

Rev. W. Thorburn's congregation undertaking to defray all expenses, alike of salary and travel. Mr. W. Stuart having returned after a year's service in that arduous field, where the warmth of the climate is apt to tell unfavourably on the energies of the labourer, arrangements were promptly made for sending another in his place. These were frustrated, however, by the outbreak of yellow fever — strangers from other climes being more subject to attack than the Bermudians themselves. It is matter for thankfulness that the Presbyterian congregation suffered but little from this fearful epidemic. After considerable delay, and after all cause of alarm on the score of healthiness of climate had disappeared, Mr. Campbell was sent to fill the place Mr. Stuart had vacated.

Another distant field of labour is the coast of Labrador, to which last synod authorized the Board to send a missionary. Mr. McCurdy was appointed without delay — proceeded by steamer to St. John, Nfld., thence to Harbor Grace, and thence to Labrador. This circuitous and expensive route was the only one available at that season of the year, all the sailing vessels engaged in the fishery having already gone. He did not reach his destination till the end of July; and he left for home after the first week of October. Into the details of his labours on that coast we need not enter, as they are fully described in his report, which is published in the *Record*. Suffice it to say that between the 31st July and 7th October, he preached 46 sermons, visited 10 families and 26 vessels; the numbers addressed by him at his various meetings, when added together, amounted to 5180, and he distributed 24 bibles and 2292 tracts.

On the approach of another fishing season the question inevitably arose, what was to be done for Labrador? The instruction of the synod referred only to one season, and the duty of the Board might be held to be exhausted when they reported the result of their action last summer. But, on the other hand, if the mission was to be renewed this summer, it was extremely undesirable to lose the opportunity of a direct passage by fishing vessel, and again incur the expense

and delay which were inevitable last year — a sum of about \$46 and a month of the missionary's time having been expended on travelling to his field of labour. It was very obvious that the same expenditure of time and money would go a great deal further, if the missionary could be sent a month earlier. But there were some difficulties in the way. Mr. McCurdy was unwilling to undertake the mission this season, as he wished to be present at this meeting of synod, and it seemed doubtful whether another appointment equally suitable could be made. But the principal difficulty related to the question of expense — the only ground on which the synod were likely to hesitate about renewing the mission. Promises of support had been received from Nfld. which might be relied on for about one-third of the sum requisite — the rest was likely to fall upon the Board. On considering the whole matter it had been resolved to take what as respects the responsibility of the Board was the *safest* course — to let the matter lie over till synod. But shortly after this conclusion had been arrived at, a letter was received from M. H. Warren, Esq., at whose suggestion the mission had been originated, which threw new light upon the subject. It appeared that the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, with whom he had been in communication, had offered £20 sterling towards the support of our mission. This promise removed all scruples arising from financial grounds; and as the Board could not doubt that in the circumstances the synod would approve of the mission being renewed this season, they appointed the Rev. D. Sutherland to proceed to Labrador. He obtained a passage in a fishing vessel, and sailed from Halifax about the 14th of this month.

It is time that we should now glance at stations nearer home. The mission field that has drawn most largely on our funds during the past year is in the vicinity of Yarmouth. The stations supplied are Carleton, Chebogue, Tuskent and Argyle. The two first-named of these places are at present integral parts of the Rev. Mr. Christie's charge. In the other two the number of Presbyterians is very small, but