

from Sherbrooke, East, along shore, visiting Liscomb, Marie Joseph, &c., until he reached the bounds of the Sheet Harbour congregation.

The Presbytery has followed this exploratory tour by appointing two months supply during May and June, by members of Presbytery, so as to examine the ground more carefully, and ascertain whether there is a call to provide for it another missionary.

#### IN HALIFAX PRESBYTERY

Mr. H. R. Rundall supplied, acceptably, *Tangier and Shoal Bay*, on the eastern shore, between the congregations of Mr. Rosborough and Mr. Logan, making occasional visits to *Moose Island* and *Moose River*.

Mr. Anderson Rogers' services in *North* have proved so successful that the congregation have taken a fresh start, have applied for a moderation of a call, and determined to become a self-sustaining congregation. Near the close of his term the Lord's Supper was dispensed by Rev. E. Ross—six members were added and others are seeking to serve the Lord.

In *Bayview and Digby* Mr. Gaylord did all that could be done, during his short term of three months; preaching, visiting, and holding Sabbath School and prayer meetings in *Bayview*, where Rev. Mr. Logan of *Kentville* dispensed the Lord's Supper with an addition of nine persons to the Communion roll—a large accession in so small a place.

He points out in his carefully prepared report, the great difficulties hindering progress in *Digby* which, in his opinion, can only be met by sending an ordained missionary to remain and work for as many years as they now receive of months.

#### IN VICTORIA AND RICHMOND

Three student missionaries did excellent service, Mr. M. Campbell in the vacant congregation of *Strathlorne*. Mr. A. B. McLeod in *Big Intervale* and *Cheticamp* in the northern part of the Island, and Mr. James A. Forbes at *River Inhabitants* and *Port Mulgrave*; but our notices must be brief, for no reports have been furnished additional to the tabular returns, but no better record can be given in the two former cases than the facts that *Strathlorne* has asked for a moderation. *Big Intervale* and *Cheticamp* have asked and subscribed for an ordained minister. *River Inhabitants* and *Port Mulgrave* require another summer of an earnest worker to deepen impressions already produced, and to evoke Christian liberality in the support of the Gospel.

#### IN THE PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY

Mr. Angus McMillan and Mr. E. Gillies, Probationers, were employed in *Leitch's Creek*, *Cow Bay* and *Glace Bay*. In these cases also there are no written reports furnished, but a glance at the table will show, but that people have met nearly the whole pecuniary outlay, which is alike creditable to themselves and to the missionary, and a good indication of the people's approval of the work done.

#### OTHER PRESBYTERIES.

No students have been employed within the year in the Presbyteries of *Prince Edward Island*, *Wallace*, *Lunenburg* and *Yarmouth*, and *Newfoundland*. Vacant congregations have been supplied in the three first-named, and work in *Newfoundland* will be noticed under the heading of special fields.

To a much larger extent than any former years the student missionaries have been cheered and aided by the presence of a member of Presbytery, visiting the different stations, dispensing the Lord's Supper at the chief centre, and thus gathering into the church the ripened harvest. In all cases the effect on the people has been most happy, and the Committee would express very strongly, their hope that all the Presbyteries may make this practice an established arrangement.

It will also be seen that the great drawback to progress in our relations is the long vacancy that follows the return of the students to college. In some cases a time of high privilege is followed by many silent Sabbaths, a rich feast followed by a long fast. To some extent, this may be inevitable, but unquestionably by timely and judicious arrangements by Presbytery, or by the nearest ministers, the fast may be occasionally broken, and the tried and the suffering ones brought through the long winter in a comparatively healthy condition.

#### SPECIAL FIELDS.

I. *New Kincardine and the Tobique*, already referred to.

II. *Bay of Islands*, in *Newfoundland*.—Rev. D. F. Creelman resigned his charge last year, through want of support, and that not from want of will, but from removal of Presbyterians, and inability of the remainder to present sufficient encouragement. The Committee intended, in accordance with Mr. Creelman's recommendations, and the request of the people and the Presbytery, to send a labourer this summer; but the accounts of removals, subsequently heard, were such that they felt constrained before doing so, to