

3. Springfield and English Settlement. These two sections constitute the congregation. The pastor resides in the former; the latter is some eight or nine miles distant. Besides these he preaches in two stations named Millstream and Thornton, 22 and 12 miles respectively from his residence, and to each of which he gives a monthly service. In each of these out-stations there are 4 families, and from each the pastor gets \$12 annually for his support.

4. SUSSEX AND UNION. Your Committee had more trouble in putting the information received from Mr. Gray into any classified form than with all the other cases. Their perplexity however was caused not by want of clearness and of order in the mind of Mr. Gray, but by the nature of the field which he cultivates. In his reply he very aptly puts it that the best way in which he could represent his field would be by a map, and the Committee would have been thankful had he carried out his own suggestion. He says that "the congregation extends from one mile below Norton Station up the Kennebecasis and its tributaries which branch out like the top of a tree, the length being 30 miles and upwards." He mentions at least 11 distinct groups of families, numbering from two to nine each, at distances from his residence varying from 5 to 23 miles. There are two church buildings, one near Norton Station, the other at Sussex, in the other places the services are held in schoolhouses.

5. Saltsprings, Hammond River, and Golden Grove. These three constitute Mr. Bearisto's charge, and no other preaching station is reported by him. Your Committee believe that a preaching place should be opened at Hampton Station. A village is growing rapidly there, and now that it has been made the shire town of the county its permanence in a measure is established and its importance increased.

6. Bocabec and Waweig. Mr. Millen's charge originally consisted of these two sections, but some years ago St. George requested a fortnightly service which he gives on the day he preaches at Bocabec. A station has also been opened at Digdeguash which he ministers to on the day he preaches in Waweig. Latterly he has been induced to open another on that river, the two being distinguished as Upper and Lower Digdeguash. In Lower Digdeguash there are thirteen families, contributing \$21. The distances of the preaching places from the pastor's residence are as follows:—Waweig 7 miles, Bocabec 10½ miles, Digdeguash 15 miles, and St. George 22 miles. In connection with St. George there are two stations—Pennfield on the one side, and Mascareen on the other—which have got service, and ought still to get service,

where there a laborer available. A later communication received from Mr. Millen informs the Committee that he has opened a new station at Letete, which involves the labor of preaching three times on each alternate Sabbath.

8. Fredericton. Here there is but one Church, and there no stations. Of course in a place like Fredericton there must be two services given every Sabbath, hence, there is no inducement in the direction of new fields of labor, even though such fields were available.

The Committee present these facts for the consideration of the Presbytery.

SAMUEL HOUSTON.

N. McKAY.

Rev. W. Stuart submitted a report of a visit recently paid by him to emigrants from the Shetland Isles now employed on the River Du Loup Railway, and addressed the Presbytery upon the importance of providing for their spiritual interests.

St. John ministers with Rev. W. Stuart, were appointed a committee to confer with the sister Presbytery of St. John in regard to supplies of service to those emigrants, and to do the best thing they can do to furnish them with gospel ordinances.

Resumed consideration of the Report on the possible reduction of Supplements. It was agreed to commend the diligence of this committee, to recommend the report, and request the committee to bring in some definite plan based upon the statistics furnished therein.

Mr. Houston reported that about \$16 have already been realized for the Bursary Fund; and the committee were encouraged to work this fund vigorously, and the Standing Committee was authorized to offer a Bursary upon competitive examination of a sum not less than \$50 to candidates preparing for the ministry of this Church.

Rev. J. W. Nelson was appointed to the region of the Tobique during the month of October—the pulpit of these brethren to be supplied three Sabbaths in each month.

The Remit of Synod anent the appointment of a member of Presbytery to watch over contributions to the schemes of the Church was taken up and Rev. S. Johnson appointed to that duty within the bounds of this Presbytery.

Our Acadian Mission.

From various quarters we learn that this mission has been prosecuted this year with increasing success. Early in the season Messrs. Paradis and Brouillette from the Canada Presbyterian Church came to the Lower Provinces. Mr. Paradis visited the French population around Shediac, awaken-