

Sabbath School, which was established during my stay at Glassville, may, in some small degree, compensate for the loss of regular church services, but it can be at most a small compensation, and even that uncertain, while the church there has no visible head to encourage and stimulate its members to efficient, earnest work.

And this same seems to me to be equally applicable to Florenceville and Greenfield, although their circumstances are quite different from the church in Glassville. The cry from the whole field seems to me to be a most urgent one for a liberal-minded, working, Christian leader, whose efforts God may richly bless.

The five Sabbaths of July and first two of August were spent on the North Shore, under the care of Rev. J. D. Murray of Moncton. Buctouche was the centre of operation, and, with Cocaigne and Shediac, was the principal preaching station. There were generally three preaching services held a-week in different places. I preached in seven different places in all, but in none more than once, except the three above mentioned.

The work has been one of great pleasure to me throughout, and of profit. I did not expect—being an entire stranger—to meet with such uniform cordiality, or to form such pleasant and kind acquaintances. I shall certainly always retain most kind remembrances of this summer's work, which is the first I have ever attempted.

#### Report of Rev. J. W. Nelson's Visit to Tobique.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 5th, 1872.

*To the Rev. the Presbytery of St. John:*

Having been appointed to Tobique during the month of September, I beg leave to report that I have been enabled to carry out the appointment by preaching in Tobique and the vicinity on four Sabbaths of that month. In the village of Tobique, I conducted services on three different occasions; in Arthurette, the principal settlement on the Tobique River, on two occasions. At Three Brooks, I preached once, as also at Grand Falls. On almost every occasion, the attendance was large, the circumstances considered; and while many connected with other churches were present, but few claiming connection with the Presbyterian Church were absent.

I left these interesting families of our church—scattered as they are over one-half of the County of Victoria—deeply sensible of the importance of their being organized, as soon as practicable, into a congregation. Owing to the very moderate charges made by keepers of Hotels at which I stopped, and the owner of the line of Stages between Woodstock and Grand Falls, the collec-

tions taken up at the stations where I preached more than met all the expenses.

#### Report of Mr. A. F. Thompson.

*To the Rev. the Presbytery of St. John:*

According to the instructions of your Committee of Supply, I have labored for five weeks at Buctouche, Cocaigne, Scotch Settlement, and Shediac. I also preached on a week-night at Mill Creek. The meetings were all well attended, and, on some occasions, were very interesting. The people of Scotch Settlement might do more for the support of ordinances than they are doing at present. They should also take some step towards securing music at their meetings for public worship. At present, they have no singing at their meetings.

The people of Shediac are now building a church, and they should be encouraged and assisted in their praiseworthy effort. We have very few Presbyterians at Shediac; and of those few, some are either unwilling or unable to give much assistance. But the few who are doing what they can, should be encouraged, and possibly others might become more attentive and liberal. I am convinced that a new church will exercise a very salutary influence towards advancing the cause of Christianity, and of Presbyterianism at Shediac.

## Our Foreign Missions.

### NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

#### Mr. Annand's Departure.

Since our last issue Rev. Joseph Annand, accompanied by Mrs. Annand, took part in Farewell Prayer Meetings at St. John, N. B., Moncton, Summerside, Charlottetown, Pictou, New Glasgow, Westville and Truro. These meetings were held in pretty quick succession, and an interval of a week allowed for final preparation for sailing. The meetings were generally successful, and some of them were of great interest. Collections were taken at all, and the results were generally satisfactory.

During the last week Mr. Annand with Mrs. Annand, was invited to meet his companions and the early friends of the family at a social gathering at Gay's River. The weather was most unpropitious, but still the meeting was one long to be remembered by those present. An affectionate address was presented, with a gold watch, chain and seal, from the young men, and a purse containing \$107 collected by the young Ladies of his acquaintance.