

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society for the year 1875-76.

The Board of Home Missions now respectfully present this their Annual Report :

No General Missionary Agent has been employed this year, and our funds, for so great a work, have been very limited, yet we have aided ten missionaries in several localities. Applications for aid have been made by churches, and also by ministerial students, which could not be entertained for want of means; only two students received help. Three Sabbath Schools received small grants to supplement their own contributions. The case of Infirm Ministers and Ministers' Widows was carefully considered and relief supplied.

The Province of New Brunswick to-day presents as promising a field of operation for Home Mission work as any Society may desire. There are whole Counties where nothing whatever is done by our denomination for the salvation of the people; and very few Counties are adequately supplied with the gospel ministry. The Counties of Gloucester and Restigouche are wholly destitute. But little is done in Northumberland and less in Kent. Many of the southern Counties are also sadly neglected.

The Intercolonial and other railways lately put in operation afford great facilities to the heralds of the Cross to bear the message of peace to the rapidly increasing congregations of our highly favored country.

SAINT ANDREWS.

Rev. T. W. Crawley labored in Saint Andrews the past year, and received the usual aid from the Society. He says: "I have striven to my utmost to be faithful as a laborer in this field. I have constantly visited my little flock." Sometimes he preached three sermons each Lord's Day; at other times he preached twice and taught a Bible class. His report of three months' labor is: 44 sermons preached; prayer-meetings every week; travelled 108 miles.

SAINT MARY'S AND GIBSON.

Rev. B. N. Hughes was furnished a free hall in Saint Mary's in which he preached once a fortnight. He secured a hall in Gibson at some cost which he occupied Sabbath afternoons. He also assisted Bro. T. H. Porter, and baptized 27 believers, who united with the Fredericton Church. He also labors with the churches at the Keswick one-half his time.

BLISSFIELD AND LUDLOW.

Rev. Wm. M. Edwards continued to labor in this field, and received \$50 from the Society per annum. His preaching stations are: Pond Settlement, Boiestown, Bloomfield, Doaktown, and New Salem. In his report of the 1st inst., he says: "In all our churches and stations a strong desire is manifest for a revival of God's work." During nine months he travelled 2,120 miles; preached 97 sermons; made 320 visits; held 28 conference and church meetings; administered the Lord's Supper 6 times, and attended 7 funerals. For sixteen years Brother Edwards has nobly held the fort in Blissfield, Miramichi.

TOBIQUE.

Revs. G. R. Campbell and Samuel Burrill labored together in this field for some time, and performed separate labor also.

They say, Nov. 4th: "In less than four weeks 13 persons have been baptized, and a church of 22 members organized."