

Gravenhurst—C. N. Dewey, pastor.
North Bay—L. S. Hughson (5 months.)
Dwight—Rev. A. Stewart, pastor.
Port Arthur—F. T. Tapscott, pastor.
Doa Lake and Spence—J. Skym (4 months.)

In the Western the following Churches are being helped :—

Thamesville, Zone and Bethlehem—Rev. H. C. Alger, pastor.
Newbury and Bothwell—G. E. Morphy, pastor.
Essex Centre and Kingsville—J. G. Brown, pastor
Windsor—Rev. J. G. Calder, pastor.

Very gratifying progress has been made during the year in Essex Centre and Windsor, and there is no doubt foundations are laid in both these places for strong churches. The friends have been able to secure good properties.

And now as to the future. † Never did a future so suddenly open up before a people as before us at this hour. Not for the purpose of lengthening a report, too long already, do we ask you carefully and thoroughly to examine the opportunities. A mistake at this juncture is laden with disastrous consequences. If eyes and thoughts are turned away from the sombre-hued and plodding tasks of Home Missions, we can see nothing but increasing infirmity coming with succeeding years. All that we will be in the future for the glory of God and the good of men at home or abroad is in the seed of Home Missions. If that seed is carefully and abundantly planted, then will your barns be filled with plenty, and we will have to give to him who needs.

We are sorry to have to report that the finances of the Society are not in as healthy a condition as is desirable. While liberality is increasing yet it does not keep pace with the growth of the work. If, after dividing the amount of our estimates for the next year among the Associations, the Associational Boards will quickly and carefully apportion to each church within its district a minimum sum to be collected as each church may see fit and at the time most convenient to the church, giving consideration of course to the fact that the Board will require money quarterly to pay the missionaries, we believe an important step will be taken. It is time we were free from bank accounts. We are asking too much of our brethren who attend to our finance to become liable to the extent of thousands of dollars; a little arrangement by our Associational Boards with the churches could obviate the difficulty. We ask for this matter your consideration. We believe that a heartier attendance to this is a necessity to the well-being of our work.

We invoke God's grace in wisdom and patience and love upon you in great abundance, that your deliberations may result in deeper convictions of our awful responsibilities and grand opportunities, and that by another year it may be ours to record the triumphs of the gospel through the agency of this Society.

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