

ply with their very modest request, for a grant of fifty dollars per annum. This has been paid for one year, and will be continued unless the committee's action be disallowed.

THE WORK OF THE STUDENTS

is presented in brief in tables subjoined, these show a large amount of work done, and the committee have every reason to believe that it was faithfully performed and not without evidences of success. It appears from this tabular return that besides preaching twice every Lords day, they conducted either on that day or during the week a Bible class or prayer meeting, or Sabbath school, and in some cases, all the three; while on an average each student visited seventy families and some of these repeatedly. The amounts contributed too, in payment of these services, will compare favorably with the rate of ordinary rural charges, and far surpasses not a few congregations which enjoy a Pastor's services from the beginning to the end of the year.

SUMMARY OF MISSION STATIONS.

	Total	No. of Mission Fields.	No. of Preaching Stations.	No. of Sabbaths.	Average Sabbath Attendance.	No. of Communicants.	No. of Families.	No. of Families Visited.	Average Attendance at Sabbath School.	Amount Paid by Stations.	Amount Received from Home Mission Committee during the year.
St. John	9	35	186	1972	447	361	830	472	\$ 979.76	\$ 317.76	\$ 317.88
Miramichi	3	13	51	1885	143	231	260	132	310	577.05	115.32
Hallifax	3	13	27	565	58	215	132	132	108	768.05	50.00
Lunenburg and Yarmouth	7	25	970	330	43	43	43	43	35	82.57	87.43
Pictou	4	13	101	930	166	108	132	119	338	485.32	218.28
Totals	24	98	4906	5785	1123	990	1486	1197	\$2277.60	\$1008.82	

It will be found that they have paid at the rate of two dollars per communicant, and at the rate of two dollars thirty cents per family not per annum but for less than half a year which is at the rate of four dollars per annum per communicant and four dollars and sixty cents per family. The generous contributors to Home mission work may therefore feel assured that they are helping those who are trying hard to help themselves.

The last report presented a brief account of the various mission districts, and sketched the work done by the respective occupants of those for the season. It will not be necessary to present a similar detail at present. The districts, and generally speaking, the stations supplied, are the same. The men supplying these have been in most cases changed, but the work done has been substantially the same, and the tabular appendix presents the leading facts in the smallest compass and in the most practical way.

MINISTERIAL VISITS.

The brief reports of Students, accompanying their statistical and financial returns, show that in nearly every case, a minister by appointment of Presbytery visited the missionary, accompanying him to his Stations, aiding by counsel, and dispensing the Lord's Supper; and in many cases admitting some of the baptized youth to the privilege of full membership. These visits have been highly prized by the student, and equally by his charge; and the Committee would express their strong desire and earnest hope, that during the present year, this will be followed out in every case.

WINTER SUPPLY.

In this connection the Committee are equally anxious that Presbyteries should in good time adopt measures for providing some supply during the long winter months for those little bands of brethren, left vacant for so long a time, and in danger of becoming discouraged and demoralized by neglect.

That something more systematic must be attempted and accomplished for a goodly number of the Stations hitherto supplied for part of the year by Catechists, has been becoming more evident every year; and during the past winter it has been pressed on the notice of the Committee in an excellent paper, from the pen of Dr. McRae, and from the Presbytery of St John. This paper condensed is substantially as follows: