

cious pastor to go in and out among them; there are a few faithful laborers that amidst all discouragements continue to struggle on.

Brother Goodwin's labors were somewhat interrupted by unfavorable weather and from the want of suitable arrangements being made; but he appears to have labored faithfully and acceptably. He preached 17 sermons, made 73 religious visits to families, and collected, on behalf of his mission, \$47.30.

MUSQUASH AND DIPPER HARBOR.

Brother F. D. Crawley, of Acadia College, spent seventeen weeks, including his vacation, at these places. The following is his report:—34 sermons preached, 7 prayer meetings and 1 conference meeting held, 94 religious visits made, 488 miles travelled. The expense of the mission to the Board was \$144.75, of which Brother Crawley received \$91.75 on the field; which, considering the small membership of the Churches and the sparseness of the population, was a large return from the field. Some person or persons must have contributed generously.

LUDLOW.

Rev. W. M. Edwards, who has labored at this station for a considerable time—labored here three months during the past year—when he resigned his charge. The Rev. A. Estabrooks then spent six weeks with this church. He found the cause very low, and the progress of religion seriously impeded by the prevailing intemperance of the region. He accordingly devoted himself sedulously to attack this gigantic evil; “not only,” he reports, “was liquor sold without license in private houses, but peddled about the streets, and carried from house to house by unprincipled vendors.” Brother Estabrooks held several temperance meetings, and secured about seventy signatures to the total abstinence pledge. During the six weeks’ residence at Ludlow your missionary preached 16 sermons, conducted six conference and prayer meetings, established a Bible-class and Sabbath-school library. Regular pastoral labor is much required in this section of the country.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI.

This field being destitute of ministerial labor, Brother Michael Gross, of Hillsborough, licentiate, went, under the auspices of the Board, and labored there about five weeks. Ill-health somewhat interfered with our brother's labor, but he preached 17 sermons, attended two social meetings, and visited and prayed with a good many aged and sick people.

The Rev. G. W. Springer was engaged by the Board as general missionary and evangelist, which work he has performed with great advantage to the pastors and churches that he visited, and destitute localities where he labored. Our brother gave verbal reports at the meetings of the Board, but in the absence of any written report, no details can here be given.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

Perhaps the union of benevolence and wisdom was never more clearly exemplified than in the provision made by our churches to assist young men who, being the subjects of renewing grace, desire to consecrate themselves and the talents with which God has endowed them to the highest work that mortals can engage in. When our Lord surveyed the world lying in the arms of the wicked one, He charged his disciples to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest: the offering of such a prayer supposes the co-ordinate duty of encouraging young men whose hearts may be stirred to engage in the sacred work; and where the means of such men are limited, no money can be better employed than in enabling them to acquire that knowledge that will qualify them to perform their work efficiently. Happily, it is well under-

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