

several weeks in mid-winter, and therefore desirable to have the services of men whose special duty and object would be the supply of the ordinances of religion to the Lumbermen. Such Missionaries could, during the summer months, when the Shanty-men are away from the woods, labour in scattered and outlying districts, in many of which they would meet with the same class of men as those to whom they would minister in winter. Till the services of such men can be procured, your Committee think that, in so far as is practicable, the system which they have pursued during the past season should be continued.

In conclusion, your Committee would express their earnest hope that the efforts already put forth may prove but the small beginning of extended labours in this Mission. Its importance is great, its claims are urgent, and the vigorous prosecution of it would be a source of benefit to our Church and Country. There are no difficulties connected with it which may not be overcome by Christian earnestness and broad brotherly Christian charity. While the lumber trade of our country is one of the most important sources of our material wealth, it is sad that those most immediately engaged in it should be the most neglected in reference to their spiritual improvement. While it might be well for the Church to do more in the work of Foreign Missions, it can never be anything but ill for it to neglect its Home Mission. By going forward in the work with a living trust in the Lord of Missions it is to be confidently expected that this agency may contribute to hasten the time when the "wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

All which is respectfully submitted.

June 1st, 1869.

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*Convener of Committee.*

P. S. Annexed is a statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Committee up to the present date.

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