

coast is extensive. Geographically it is large. It extends over a coast line of nearly 300 miles. Numerically it is large, embracing some 30,000 or 40,000 souls. It is also inviting, for while there is no lack of carelessness, profanity, Sabbath breaking, and drunkenness, they are not few who joyfully welcome the missionary, and rejoice in any opportunity of listening to the preaching of the gospel. Large audiences often assemble on the week-day evenings, as well as on Sabbaths to hear the word of God, and the message of salvation is listened to with an eagerness and attention which would put to the blush many of our more fashionable Christians. Often was your missionary refreshed by meeting with kindred spirits with whom he could freely hold intercourse about those sacred themes which are so dear to the hearts of Christians.

Here is also the utmost freedom of access for family visitation. "The parson" is sure to meet with a hearty welcome, and though, living in houses of a mere temporary character, and consequently not always so well fitted for the entertainment of strangers as they wish, yet no effort is spared to minister to his convenience and comfort; and better than all, there seems to be the utmost readiness to listen to his words and profit by his instructions. The very fact, however, that there are many thoughtless ones gives the field a stronger claim upon Christian effort for they that are whole need not a physician but they that are sick." The Saviour Himself came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance and those who are his faithful followers will feel that they ought to imitate His example, and warn the wicked to forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts and to return to the Lord who will have mercy, and to our God who will abundantly pardon.

#### SCARCITY OF PREACHERS.

But the labourers are few. As already indicated there have been only two settled ministers upon the coast, at a distance of about 80 miles from each other, and when your missionary left Labrador, it was feared that during the coming winter there would be only one viz., Mr. Hutchinson of Battle Harbour. He, though a man of delicate

constitution, is possessed of apostolic zeal and energy. In the depth of last winter, he left home on a missionary tour, and it is said that he visited every family between Battle Harbour and Sandwich Bay, a distance of 90 or 100 miles. In the winter, upon snow shoes, during the summer in his boat, amid storm and sunshine, he quits his home at the call of duty, to minister to either the temporal or spiritual wants of those by whom he is surrounded. Like his Great Master his highest aim seems to be his Heavenly Father's business. Though in independent worldly circumstances, he prefers to spend his time among those who have no man to care for their souls. In the depth of a Labrador winter, he visits all who are within reach. Carrying with him medicine for both body and soul. It is touching to witness the affection and reverence with which he is regarded, and one almost feels that the love of these poor people is ample reward for all the toils which are borne on their behalf. Himself a minister of the Church of England he recognizes his fellow-labourers as brethren, and your missionary feels that he lost much by not enjoying an opportunity of making his acquaintance.— But it is simply impossible for him, and his co-worker at Forteau, to do all that needs to be done. The Wesleyans feeling this, have for some years sent one of their young men to the coast during the summer. Rev. Mr. Allen, formerly of Nova Scotia, was their missionary on the coast, during the past season, and a fortnight spent in his company at Indian Tickle passed away very pleasantly. The spiritual oversight therefore of the thousands to whom we have referred devolves upon three men of whom only two are permanently in the field. Truly the harvest is great but, alas! the labourers are few. Three times the present number particularly in the summer season would find ample employment. But from what quarter are these labourers to come? The fact that all the Protestants upon the coast are either Episcopalians or Methodists imposes weighty obligations upon the Church of England and the Wesleyans to put forth greater efforts on behalf of their adherents. Indeed were these churches fully occupying the field, it