

The following letters from missionaries in part supported by this Society will convey some information as to their labors and the prospects of the Church under their care :

(From the Rev. J. Tays.)

BARRINGTON, March 8, 1859.

Immediately after my ordination I came to Barrington, and set myself to work at once to make myself acquainted with the place and the different localities around. I made the church at Barrington the centre of my operations. Here I have preached twice every Sunday since I came. The congregations are not large, but regular—an average of about sixty, about one-half of whom are Churchmen. We have a very nice Sunday-school of about thirty children. I have a bible class every Saturday evening, and a regular attendance of about twenty-five, sometimes thirty. But there is a large field around, from which I have selected four places, which I visit alternately every four weeks, viz. : Port La Tour, on the east, twelve miles distant, where there is a church commenced, but unfit to hold service in. I preach in a large school-house, to a congregation of from one hundred to two hundred persons, only two of whom belong to the Church,—so we cannot expect any local assistance towards the completion of the church. The next week I visit "Solid Rock," also on the east side, seven miles distant, where I meet a congregation of from fifty to one hundred, in a nice little school-house ; but there is only one Church family in the place. I then go to Wood's Harbor, on the west, nine miles distant, where I preach in the Free-will Baptist meeting-house, to a congregation of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty, among whom there is but one man who calls himself a Churchman. I complete my rounds by visiting Cape Sable Island, about one mile across the West Passage. I preach in the Presbyterian meeting-house to from fifty to seventy-five persons, only one of whom claims my protection. At all of these places the congregations are exceedingly attentive, and seem pleased to have me come among them, for oftentimes they have no other service between my visits. It is no uncommon thing to have persons from five miles distant, and sometimes eight miles. Until the 1st of November I visited them on Sunday evenings,—preached, remained all night, visited the sick, and went from house to house on Monday (the good people of Barrington providing me with a horse, besides the £50 required by the Society). But about the 1st of November the days became so short that it was almost dark before I got through with my second service, so that I had to travel sometimes twelve miles in the dark ; so, with the consent and approval of all parties, I concluded to preach but twice on Sundays during the winter months,—having the second service at 7 o'clock p. m., and visiting my out-stations on Wednesday evenings ; so I now perform my journeys on foot, and remain all day Thursdays, and give them either a second sermon or a lecture in the evening, and get home on Friday. Since I have been here, I have preached 113 sermons, delivered 10 lectures, made 31 school visits, 217 parochial and 21 sick visits ; had two baptisms and two marriages, and have travelled about 1000 miles. This is truly our day of small things, but we have the promise that we shall reap if we faint not. We have, however, much to be thankful for. There is now but little opposition, and the people appear to come out gladly and give a listening ear. I firmly believe that when they are better informed, the teachings of the Church will be eagerly received. I therefore take every opportunity of impressing upon them the necessity of educating the rising generation, in whom is our hope. I delivered a lecture on general education at Wood's Harbor, where the people subscribed £35 for the support of a male