

bath morning, through snow and rain to services at 11 o'clock. Notwithstanding the severity and unpleasantness of the weather, we had a larger congregation to-day than any preceding Sabbath during my stay.

EAST GLASSVILLE.

I preached in the afternoon at Mr. Smita's, East Glassville. I was unable to go to the services I had announced at Miramichi, at 7 o'clock, evening, owing to the heavy rain and badness of road.

FLORENCEVILLE AND GREENFIELD.

I left Glassville for Florenceville on Monday 30th November, and preached in East Florenceville that evening, 6.30, and in West Florenceville on Tuesday evening at 6.30.

Visited during remainder of this week at Florenceville and Greenfield. Sabbath, 6th December, had two services, morning at 11 o'clock in Florenceville, a very large congregation, notwithstanding the slippery roads. Afternoon in Greenfield also an exceedingly large attendance.

CALL FOR A LABOURER

It seems to me a great pity to have no minister in these districts. There is a fine field of labour. It is my earnest prayer that the "Seed of the Word" sown during my sojourn here will bring forth a glorious harvest to the praise and glory of God, in whom we trust.

I also had a service in the Methodist Church at the invitation of the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Howie, on Sabbath evening, 6.30.

OBSERVATIONS.

Glassville and Florenceville will afford to an active, warm-hearted earnest Christian minister ample scope for his entire energies. If they do not soon get a minister my impression is that our denomination will lose ground here. This is the more certain from the fact that several families have already attached themselves to other denominations who are working vigorously in this field.

ABILITY TO SUPPORT.

The people are I believe quite able themselves, without any external aid, to support the ordinances of religion in their midst. But they have not been trained to give systematically, or from principle, of their substance to the Lord. When so trained they will not be behind the most liberal, according to their means.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The visit of a Colporteur now and then, would I believe, be attended with good results, as many of the people have a taste

for reading with but little to gratify it. I had with me a few books of Rev. T. S. Cuyler's, which I lent during my stay, and they were read by several with evident interest. Permit me to state that I think our ministers would give a little more attention to what our people read, and would advise as to reading matter, much good would ensue. There could easily be a much larger circulation of our own *Record*. The information thus furnished to and received by our people throughout the Provinces, as to the working of the different schemes of the church, would elevate the tone of the people, and no doubt draw on the grace of liberality to a much greater extent than has been yet done.

(Each of our churches should have a book agent, whose business would be to see that the *Record*, religious papers, and the books of the British and American Tract Society were (freely) abundantly circulated amongst their several congregations. I mention this because I think there is a want in this direction.)

If a parcel of Tracts were sent to Mr. Joseph Pearson, Glassville, and to Mr. Lamont, West Glassville, they would be circulated through the settlement, and a silent blessing wherever they came. I enjoyed my labours in both places very much.

BAPTISM.

I administered the ordinance of baptism to several children with the concurrence of the Elders of Glassville church, the record of which I left with the Clerk of Session. I also saw several in Florenceville and Greenfield.

Yours faithfully,

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Our Foreign Mission

TRINIDAD MISSION.

The arrival of the *Beta*, mail steamer, has brought reports for 1874 from the Trinidad missionaries, and these are all encouraging. They will not be published till first of January. They are submitted to the Board.

We may state in brief that Mr. Morrison, leaving the chief charge of the work in Trinidad to Fernando with Mr. Grant, has commenced "laying the foundations" at Petit Morne, while Mr. Christie continues at Coaraze.

Mr. John McDonald arrived shortly after the New Year, and having given preference to San Fernando,