

**The following Reports were received too late
to be inserted in their proper places.**

NEWCASTLE AND NELSON.—REV. J. H. S. SWEET.

It is with a feeling of deep thankfulness to Almighty God that I am able to report to the Society a year of uninterrupted and successful work in the two missions which now form my charge. The services in both of my churches have been held as usual, and the attendance has been good. According to my present arrangement I have four services every Sunday, with an additional one once a month. The Sunday-schools in connection with both parishes have given signs of progress, and I am inclined to think that much good is being accomplished in this important department of church work.

St. Mark's church, Nelson, has more than justified its erection. It has been the means of gathering together a good and, as I fondly hope, permanent congregation, and the little band of faithful communicants is steadily increasing. In connection with this church I have to acknowledge two very handsome presents which have come into use during the past year: the first a very nice and suitable set of communion plate, from the English firm of Messrs. Wippell & Co., kindly given by Mrs. Geo. Burchill, Sr., of Birch Hill; they were used for the first time at our Easter communion, and we did not forget to pray on that occasion for God's continuous blessing upon the generous donor. The second gift referred to is a banner for the lectern, very handsomely worked by Miss Lou Harley, and given by her to the church; it very appropriately came into use on Trinity Sunday, and adds considerably to the general effect of the interior. The building is yet unpainted, but a little bird has whispered something to me, and unless the oracle gives forth a wrong sound, I shall be in a position to report this as done when another year has gone by. The bell has not come yet! What is the matter friends? There is no burying ground in connection with St. Mark's, and we have already felt the want of one; perhaps at no very distant period we shall be able to supply even this.

Good work has also been done in Newcastle, chief among which I must mention the building of a much-needed shed at the rectory, and the erection of a substantial new fence around the Sunday-school lot. The money for the former

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