

safety. In *no way* give the sanction of your name or influence to the sale or use of this accursed thing. At all times, in all places, and under all circumstances, learn to be decided for the right—to say yes or no, as duty to God and conscience require it.

6. Find something to do for Christ. He calls you to follow Him, that you may be a winner of souls. Love to Christ and gratitude for your own salvation, should lead you to seek the salvation of others. Then working for Christ, will result in great spiritual good to your own soul. If you would be a happy, growing Christian, seek to be full of faith and full of love and full of zeal for immortal souls that are unsaved. Looking ever unto Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith, you have everything, my dear friend, to encourage you in your Christian life, and to go forward boldly in the step which you have now taken. You may meet with many difficulties, but God is on your side, and therefore you need not fear what man can do unto you. Be in earnest, make diligent use of all the means that God has given to you, and you cannot but grow strong and vigorous in your Christian life; you will learn from your own sweet experience that religion's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

That you may be a bright, happy Christian, a shining light, leading many to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, is my sincere desire and earnest prayer.

Home Missions.

In the Maritime Provinces.

The following summary of our Home Missions, by the Agent of the Church brings before us in brief the whole field and what is being done for it.—ED.

Our Home Mission work is conducted under two committees; the first providing aid for the weaker vacancies, and for all mission stations; and the second, for distinction sake, called the Supplementing Committee, administering the moneys raised for aiding the weaker congregations in sup-

port of their pastors. Their funds are kept distinct; but being both one in their aim, deficiencies in the one have been, when needful, supplied by any superabundance which may have existed in the other.

The Home Mission Committee has superintendence of ministers and licentiates, so far as regards the apportioning of these among Presbyteries for the supply of vacancies. It has also the distributing of student catechists for the supply of miss on stations and is chargeable with their payment. The field includes Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland; and during the past year 57 agents were employed; viz 14 ordained ministers, 10 licentiates and 33 catechists. The work given by the preachers (24 in number) was the equivalent of twelve employed for the whole year. The catechists were employed very nearly six months each, so that combining the two classes, there was the equivalent of twenty-eight laborers during the whole year. The ministers were employed generally in supplying in turn the various congregations during the vacancies between settled pastorates and their support came generally from the people, weak congregations drawing aid to some extent from the Home Mission Fund.

But there are a few special fields which draw more largely, such as the new Scottish colony of New Kincardine in New Brunswick, which receives for the present a full salary; the people being able only to provide board till they overcome the difficulty of clearing land and erecting buildings.

The copper mining district of Little Bay and Betts Cove has a grant of \$400 per annum; and Bay of Islands, also in Newfoundland, a grant of half that amount; but without such aid these places would be left without any resident pastor, they are truly missionary districts.

MISSION STATIONS.

The following facts in figures sum up last years work: No. of fields 32; stations 114; Sabbath services 1,033; average attendance 10,728; families 2,330; Sabbath school attendance 2,177. Paid by stations \$3,232.84; paid by funds of the Home Mission Committee \$1,368.26.

THE SUPPLEMENTING DEPARTMENT.

Out of 160 congregations in our church 40 are supplemented by sums varying from \$40 to \$200; average \$116. This required last year the sum of \$4,540. The work of supporting these weaker charges makes no show or sound and is one of the most difficult of our schemes to maintain, but it is essential to our progress and prosperity as a church.

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