

labours were blessed to the conversion of many souls and to the up-building of the cause of Christ in Kempt and Maitland, Middlefield, Greenfield, and Chelsea. He then passed through Annapolis and a part of King's. At Berwick he felt it his duty to remain for a time. The cause there was in a very low state. The ways of Zion mourned. The circumstances were such that the Board consented for brother Wallace to remain a few weeks. And soon, under his faithful and zealous efforts, there was witnessed one of the most remarkable displays of divine grace ever seen in this Province. The General Agent then passed on and surveyed rather imperfectly Hants, Cumberland, Colchester, Digby, and Yarmouth. In all the places he visited he seemed to be very successful. Your Board think that the beneficial effects of his labours in awakening an increased interest in the cause of Home Missions, in grouping small Churches, in reviving large ones, and in giving advice to Ministers and Churches, cannot be overestimated.

*Lack of ministers and efforts to obtain them.*—In view of the many destitute fields in the Province and the lack of ministers to supply them, the corresponding secretary of your Board opened a correspondence with Dr. Stock, editor of the *London Baptist*. That correspondence called forth many enquiries from brethren in England, which in turn led to the settlement of Rev. P. Gallaher, at Milton, Yarmouth County; Rev. J. P. Beel, at Guysboro and Manchester; Rev. John Clark, at Bridgetown; Rev. John Brown, at Cow Bay, C. B., and brother A. E. Ingram, at Mahone Bay. The Board are glad to learn that these brethren are pleased with their fields of labour and are preaching with acceptance to the people. Your Board are persuaded that, as a general rule, provincial men are better adapted to the wants of Nova Scotia than others. But the lack of ministers was so great and the cry for men from destitute fields was so urgent, that your Board felt it to be their duty to make an effort to supply as rapidly as possible the demand for ministerial labour. To do this they wrote not only to England, but to Canada, and the United States. They also endeavoured to induce our men who were studying at Newton Theological Institution to return to the Provinces. In this latter undertaking they are sorry to report that they have been but partially successful.

As it was the aim of your Board to do the very best they could for the cause of Christ generally and for individual churches not only for the present but also for the future, they felt it their duty to appoint to Mission Stations nearly all the ministerial students at Acadia College and Horton Academy that made application to them. They hoped that by encouraging our young men in this way, they would be more strongly inclined to give the benefit of their future labours to their native land.

*The French Department.*—Your Board are enabled to report that considerable progress has been made during the year in connection with the French Mission. The Missionary has been working