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REPORTS
OF THE BOARDS OF
HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA
SCOTIA, FOR 1848—9

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME
MISSIONS.

The close of another Ecclesiastical year affords your Board an opportunity of presenting their annual report, they do so with pleasure, and they treat with feelings of unfeigned gratitude to the Great Head of the Church.

Since the last report was rendered, the aspect of affairs has undergone such a steady and progressive improvement, that your Board by a comparison of the past with the present and the charming prospects of the future, feel assured that the anticipated results of exertion in promoting those objects which tend to advance the glory of the Redeemer, were not unduly magnified.

For several years, the Synod is aware, the cause of the Redeemer among us appeared to languish—as if the Church rested under his displeasure—so much of necessity existing, and so little of available means to meet necessity—and it cannot be a matter of astonishment that such an impression was entertained. A new spirit, however, has been gradually manifesting itself—new vigor has been imparted—new energies called into exercise—and the result has been that the gathering clouds have been dispersed and what may be regarded as a new era, has dawned upon the Church. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the past, which from various circumstances must ever be considered many and painful regrets. Facts are of too recent date, and their effects too extensively felt to be forgotten; and they place beyond a doubt the assertion, that the present, as contrasted with the past, is indeed fraught with hope.

In making these observations, your Board would desire gratefully to acknowledge that it has not been “by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord” that any measure of success has attended upon the schemes of the Church and to Him from whom flows all blessing, they would ascribe all the praise, earnestly praying, that while He does, or despise the day of small things, “a little one” under his superintendance “may become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation.”

The internal affairs of the Church, your Board would observe, have

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