

be collected here, though I presume not much. The field in Labrador is evidently something similar to a scattered fishing settlement in Nova Scotia, and poorer than almost any there, and in addition, there is the ministration to summer visitors of the Bays.

I think with you that the Mission *ought* to be sustained here; but it cannot be unless some of the Churches will take it up. I do not know that Mr. Taylor has made any offer as yet to any of them, and I rather think that he supposes that the Nova Scotia Church has more missionary zeal, and has therefore made the first offer to you. The question whether it should be accepted, I think depends very much on whether you have men and means to spare without injury to more important work, and also on the question whether the labors of a Missionary among fisherman frequenting the coast, would be of service to the Churches at home.

I am thankful to say, that we are all well at present. We cordially reciprocate your kind wishes.

Very sincerely yours,
J. W. DAWSON.

REY. P. G. MCGREGOR.

The Board had also reports of the Mission before them for several years; but felt that while there were circumstances favorable to their undertaking the Mission, that the scarcity of laborers, was an almost insuperable barrier, and that the wiser course would be to allow time for enquiry, thought and prayer, on the part of our ministers, elders, and the people generally. It is a mission in which we ought to feel deeply interested, whether conducted by ourselves or others, for many of our mariners and fishermen resort in the summer, to the bays and harbors where its agents are and will be located; and therefore it is presumed that information respecting the kind of work conducted by these agents, will be perused with attention and Christian sympathy.

The Mission in one form or another has been in existence for more than 12 years. For 8 years prior to 1865, it was conducted by the Canada Foreign Mission Society, which laboured to promote foreign missionary spirit and enterprise in Canada, upon the Catholic basis of the London Missionary Society and of the American Board, but which has been superseded by Missionary movements in connection with the respective Christian denominations.

The Labrador Mission has of late been conducted by a Committee of eight gentlemen; their agents have generally been drawn from the Congregational Churches, though not necessarily so, and their funds raised wherever they could find willing contributors, chiefly in Montreal, but also in other portions of Canada, and in the New England States, with occasionally slight aid from the Lower Provinces.

It is not directed to the Esquimaux, for *they* live farther North, and the Mission to them is still under the guidance of the United Brethren. Parties of the Esquimaux are indeed met with occasionally, but the objects of Christian work, are chiefly the natives of these northern shores, and settlers from Newfoundland and other places, who, from long isolation from the means of grace, are likely, unless plied with spiritual agencies, to lapse into superstition, apathy or infidelity.

Mr. Carpenter, as the Pioneer Missionary in this region, is entitled to honourable mention. He devoted himself, for successive seasons, to the work of teaching and making Christ's name and salvation known to the young and the old, until failing health constrained him, reluctantly, to retire for a season.

He was followed, and his place supplied by Rev. R. S. Butler of Massachusetts, who first visited the Labrador Station some years ago, as a student and member of a scientific expedition, and was led by his interest in the Mission, and his sense of its importance, to take the place, for a time, of Mr. Carpenter. Mr. Butler has therefore been, for some time, in charge of the Mission.

No general statements of ours will give such a vivid idea of the actual state of things, as the letters of the Missionaries (male and female) themselves, written while surrounded by their pupils and their hearers, and while their hearts were drawn out in love to the souls of those for whom they were willing to go into voluntary exile. We therefore give extracts:—

LETTER OF REV. R. S. BUTLER.

ESQUIMAUX RIVER, MAY 6, 1865.

We have, thanks to the kind care of our Heavenly Father, been all brought safely