

with others whose term had expired, we were largely in debt. This state of things opened our minds to the fact that we had employed more men, and promised them more assistance than our funds would warrant; even if our agent had continued his labors with his former success. What were we to do? To employ another agent would be useless, for he would be obliged to visit a field already gleaned. To dismiss our Missionaries at once would be wrong, for we were engaged to assist them. This we resolved to do: Not to reappoint those whose term of engagement was about to expire, and to inform all others that we could not assist them after the 1st of February, 1862, with the exception of Bro. Hickson, Newcastle, Miramichi, whose term was to expire the 1st of May.

This being done we then addressed ourselves to the work of procuring funds to pay the small amount so justly due our missionaries. A circular was then prepared and sent to the Union Societies. This brought in but little. Then the Churches were requested to take up special collections for Home Missions, on the third Sabbath in December. To this call only five or six responded. Your Board feeling that something more must be done, raised funds among themselves, and resolved to request our City Churches to hold Missionary meetings. This was more successful, and over \$100 were obtained; since then the Church in Fredericton held a missionary meeting with good success. The result of all this is, we now have in our employ no missionaries, but are in debt to those who have been, nearly \$200. Our determination is to pay this debt before we send into the field new laborers.

Our report of what has been done in this department, we hope will not, however, be altogether barren of interest.

SHEDIAC.

Bro. W. A. Coleman commenced his labors in this interesting field, the 1st of February, 1861, and closed them 1st February, 1862. He writes January 26th, "I have generally preached three times a week, and attended one prayer meeting. We have held a Conference meeting and administered the Lord's Supper monthly. Two have been baptized, and two more added by letter of late. Our congregations continue to be the largest in the place, notwithstanding there are three other meetings, nearly every Sabbath, at the same hour.

"I am now forced to leave this interesting field for want of support, and I do not know how these few sheep are to fare, but I hope the Great Shepherd will provide for them. There should be a missionary kept in this growing field all the time. I hope it will not be overlooked. The people are poor but they are willing to do what they can."

(Signed)

W. A. COLEMAN.

DOAKTOWN AND BLISSFIELD.

Our missionary here is William M. Edwards. He writes under date of September 1st, 1861.

"Since my appointment to the North (12 months), I have travelled 2180 miles, made 483 pastoral visits, preached 189 sermons, held 24 Conference Meetings, and baptized 10. The Lord has blessed the labors of his servant—the churches have been revived, sinners have been converted." In giving his final report, February 1st, he says, "It is my happy privilege to preach to a united church and a loving people, to whom I am very much attached. I have the pleasure of large congregations which listen with marked attention; there is a deep interest in religious meetings, although we have no additional to report. You have done much for this field, for which the church is truly thankful; but the withdrawal of your support at this time has been a severe

Rev. B. patronage. He writes and of income is as follows: 134 families assistance, take place missionary advanced position from the New England. "The church united call support."

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Rev. David County up to could no longer which could not as a denomination received. Since he would be of Board could not. During six months Preached 61 1,507 miles, and

At our last Annual he closed his mission to labourers speaks of the Church

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