

gaining ground here. Men must be born again, though convinced that our doctrines are scriptural, they will remain our enemies, because they are enemies to God until this change takes place. Hence they must hear the declaration of Christ, "Ye must be born again." Blessed be the Lord, the conviction of the necessity of the new birth is growing more general. Truth is working its way in spite of the enmity of the human heart.

No. of weeks services performed, 47, sermons preached 197, prayer and conference meetings held 46, family visits 379, baptized 36. organized 1 church, travelled 2850 miles. Collected \$55 62.

Rev. Joseph F. Kempton has been retained in the service of the Board for another year in connection with the churches at Margaree and Mabou.

The closing account of last years labor did not come to hand in time to be included in the statement presented at the last Annual Meeting, hence it was included in this report.

The following particulars are gleaned from letters received.

June 22nd, 1869.—"The church in Mabou has been doubled in number during the past year, I have spent about one quarter of the time with them, and they have contributed nearly missionary pay for what time I have spent there. A Bible class has been started among them, taught by one who was converted there last spring. There are quite a number of hopeful cases on this field. Some are anxious to know the Lord, others who I think have already believed, but are not decided as to their own condition and duty.

I have baptized in all, during the year 14, four of these were included in last years statistics. Three of these were in Mira, four in Margaree, and eight in Mabou.

December 31st.—"I have had the privilege of immersing five persons during this quarter. Others have been enabled to trust in Christ, and I hope soon to be called upon to lead them and more beside into the baptismal waters. I know of several whom I believe are being "led by the Spirit of God."

My soul has been more than ordinarily exercised of late in reference to the cause, both in Margaree and Mabou, and I think the state of things is more promising just now in both of these places than usual. The Quarterly meeting took place in Mabou two weeks ago. Brethren Porter, Boggs and McQuillan were there, besides several lay brethren from Magaree church. It was a solemn, and I believe a profitable season. The congregations were unusually large and attentive. I hope fruits may soon appear."

March 31st, 1870.—"Two have been immersed during this quarter, one in Magaree, and one in Mabou. Besides this, others have been hopefully converted to God. I expect to baptize next Lord's day. The most of these are persons in connection with the Sabbath School. God is blessing the efforts made by the Sabbath School for the conversion of souls. Some of those converted do not belong to Baptist families; but still they possess Baptist sentiments, and have already expressed a desire to be immersed and unite with the church,