

## MALBAIE.

The Rev. G. Radley Walters reports:—

I was inducted into this Mission on the 30th of July last by the Rev. Rural Dean Lyster, so that I have only been here six months.

When I came I found the people all eager for the services of the Church, and ready to welcome me amongst them, which they did in a very hearty manner.

Malbaie and Point St. Peter are purely Church of England stations. The people, though in most cases poor, are strongly attached to their Church, and seem ever ready to second their minister's efforts for good. I am sorry to report that the fishing season this year proved to be a poor one for my people. The cod, the principal article of our commerce, did not visit our shores in such numbers as last year, and this necessarily implies that it has been but a poor season for Church work.

With us coast people, a scarcity of fish means a corresponding scarcity of money; and with little or no ready cash, many and many a poor family, good deserving people all, have to go with little or no flour this winter. Still we must hope that when this night of distress and hard times has passed away, the morn of prosperity will again light up our shores.

However, we have done our best and have succeeded, in spite of hard times, in doing a little most necessary work to our Church. We have underpinned and boarded both Church and chancel, placed lead as gutters between Church and chancel to prevent a most decaying leak; we have also completed our vestry. Next spring we have, what I look upon as a far more difficult task, to fence in an acre and a half of land. Our old fence is completely worn out. We hope also to be able to paint the outside of the Church.

In the month of August His Lordship the Bishop visited the Mission and held a confirmation service, when twenty young persons came forward to receive the Apostolic rite.

I hold regular monthly services at the Corner of the Beach, where I spend the whole of the Sunday. I have also week night services at the Barachois, which are fairly attended. I am indebted for the celebration of the Holy Communion in my Mission to my neighbouring brethren, and in order to this we have to exchange duty.