

ably be able to give some attention to it. In compliance with the request of your Committee, the Rev. D. McGillivray, of Brockville, undertook part of the work on Section No. 2, viz : in the district of the Madawaska: the Rev. H. Cameron, of Beachburg and Rev. D. McDonald, of Litchfield, were willing to visit in the Northern part of the same Section, viz : on the Deep River, Coulonge, &c., and the Rev. J. Sieveright, of Chelsea, and Rev. J. C. Smith, of Buckingham, the district of the Gatineau and the Lievre.

The appeal made to the Employers of the Lumbermen and others for money, for letters to the Foremen of the Shanties, and for information regarding the position of the Shanties, &c., was, in many cases, kindly and readily responded to, and much sympathy has been expressed in the Mission, particularly in the view of its non-denominational character.

Your Committee have to express their gratitude to John Dougall, Esq., of Montreal, for the gift of a large supply of literature suitable for circulation among the Shanty-men, to the Upper Canada Tract Society for a grant of eight dollars worth of tracts, to F. G. Grafton, Esq., of Montreal, for a free supply of many back numbers of the "British Workman" and "Leisure Hour," to John Durie, Esq., of Ottawa, for a gift of tracts, to the Perth Tract Society for a similar donation and to the Ottawa Bible Society for one hundred Bibles. These have been circulated among the Shanty-men.

Owing to the severe and unusual snowstorms of February, much less has been done in the matter of conducting service in the Shanties than your Committee expected. This is, of course, the main object of the Mission; that of circulating literature, however important, being only secondary. Only one section, that of the Madawaska and tributaries, has been visited, the Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of Brockville, having been able to spend a month in that district. He reports that wherever he went he met with a very cordial reception from Roman Catholics and Protestants alike, that he travelled over five hundred miles, visited more than fifty Shanties, preached for the most part twice every day, and distributed the religious literature which your Committee entrusted to him. The following extract from Mr. McGillivray's report may serve as an example to the welcome given by the Shanty-men to the Missionary, as well as of the importance of increased earnestness in ministering to their spiritual wants.—"The next Shanty was one belonging to the Hon. James Skead, of Ottawa; here the foreman was of the Kirk of Scotland, and could not fully express his feelings of gratitude and surprise at seeing a Minister of the Kirk out there. His men sitting round the fire on the weary Sabbath days frequently cast up to him that whatever others might do, nothing need be expected from the formal Clergymen of the Kirk of Scotland: with holy joy and delight, therefore, he could now lift up his head and exclaim that the Clergymen rejected and despised as cold and dead appeared the most loving towards the destitute woodsmen. Before going far I met an aged man from the 'land of brown heath and shaggy wood,' whose plaintive tale moved me much. His was one of forty families, who lived in the new township of Mattawachan, and except one visit from the late Dr. McMorine, had never seen the face of a Minister of the Auld Kirk of Scotland. He besought me to turn aside to the settlement, both to preach and baptise: but, as I could not do so, I promised to report his case."

In the Northern part of Section No. 2, viz : the district of the Deep River, Coulonge, &c., the Rev. Messrs. Cameron, and McDonald, were unable to visit the Shanties, owing to the very severe snowstorms,