

NEW KINCARDINE AND THE TOBIQUE.

These places have been supplied during the year by the Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, Mr. W. A. Mason and Mr. G. Allan. The gentleman first named, who has since the first mission there, been located, for a year, reports thus:—"During my stay the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the two principal stations, at Melville Church and at upper Kintore. Three were added, and five children of church members baptized. Prayer-meetings and Bible Classes were conducted, and family visitation, as far as the wide spread nature of the settlement would allow, while the sick were not forgotten.

"From the people I received board, and though they might do something more, yet it must be remembered that many with families have no little difficulty in feeding and clothing their children. Some have this year, for the first time, the prospect of raising enough on their farms to feed their families; but during every year now an advance may be looked for, and should be asked from them, lest they should become satisfied with the state of dependence."

In this connection it should be stated that the Free Church grant in their aid ceased a year ago, and the Board, at the earnest solicitation of the St. John Presbytery, has promised five hundred dollars for the current year, in the hope that one hundred each will be provided by the New Kincardine and Tobique settlements, but on the express condition that at least one hundred dollars will be paid over.

The Tobique settlement, including Arthurette and Three Brooks, is on better land, is occupied by settlers of long standing, and therefore better off, and it is confidently expected that they will furnish at the least one hundred dollars of Mr. Sutherland's salary. The Tobique was well served for one quarter by Mr. George Allan until he was laid aside by sickness, from which, however, he has been graciously restored.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

All of New Brunswick, not covered by St. John Presbytery, falls to the Presbytery of Miramichi, which includes the counties of Kent, Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche.

In the first named county, Kouchibouguac and Kouchibouguaces were supplied by Mr. George S. Carson, who presents the lights and shadows thus:—"Among the discouragements—character of people affected by a dissolute class of lumberers and by the long continued destitution of

regular religious ordinances. *Encouragements*—some signs of a spiritual awakening, a commencement made to build a church, readiness to contribute both to the support and extension of the Gospel.

NEW BANDON.

In the neighbouring County of Gloucester, Mr. Edward P. Cleaveland ministered to New Bandon, Clifton, Jernavall, and Canobie, and says the people are 'hungry for the Gospel,' regular in their attendance and attentive listeners. Many of the young people attended the weekly prayer meeting. The Communion was dispensed by Rev. S. Houston, and nine professed their faith in Christ, one aged man of seventy being of the number, and five others being heads of families.

ESCEMINAC.

At Esceminac, in the Province of Quebec, Mr. Stanfield Lord laboured with diligence. Rev. A. Russell dispensed the Lord's Supper, and five members were added to the Communion Roll.

METAPEDIA AND FLAT LANDS.

Mr. Andrew B. Maxwell furnishes a full and interesting report of work in Metapedia and Flat Lands, also in the Province of Quebec, from which the following notes are taken:—"Preached every morning at Flat Lands, and afternoon at Metapedia. Prayer meeting weekly at Flat Lands, with encouraging attendance. Parents and children interested in the Sabbath School. "Immediately on entering my field I commenced visiting and kept it up through bad roads, danger in crossing the river, till I had visited all the Protestant families, one hundred in number, and some of them in out of the way places, and hard to be got at. Endeavoured to gather the families for worship, and in all cases was well received. I gave pre-eminence to the duty of visiting and ruling, aided in conducting temperance meetings, and delivered at Flat Lands a course of lectures on popular subjects, which were well attended.

The mission proved self-sustaining, the deficiency arising from failure in the salmon fishing and general depression, being generously met by an American gentleman, who gave \$50, but would not allow his name to be mentioned.

CARAQUETTE, ETC.

It only remains to add that Mr. Bruneau acquitted himself well among the French and English at Caraquette, Tracadia, Little Shippegan and Miscou island