

PORT HAWKESBURY AND WEST BAY.

Bro. Charles I. Graves (Lic.) laboured under the direction of the Board 9 weeks, preached 30 sermons, attended 13 prayer and conference meetings, made 65 family visits, distributed 697 pages of tracts, travelled 354 miles, collected \$26.75, travelling expenses \$8.75, and reports as follows :

"I arrived at Port Hawkesbury June 4th, and at the earnest request of Bro. Peter Paint, Jr., to whom I was referred for direction, laboured with the church there three weeks.

At West Bay found some interest manifested; they sustain a prayer-meeting regularly, and are very attentive to the preached word. We organized a Sabbath School, which bids fair to be a great blessing to the community. Their superintendent is a man that any school might be proud of. He is a Baptist, because the Word of God made him so. He labors with much fidelity and ability to promulgate the pure doctrines of the New Testament.

The field is large and very needy. There are no ministers of any denomination stationed in this region. I preached in the following places: At the church near the Marshes, Marble Quarry, Kempt Road, Grant Ann's, and on the South Shore Road. The people listened attentively to the preached Gospel, and I trust seed has been sown which, under the fostering care of the Holy Spirit, will result in the salvation of souls and strengthen God's children."

MARGAREE, C. B.

Mr. R. N. Beckwith :

DEAR SIR,—The field of Missionary labor which the Board assigned to me is a large and interesting one. They have had very little ministerial labor since brother Kempton left them, but have regularly maintained Sabbath services. There are those in the church who are well able to conduct divine service, either in the form of "social prayer meetings" or by "proclaiming the gospel from the sacred desk."

As is generally the case with sheep destitute of a spiritual shepherd, some have wandered from the fold and become cold and unfruitful in the service of the Master; while others, with unshaken confidence in the immutable promises of Jehovah, are praying earnestly, and laboring zealously for the growth of the church.

The brethren gave me a warm reception, and treated me with the utmost kindness throughout. Other denominations welcomed me to their homes and places of worship, and frequently formed a large part of the congregation in our own meeting house. The congregations upon the Sabbath were invariably large and attentive: the Conference and weekly prayer meetings, which for a time has been somewhat neglected, were revived, and steadily increased in interest. A Sabbath school is conducted during the summer months; but the distance which many have to travel in order to attend, renders it necessary to close it during the winter.