

every other Sunday. It has been suggested that the good nature of some of the clergymen is being taken advantage of, and that in future a small charge for each advertisement not bearing directly on congregational work be made, which sum might be placed to the credit of one or other of the deserving schemes.

### Home Missions.

The Superintendent of Missions reported, to the last meeting of Presbytery, that the following congregations and mission stations had been recently visited: Norton, Scotch Settlement, Pisarinco, Woodstock, Kirkland, Oak Mountain, Kincardine, Kintore, St. George, Bocabec and Penfield.

Norton congregation has elected a building committee, and the contract for the new church has been let.

Scotch Settlement sustains its record for knotty ecclesiastical problems. Our missionary has not succumbed, and amidst endless worry and perplexity has carried on his work not without success, and perhaps final adjustment, of more than one difficulty is hastened.

The claims of Home Missions and Augmentation were pressed upon the attention of our people in Pisarinco, and there appears to be a disposition upon the part of the congregation to contribute more liberally than heretofore to the Schemes of the Church, which speaks well for both minister and people.

Edmundston and Connors are still under charge of Rev. A. J. Lods, and there has been the last year a good measure of success in French work. Ground has been broken. Seven families have identified them-

selves one way or another with our Church. The sphere of influence is widening, and, by the blessing of God, we look for greater things than these.

Our mission in St. Martins is not thriving as it ought, simply because we are without a Church. It is absurd to hope that a congregation will grow and flourish without a suitable place of worship. Let us have a church and regular preaching service every Sabbath, and a new order of things will arise. Where is the man or woman or congregation that will come to the rescue with a donation of one hundred dollars? Let some generous soul make the experiment and then wait to see what will come out of it.

During the winter two students were employed, Mr. Adams Archibald supplying Tobique, and Mr. Findlay, Salina and Campbell Settlement. These fields were extensive and laborious, but there was no grumbling on the part of the catechists. They did their part like men, and the people on their part contributed even more liberally than was hoped. The drafts on the Board were modest.

With what intense relish secular papers criticise the sins and shortcomings of every branch of the Church. They chronicle and remark upon the blots, just as they give large space to the crimes and absurdities of foreign nations, and take small notice of their virtues, and of the spread of prosperity and contentment among them. We hear much of an offending minister, of an inconsistent Sunday School superintendent, of a knavish church member, but nothing of the quiet usefulness of tens of thousands of their brethren, who walk worthy of Christ.