

*Portaupique*.—We regret that we cannot report the conversion of sinners and the increase of the church. Our number has been lessened by dismissions, discipline and death, yet in the midst of these discouragements we are striving to follow in the footsteps of our Divine Master, and trust, the soul saving truths proclaimed by our pastor, Rev. D. McKeen, will bring forth fruit in God's good time.

*Pugwash*.—We extend to the Association a cordial welcome to our homes and hearts. We have been without regular preaching during the past year till last May, when Bro. Burgess came amongst us. We think his labours will be blest in all this region. Some of our best members have removed to other parts, some to the rest above.

*St. Mary's 1st*.—We cannot report any additions, but hope the seed sown will spring up to God's glory. We welcome Bro. Howe from the Home Missionary Board, and hope his visit will result in good.

*St. Mary's 2nd*.—Have been encouraged by the addition to our number of six by baptism, for which we thank God, though there is not that union amongst us that ought to exist.

*Sydney*.—The present is an important period in our denomination with respect to Home Missionary operations. As a branch of the Baptist cause in Cape Breton, we feel gratified with the provision our present Board has made for the immediate wants of our churches and fields of labor. We are prayerfully hoping for a time of refreshing from the Lord, and thus for greater spiritual enlargement and prosperity.

*Truro*.—As a church we have not made much progress, still we feel that God has not forsaken us. Since our last report eight have been baptized, and seven added by letter. Our late pastor, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, resigned the pastorate of the church in December last. Rev. H. Morrow has laboured with us for three montus. Rev. J. E. Goucher has accepted a call to become our pastor, and entered upon his duties here the 15th of June, and we trust by the divine guidance he may be made a blessing to the church and community around.

*Upper Londonderry*.—We lament the decline of the cause of God amongst us, owing chiefly to our being without a pastor. We have made several attempts to procure one, but without success, till just now we anticipate the labours of Rev. M. P. Freeman one-third of the time. We trust that the coming of his servant may prove a great blessing to this land.

*Upper Stewiacke*.—We have no good report to give of ourselves. We see much that is evil in us, but not all. But Christ is precious, We hope that much of the good seed sown by our pastor will find a lodgement in honest hearts.