

REPORT OF MISSIONARY SERVICES IN TRURO.

To the Presbytery of Halifax in connection with the Church of Scotland:

Your missionary at Truro begs leave to submit the following report:—

Having, at the meeting of Presbytery held in Halifax on March 6th, been appointed to labour in Truro and the adjoining stations until the next ordinary meeting of the Court, your missionary left Halifax for the field assigned to him, on Tuesday, 9th March. On Wednesday he set out for Riversdale, the Rev. Mr. Thompson having made an appointment to preach in the spool factory there that evening, but being unable himself to keep such appointment. Your missionary, having preached at Riversdale, returned to Truro on Thursday, and after making arrangements to board with Mr. George Gunn, he proceeded to call upon the members and adherents of the Church, and make appointments for Sabbath services, which have been conducted since then as follows:

March 14th, 21st and 28th—Morning, St. Paul's Church, Truro; afternoon, ditto. April 4th—Morning, South Branch of North River; afternoon, St. Paul's Church, Truro. April 11th, 18th and 25th—Morning, St. Paul's Church, Truro; afternoon, ditto. May 2nd—Morning, South Branch of North River; afternoon, St. Paul's Church, Truro. May 9th, 16th and 23rd—Morning, St. Paul's Church, Truro; afternoon, ditto. May 31st—Morning, South Branch of North River; afternoon, West Branch; evening, McCallum's Settlement.

As some of the adherents of the Church reside at too great a distance conveniently to attend the places where the above Sabbath services were held, your missionary endeavoured to give them an opportunity of hearing the word preached by holding service as often as possible in the remote districts during the week. AT RIVERSDALE, the spool-factory having been kindly placed at his service for evening meetings, he preached there every Wednesday, with one or two exceptions, until the destruction of the building by fire in April. He was then forced to discontinue his services at that station, as no building could be got during the week to accommodate the congregation. After the destruction of the factory, your missionary visited Riversdale twice, and called upon the adherents of the church in the neighbourhood, as also upon those of other denominations whom he heard of as being sick, or desirous of receiving a visit from him as a minister of the gospel. GREENFIELD, where there are several families in connection with the Church of Scotland, your missionary twice visited, on one of which occasions he preached in the afternoon in a school house there. The day was very wet, yet the school house was well filled with an attentive and reverent congregation. NORTH RIVER, on both branches, has a number of settlers in connection with the Church of Scotland. Your missionary was unable to visit the several families there, while having to return to preach in Truro in the afternoon. He therefore devoted the whole of last Sabbath to this district, visiting the members and adherents of the church on the south branch, in company with Mr. Wm. McLeod, on Saturday. He preached on this branch on Sabbath forenoon; then going to the west branch, preached there in the afternoon and evening, visiting the different families on Monday.

TRURO, of course, is the most important station. Your missionary has therefore endeavoured to have services held there every Sabbath. Being absent on the 16th of May, the pulpit was supplied for him by the Rev. Mr. Smith, of the Wesleyan church, who preached with much acceptance to the people. Though absent from Truro on this occasion, your missionary was not idle. On the 16th he preached in St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's churches, St. John; and on the 18th and 19th in the parishes of St. Martin's and Simond's, in St. John county, N.B., where there is no missionary in connection with the Church of Scotland. There he administered the sacrament of baptism, on profession of their faith, to eleven adults; and at the same time and place to three children, on profession