

Travelled 150 miles; preached 16 sermons; attended 4 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 23 families; delivered 2 Temperance Lectures; collected in aid of the Society \$87.41 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The places visited were River John, Pictou Town and Merigomish.

Under date 29th Sept., 1862, he writes to the Board, "In Pictou the few Baptists seem to be trying to hold on their way as best they can. They have a Prayer meeting every Sabbath at Bro. Griffith's, notwithstanding their numbers and few. I think if a good judicious minister were placed on the ground, making the town the centre of operations, it would not be many years before the cause would be self-sustaining. The congregations are quite good in all the places.

Missions of six or eight weeks cannot accomplish much good. Nothing short of a permanent mission will succeed.

Rev. Alfred Chipman laboured 6 months in the above county.

July 6th.—The following report was received:

"On the first week of December last, I went, in accordance with your appointment, to Pictou county, and laboured there without intermission until the first of June. I was enabled to hold Sabbath services, during the six months, without intermission; endeavoured to preach in all 56 times, in addition to which brethren D. W. C. Dimock, J. E. Balcom, and T. H. Porter, Jr., each kindly spent a Lord's day in Pictou Town, while I was at River John or Merigomish. I conducted, with few exceptions, a weekly Prayer meeting in town; attended 4 Conference meetings there, and 3 at River John. With the assistance of brethren organized a Sabbath School in town; myself and Mrs. C. visited from house to house almost daily. I may mention also that, by invitation, I delivered 2 Temperance Lectures.

In Merigomish, particularly at Barney's River, our congregations are large and attentive, and I look on that settlement as the most hopeful as regards immediate success, in which for us to expend labour at the present time; quite a general desire is manifested to hold extra meetings, and some now seem nearly ready to unite themselves with us by an open profession.

At River John I spent somewhere about three separate weeks. In the *village* our congregation was small, and I can-