

necessary. During the past year, they have both been under the charge of Mr. Sutherland who was engaged by the Presbytery of St. John, the Committee agreeing in the peculiar circumstances of the colony, and of the Tobique, to provide \$500 the Presbytery to try and get \$200. The Missionary's labors have been faithful, and abundant, two-thirds of the time being given to the Colony and one-third to the Tobique. In the former, besides the Sabbath preaching, which was well attended, he conducted four Bible classes in different localities, visited 87 families, dispensed the Lord's Supper twice, and added four to the Communion Roll.

In the latter, he supplied regularly Tilley, Arthurette, and Three Brooks; and occasionally Riley Brook, the most distant settlement about 60 miles from the mouth of the Tobique. These stations include 37 families which were all visited, once at least, some oftener, besides many others having no Church connection; and the Lord's Supper dispensed at Tilley, Arthurette and Three Brooks. In all the settlements, the attendance was encouraging, and the people made good their proportion of stipend, having provided the \$200, besides contributing to some of the schemes of the Church, thirty-eight dollars and meeting local expenses.

BEDFORD AND WAVERLY—REV. GEORGE CHRISTIE.

This is a district from ten to twelve miles from Halifax, but although so near to a city with many ministers it was little better than a moral waste when the Presbytery of Halifax located Mr. Christie, to see what would result from the presence and labors of a resident minister. Progress has been slow but steady. It was a valley of dry bones, when the missionary took charge, not very many but very dry. But now he reports some moving among them adding "but whether this is to be followed by a quickening influence from on high is known only to the Sovereign Lord and Redeemer, 'not by might nor by power but by My Spirit saith the Lord.'" The people, to say the least, are showing some interest in spiritual things, and talk about church matters. They recognize the duty of attending the house of God. The Sabbath School promises to be much larger at Bedford this summer than at any former period. May the shaking among the dry bones be followed by the breath of the spirit of life! A boll has been provided through the pastor's efforts, chiefly among friends

in Halifax, which will be of material benefit in reminding summer visitors that the doors of the sanctuary are open and they are invited to enter. Mr. Christie reports his average congregation at Waverly as double what it used to be, notwithstanding frequent removals to other places. Many who once stood aloof now attend preaching, give some support, and seek christian fellowship. The congregation evidently shows more life and hope.

Baptism 13 in both sections. Addition to the Communion Roll, five; but in consequence of removals the Communion Roll is one less than last year.

LITTLE BAY AND BETTS COVE—REV. W. S. WHITTIER.

Mr. Whittier has completed his second year of service to the entire satisfaction of the Presbyterians, and people generally, of these mining districts. His reports have not yet come to hand, and probably will form an addition to this report. One of his supporters writes, expressing the thanks of the people for the succession of earnest workers, which the Committee has sent, Messrs. Cruikshank, Gunn and Whittier. He says that "the general church attendance was in the morning at Little Bay from 70 to 100 and in the evening 150 including Episcopalians, Wesleyans, &c., as well as the Presbyterians." He adds, "We part with Mr. Whittier with great regret because in addition to his valuable pastoral service, his kind cheerful companionship did much to help us in this our isolated home."

The future of this mission is now somewhat uncertain. The prospective change of property into the hands of an English company may involve the dismissal of the men at whose request and by whose aid the mission was begun, and has been sustained, they providing the half and the Committee the other half of a salary of \$300. So soon as Mr. Whittier returns, and the Presbytery of Newfoundland is heard from, the requisite steps will be taken to meet the wishes of the Presbytery and people respecting the continuance of the mission.

GOOSE RIVER, CUMBERLAND—REV. W. S. DARRACH.

By the regulations of the general assembly, this congregation is too weak numerically and financially to be placed on the list of supplemented charges. The Presbytery of Wallace therefore applied for sympathy and aid, to this committee, when after inquiry it was agreed to com-