

Halifax County.

Rev. Obed Parker has laboured 15 weeks in Dartmouth and vicinity.

Preached 46 sermons; attended 22 Prayer and Conference meetings; made 105 family visits; baptized 2; administered the Lord's Supper to over 20 present; collected \$25.42.

The following particulars have been received by the Board.

At the commencement of my mission the prospect looked dark and gloomy, but obstacles have been removed, the dark cloud is rising and light is beginning to dawn upon this people. The congregation has increased from a few to a goodly number, larger it is said than at any time since the demise of our late and much lamented Bro. McLearn, and your missionary is encouraged to believe that the cause of God is advancing in Dartmouth. *Two* have obeyed their Lord in Baptism and been added to the Church.

We have now *five* preaching stations and more are called for. There is much work to be done, much wisdom and prudence to be exercised, and energy to be put forth if we would go up and possess this land.

As my stay here must be short, it is very desirable that the services of Rev. Albert Porter should be obtained as he is now residing in Dartmouth.

Rev. T. C. Delong performed 10 days missionary labor on the east side of Margaret's Bay.

Preached 8 sermons, attended 2 Conference and Prayer Meetings, visited 9 families, baptized 1, travelled 80 miles. Collected in aid of the Mission \$2.61.

Rev. R. R. Philp has been engaged in the service of the Board 26 weeks at Sackville and adjacent places.

Preached 97 sermons, attended 8 Conference and Prayer Meetings, visited 65 families, baptized 3, travelled 410 miles. Collected \$113.82.

Bro. Philp reports to the Board as follows:

On presenting my report of the mission to Sackville and vicinity it may not be out of place to take a hasty review of the present state of the churches in this County.

There are 9 small Baptist Churches in Halifax County. Three of them are composed of colored people. In 1861

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