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HOME MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

In the month of June last the Rev. James Wilson, Congregational missionary, went to Twillingate under the direction of the Committee of the Home Missionary Society. He has been working there since, and the Lord has already owned his labours. The population of Twillingate Islands is somewhere about four thousand souls. The church accommodation is certainly far from sufficient; besides, we, as Congregationalists, have a right to do something for this large town, seeing it was a Congregational missionary who first occupied this field. Many years ago the Rev. Mr. Hylier toiled amid many difficulties and dangers around the shores of Green Bay, making Twillingate his head-quarters. There are still a few alive who remember in their childhood the faithful labours of this good man. When he was called to his heavenly reward no one was found to fill his place. We believe he has a worthy successor in Mr. Wilson. A few weeks ago we spent some time in Twillingate. Our missionary has rented the Temperance Hall for Sunday services and one evening in the week. We were fortunate to arrive on a Thursday, the day the Sons of Temperance had appointed to commence their winter campaign against the cursed drink business. We had the pleasure of addressing a crowded house on Temperance. Next day was appointed as the first Congregational Sunday-school picnic. The little ones and their friends met at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the kind ladies of all denominations vied with each other in providing good things for their children and friends. At 7.30 the hall was again crowded to attend a public meeting. Mr. R. T. Gillingham occupied the chair. There was a select choir, under the direction of Mr. Samways, who presided at the harmonium. Certainly the music would do credit to any town in the world.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. Stow, Mr. Wilson, and the deputation from St. John's who dwelt particularly upon the distinctive principles of Congregationalism, and explained the position that Mr. Wilson held, and the work he came to do.

The Sabbath services were well attended. In the evening the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and at the prayer-meeting the power of God was displayed in the conviction and conversion of sinners. We learned on the following day that the Episcopal and Methodist Churches were crowded at the same hour.

We visited most of the families attached to the Congregational cause, and received a most cordial welcome in every one of them. A building committee was formed, and a site for a new church selected. The friends are going to work in real earnest; we wish them success, and we are sure they will get both sympathy and help from the friends of Christ in other places. Since

our return so St. John's, we forwarded over eighty volumes for the Sunday school library. Subscriptions towards the new building will be thankfully received by Mr. R. T. Gillingham, Treasurer, Twillingate, or the writer, also collecting cards on application.

There is a wide and inviting field in Green Bay. Let us go up to the help of the Lord.

FORTUNE BAY MISSION.

Our faithful and devoted missionary, Mr. Laer, has gone to Montreal, to take a course of study in the Congregational College of British North America. His place is well filled by Mr. Thompson, and we are glad to learn that the work is going on gloriously on every part of the mission.

EVANGELISTIC WORK IN ST. JOHN'S.

During the past month a series of special evangelistic services have been conducted in this city, under the direction of the ministers of the evangelical churches, by Mr. Hutchings and Mr. Bromly, from London. These devoted young men have been educated for evangelistic work in "East-end Training Institution," London, under the superintendence of the Rev. Henry Gratton Guinness. They possess great power in public exhortation. They are thoroughly earnest. They work in harmony with ministers of all denominations, who unite with them, on the same plan as Mr. Moody, Mr. Needham, and H. Varley. Large numbers have attended every service, and could larger buildings be procured, no doubt many others would be present. A mid-day prayer-meeting has been conducted every day in the Temperance Hall, and hundreds have been present at that hour to invoke the Divine blessing on the work. So far as we are able to judge, many have been brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and a work has begun that is likely to spread over all the country, and result in the salvation of many thousands.

Our young friends intend, on leaving Newfoundland, to proceed to Nova Scotia, the United States, Canada, etc. We urge the people of God to remember them very often before the Throne of Grace.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We tender our very sincere thanks to Mr. Cox and the friends in "Barbican Chapel" for a box of valuable books. They came at a most opportune time. At once we despatched a small library to one of our new mission schools, and in due course will have them all in circulation. Books are one of the great wants of the people living in the remote parts of this island. The nearest book-store is two hundred miles from the school, to which we sent a portion of those sent. St. John's is the only place in Newfoundland where there