

Island, Kempt and Sheet Harbour; in the Presbytery of Truro, Wallace River, West Chester Mountain, Acadia Mines and Folly Mountain and Greenfield; in the Presbytery of Pictou, Baddeck and Margaree River; in the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, East Point, Georgetown, Summerside, Springfield and Dog River. The Board had intended to give a table containing the number of days, supply to each, and their contributions, but have found it impossible to make it complete.

The Board feel it due to remark, that the reports of your missionaries, some of which have been published, show commendable diligence on their part, and we believe that their labors are tending to build up the stations, yet not to the extent that could be desired. This is owing partly, the Board believe, to circumstances connected with the probationers themselves—partly to the small amount of supply received, but principally to the want of some more permanent and systematic labor in the various places. The short visits of missionaries for one, two, or three weeks, can never be so effectual as a more continuous course of labors by a single individual. Hitherto, from the number of vacancies requiring pastors, there has been no opportunity of locating missionaries in the newly formed stations; but the Board submit whether the time has not arrived for an attempt to introduce the plan of locating a preacher for periods say of six and twelve months. They are persuaded that this would be much more effectual than the present system. Some of the stations are nearly ready for the reception of ministers, and with some assistance for a few years would soon become self-sustaining. The state of Annapolis is particularly worthy of the attention of the Synod. The Presbytery of Halifax requested £40, or, if possible, £50 per annum, in order to enable them to support a pastor. The Board did not feel themselves at liberty to go this length in the present state of our funds, considering the demand hitherto made upon us for Yarmouth; but offered the sum of £50 between the two, this being as far as, in the present state of the funds, they felt themselves authorized to advance for that section of the Province. It might be well for the Synod to say whether they are prepared to approve or advance upon these proposals.

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Is-

land have, during the past year, taken up a new station at Dog River, about seven miles from Charlottetown, and they are extremely anxious to commence a congregation in Charlottetown. The Board need not say how desirable this would be for the interests of the Church. The matter will farther be brought under the consideration of the Synod by a reference from the Presbytery.

SUPPLEMENTARY STIPENDS.

The sum of ten pounds has been advanced as supplement to River John.—Enquiries, as directed at last meeting of Synod, have been made into the state of the congregation of Yarmouth, with the view of ascertaining the propriety of the continuance of the supplement, but as yet no decision has been come to in the matter. The Board have also agreed to grant a supplement of £10 to the congregation of Harvey.

CHURCH BUILDING.

No grants have been made for this object since last meeting of Synod, the only sums drawn being those which were mentioned in last year's Report as voted.*

FUNDS.

The Board append a summary of receipts and expenditure. They have endeavoured to be as economical as they could in consistency with the various claims upon them, yet they regret to perceive that the expenditure has exceeded the receipts, and that the funds are now in a comparatively low condition:—

Receipts from July, 1855, to	
2nd July, 1856	£224 15 8½
Expenditure	347 9 4
Excess of Expenditure	122 13 7½
Balance in Treasurer's hands	27 8 10½

RAILROAD LABORERS.

In addition to the ordinary missionary labor, there has this year been added the supplying of gospel ordinances to the laborers on the Railroad. By an arrangement between the Committees of Co-operation between the three Presbyterian Bodies, it was agreed that our Church should undertake the supply during the early part of summer. Accordingly this has been attended to by the Presbytery of Halifax, the members of which residing within reasonable distance having preached to them. Messrs

* Since this was written £10 has been voted to aid the congregation of Maccan.