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HOME MISSIONS IN 1897.

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THE Eastern Section of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, thou h not new, requires much attention from the Home Mission Committee. There are many places in which the people are so thinly settled, or so poor, that they cannot, without aid support the ordinances of religion. Some of these places have during the past year been supplied as indicated in this article.

Presbytery of Sydney.—Louisburg, for the greater part of the year, took monthly supply with a view to calling a minister, but having failed to do so, it was placed, by the Presbytery, under the charge of the Rev. J. P. Falcorer, late of Bedford. It is a most encouraging field, and, with some territory outside of the town, will shortly, it is believed, be a self-sustaining charge.

Cape North was in charge of catechists the most of the year—Mr. Gunn caring for the people till May, and Mr. D. Buchanan and Mr. R. P. Murray, the latter of whom took charge of the Ingonish portion of the field, during the summer. The Home Mission Fund was drawn on for \$50 for the winter, and \$17.07 for the summer.

During the summer catechists labored as follows:—

Pleasant Bay, which was transferred by last Synod to the Presbytery of Inverness, was occupied by Mr. A. F. Fisher.