

Obituary.

SAMUEL TAYLOR.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Samuel Taylor, of Cookshire, who entered into rest on Friday, February the 8th. He was a nephew of the first Incumbent of the Mission of Eaton, the Rev. Jonathan Taylor, and his father, Mr. Ezra Taylor, was a most earnest and loyal churchman. He himself seems to have inherited all the virtues of his family, and to the last, notwithstanding bodily infirmities, he was a regular worshipper and communicant in his Parish Church. His good example and quiet influence will be much missed, and we may well pray for a succession of such true and earnest Christians in our midst.

District News.

SANDY BEACH.

The Rev. Geo. T. Harding reports :—

The weather lately has been exceptionally trying in this district. For two weeks there has been hardly any cessation of snow-fall, fences are covered and the roads almost impassable. On two successive Sundays, in consequence, our congregations were next to nothing, and in many other ways our work has been much interfered with. The usual winter Bible Classes at the Parsonage and Barachois School House are going on and the interest in them increasing. The attendance at Barachois, thus far, averages between forty and fifty, and many of the young people are ordering Bibles through me, which indicates a desire to take part in—perhaps to prepare for our studies in the Holy Scriptures.

I have lately started a singing class at the same school-house, which promises to be a successful venture. A large number are being instructed to sing by note, and many others attend to listen. This is a pleasant and innocent way of spending an evening, and seems to be very attractive to the people, who, as I hope, will be benefitted in many ways, besides helping to make our services better by learning to sing correctly.

I am now holding a week-night service, once a fortnight, at a small school house at Douglstown. It is in the midst of a Roman Catholic population, but there are a few

Church of England families, who find it very difficult to attend church, and some others; and, although the attendance is small, I enjoy this service very much, as there seems to be a strong devotional spirit among those who come to it, and an earnest desire to have it. I cannot say much yet about results, but feel that they will be generally good, and more than that have the consciousness that I am giving of the Church's good things to those who know how to appreciate them; and this is quite enough in the way of inducement. So I hope the Service will be continued now as a permanent part of my work.

MALBAIE.

The Rev. G. R. Walters writes :—

Two very successful public Teas were held in this Mission during the month of January.

The first, at Barachois, was held for the purpose of securing funds with which to pay a debt incurred upon the work of the new church there, and to help provide suitable furnishings for the interior when completed.

Over two hundred persons sat down, and did ample justice to a very bountiful Tea. I must thank Mrs. John McCallum, for a great deal of interest taken in providing this tea. Indeed I am afraid most of the heavy work fell upon the members of the McCallum and Robertson families. However, to all who helped, I am sure, my thanks are due and given. The proceeds amounted to \$81.

The second tea was held in a more kindly lent us by Mr. Philip Vibert (Church-Warden), at Corner Beach, who thereby put himself to much inconvenience and trouble.

The two hundred and fifty persons (perhaps more) who partook of tea, I feel justified in saying, were all well pleased with the abundance of good things provided.

After the tea the ladies of the Sewing Guild, held a sale of useful and fancy articles, the result of their patient work since early in the fall of last year. The Guild's interest was centered in the purchase of a new organ for St. Luke's Church. I cannot refrain from thanking them all for their interest thus taken, and especially Miss Jane Carter, who is spending this Winter at Corner Beach.