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LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,
That the earth thy way, and nations all, may know thy saving grace.—*Psalms lxxvii.* 1, 2

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HOME MISSIONS.

REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA, 1859-60.

The Board of Home Missions would express their gratitude to the Great preserver of all, that they are spared to present another Annual Report of their operations, though it must be with regret that these operations have been, from circumstances to which we shall presently advert, so limited. Under the usual heads we shall now proceed to give a summary of what has been done in the Home Mission field during the past year, and shall then make such remarks as the facts suggest.

I. LABOURERS.

At the date of the last Report there were the names of seven probationers on the roll. Of these, however, Mr. McGilvray was unable from the state of his health to receive appointments, and has continued so through the year, though there is now a fair prospect of his being able to resume his labours.—And the Rev. Daniel McCurdy withdrew from the Home Mission field and also from our church, leaving the Board to enter upon the labours of the year with five labourers under their control. Of these, however, in a very few weeks two were removed from the field, the

Rev. Thomas Downie by his settlement in Antigonish, and Mr. William Keir, who from the state of his health felt it his duty in the meantime to relinquish the active duties of the ministry. The Board were thus left with only three probationers to divide among four Presbyteries. To these, however, have since been added by licensure Mr. Jacob McLellan, and by the demission of his charge, the Rev. James Byers, making five in actual employment; but Mr. Robert Laird having accepted a call from Princetown has been withdrawn from the control of the Board, leaving four at present on the roll as actually employed, which we may remark has been the average for the whole year.—It is hoped also that John D. McGilvray may from this time forward be able to accept appointments.

II. SUPPLY OF VACANCIES.

At the date of our last Report there were the following vacancies: In the Presbytery of P. E. Island, Princetown, Richmond Bay and Western St. Peters; in the Presbytery of Pictou, Mabou, Antigonish, River John; in the Presbytery of Truro, Economy and Old Barn-