

believing as we do that these places are rapidly becoming important and efficient centres of Baptist influence. A comparatively small subsidy was granted to each of these places ; but it is expected that in the early future they will cease depending upon our Board for aid, and will in their turn become liberal contributors to our funds. At New Glasgow a noble work has been done through the zealous efforts of Rev. David Freeman. A neat and comfortable house of worship has been erected and nearly paid for ; and the interests of our denomination have been greatly promoted during the past year.

On the island of Cape Breton Rev. W. C. Rideout has been laboring successfully at Mira, Homeville and Glace Bay. His efforts have been much appreciated, and some encouraging results have already appeared. Rev. E. T. Carbonel has received aid from our treasury whilst laboring at River John and subsequently at Mabou and Margaree.

On Prince Edward Island a fair amount of missionary work has been done. Rev. F. A. Kidson has labored during the year at Dundas, Lower Grand River and St. Peters Bay. A number have been added to the churches in those places through his instrumentality. Rev. D. H. Simpson has been aided by your Board in his pastoral services in connection with the church at Montague. Rev. W. McGregor spent three months at Alberton, Cape Wolfe and vicinity. The opening fields on this important Island have received the most careful attention of your Board ; and it has been an occasion of regret that notwithstanding all our efforts to secure permanent missionary labor in the western section, little has been actually performed during the year owing to the unwillingness or inability of missionaries to comply with our appointments. Bro. E. H. Sweet, of Acadia College, is at present laboring in that field. We trust his ministrations will be greatly blessed.

THE FRENCH MISSION.

The work of Bro. Normondy differs materially from that of missionaries who labor in other communities, and cannot, therefore, be justly measured by the same standard. The difficulties to be overcome are much more formidable than those of Protestant fields, and the results following are consequently fewer and less apparent. Our missionary has continued laboring, and we have reason to believe that some good has been done. Eight conversions are reported as either directly or indirectly resulting from this mission during the past year. Your Board are not yet fully satisfied, however, with the present state of this mission. Enlargement and improvement in our operations are demanded.

Last autumn it was thought advisable to authorize Bro. Normondy to make some personal effort in the way of collecting funds from our churches. We did not suggest the sending out of circulars appealing for aid ; but perhaps that plan has secured as large returns as could have been obtained in any other way.