

COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Bro. G. O. Gates, Licentiate, having been assigned a mission of 8 weeks in New Annan, and the Head of Tatamagouche Bay, reported as follows:

"In both places I found regularly organized churches, but very small, and the love of many grown cold, "sheep without a Shepherd". The state of religion indeed appeared low, the lamp almost extinguished. Still a feeble few I found praying and hoping that yet a brighter day will dawn; trusting that though "sorrow may endure for the night, joy will come in the morning."

I was gladly received by the brethren, and was treated with uniform courtesy by all denominations. The field is a very inviting one. I left there many anxious souls, especially among the young.

In one of our social meetings a young man arose and requested prayer on his behalf. He informed me that he was tired of the ways of sin, found no pleasure in them and wanted to find Jesus as the Saviour of his soul. My prayer is that he may find that dear Redeemer. Two or three are waiting to join the Church at the earliest opportunity. "The waters are indeed being troubled."

In new Annan there are two quite prosperous Sabbath Schools. I visited them often and tried to encourage them. I trust the seed has been sown here, and that an abundant harvest will yet be gathered in. The work is the Lord's. He is able and also willing to bless. The people were very thankful to the Home Mission Board for remembering them and did cheerfully what they could in the way of remuneration.

I travelled 409 miles, preached 29 sermons, attended 13 Prayer and Conference Meetings, visited 106 families, some of them frequently, generally reading the Scriptures and offering prayer. Distributed 1280 pages of tracts; these were gladly received by all, and more than once have I been cheered by being informed of the comfort and encouragement derived from their perusal. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and it shall be seen after many days." Collected in aid of the Mission \$51.97.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Rev. E. B. Corey has labored 13 weeks in the service of the Board.

Preached 60 sermons, attended 18 Prayer and Conference meetings, made 379 family visits, Baptized 10 persons distributed 2000 pages of tracts, travelled 500 miles, collected \$40.89.

Extracts from letter of May 5th, "During my mission I have endeavoured to preach the gospel in the following