

'O THOU THAT HEAREST PRAYER, UNTO THEE SHALL ALL FLESH COME.'

The following topics are suggested as suitable for exhortation and intercession on the successive days of meeting:—

*Sunday, Jan. 1.*—Inspiration of Holy Scripture: Its sufficiency and sole authority for religious faith and practice.

*Monday, Jan. 2.*—Grateful review of the past, calling for renewed confidence, and for increased devotedness.

*Tuesday, Jan. 3.*—For National Mercies; for kings, and all in authority; for soldiers and sailors; for all who have suffered in recent war; and for the blessings of peace.

*Wednesday, Jan. 4.*—For the Children of Christian Parents; for a blessing on home influence and on all teachers; for early dedication to God; and for more labourers in Christ's service.

*Thursday, Jan. 5.*—For the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on all who profess and call themselves Christians; for the Conversion of the Jews; and for the removal of all hindrances to the spread of the Gospel.

*Friday, Jan. 6.*—For the Increase of Charity, and of all affectionate communion and co-operation among all in every land who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

*Saturday, Jan. 7.*—For Christian Missions; for the better observance of the Lord's Day; and for a blessing on Christian Literature.

*Sunday, Jan. 8.*—Faith, Hope, and Love—essential witnesses for the truth.

## Home Missions.

We have received several reports of Home Mission Work during the past summer, from young men employed as Catechists and evangelists. We publish in the present number Mr. McKay's notices of his work at Margaree, where he evidently received a most cordial welcome from an interesting people who have proved their earnestness by meeting all the expenses of the missionary, and by going to work to provide themselves with places of worship at both preaching places. At present we regret that no farther supply can be sent to this promising mission field; but we are sure that the Board of Home Missions will embrace the earliest opportunity of sending a man of the right spirit to follow up the faithful and productive labours of Mr. McKay.

The work done in the erection of Churches, and in the payment of the missionary, shews what may be accomplished when a few active and earnest souls lead the way. Until farther supply of preaching is forthcoming, we trust that the people will not forsake the assembling of themselves together for prayer, fellowship and edification.

### Mr. K. McKay's Report of Summer in Margaree.

On arriving, I found that the two stations where I was expected to labour were about 22 miles distant from each other—one at the head of the Margaree river, and the other by the shore, about two miles from its mouth. The former station is called the "Big Intervale;" the latter, the "Harbor." Along the river between these extremes there are two Roman Catholic Chapels and three Churches, belonging respectively to the Methodists, Baptists and Congregationalists.

#### BIG INTERVALE.

At this place I found a Sabbath School and weekly prayer meeting in operation, due principally to the efforts of Mr. Isaac Murray, whose name is well known to the Board by his liberal donations to the Church. These were continued; and, in addition to the Sabbath services, I held a weekly Bible-Class for the benefit of the young. The meetings on Sabbath were always well attended, special interest being manifested in the Sabbath School.

Here there are about 36 families professing attachment to our Church. These, and quite a number belonging to other denominations, I have once or twice visited. Though there are only two or three heads of families in full communion with the Church, most of them observe family worship, and most of the children are baptized.

Previous to this summer, there was no Church at this station. A few days before I arrived among them they erected a frame. By the first of July, it afforded us a place of shelter in which to hold our meetings; and before the first of August the outside was nearly finished.

Considering the small number who took an interest in the work, and the comparative newness of the settlement (the first settler being still living), the effort made to provide a place in which to worship the God of their fathers, deserves praise and encouragement. With a little aid from generous friends of the cause, they would be able to complete the inside during the coming winter.