight Probationers, have been engaged under

charge of the Committee, to which may be added the services of two ministers employed by Presbyteries, while in the supply of Mission Stations, and weak charges not prepared at present to call, thirty-two Students have served. We have thus had engaged fifty-four labourers, the average time of the whole being very nearly six months, the equivalent, as nearly as can be stated of twenty-six men during the year.

With the ordinary work of supplying vacant charges under direction of Presbyteries, the General Assembly and the Church are so familiar, that no special account of the work done is called for. Such supply however has led during the year to the call and settlement, of at least six who have thus been removed from our list, that they may as usefully, perhaps more usefully, serve the Lord as Pastors of Congregations.

Late Reports of this Committee have noticed work conducted under the heading of

LOCATED MISSIONARIES.

One of these is

LITTLE BAY, NEWFOUNDLAND, REV. J. E. FITZPATRICK.

When the Report of last year was laid before the Assembly, this Station was vacant. Rev. Mr. Whittier had returned, and the prospect was not bright. The mines had passed into possession of an English Company; and many old hands were dismissed; and it was feared, that the Local support of \$400 per annum might fail. The company however expressed a readiness to aid to the extent of \$300, and another hundred or more may be confidently expected from the people in collections or otherwise. Without delay the services of Mr. Thorpe were secured temporarily, and a call from the Committee, being favourably entertained by Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick, he was soon ordained, and has now been over half a year at his post and work. At latest date, April 24th, he writes.

“The Sabbath Congregation keeps slowly increasing. At present we have about twice the number we had early in the season, which is encouraging. It is rather dreary here in the winter, and all travelling is on foot; in summer it will be more pleasant. I will remain and make out my year, The Episcopalians expect to have a minister settled at Tilt Cove and Betts Cove. They have at present none along that