

**SYDNEY, C. B.**—Our progress has been slow. We feel assured that God is always ready to aid his people, but we have not in the right spirit stood before him with empty vessels ready to be filled. In February last, Rev. Geo. Armstrong assumed the pastorate, we feel much encouraged, and we hope for rich and abundant blessing. There have been five additions to our membership during the year.

**NORTH SYDNEY.**—As an individual church, "Faint yet pursuing" is perhaps the best description that we can give of our spiritual state and movements. The marked attention, given by those who are without, to the preaching of the word and the cheerful manner with which they support the secular affairs of the congregation, encourage us to hope that at no distant day many of them will cast in their lot with us. We are engaged in the erection of two commodious places of worship.

**TRURO.**—Since we last addressed you the work of the Saviour has been advancing. We are pleased to see the Baptists of these Lower Provinces coming up to the "help of the Lord against the mighty." We can rejoice that while the Saviour was hovering over the churches, he did not pass us by. Since our last Association 38 have been baptized, and 7 added by letter, making in all 43.

**INDIAN HARBOR.**—As a church we have cause for gratitude to God for all his mercy to us so undeserving. The Lord has greatly blessed this branch of his Zion. She has come up from the wilderness leaning on the arm of her beloved sinners, have been converted, and backsliders reclaimed. Our Sabbath School has shared largely in this heavenly blessing. There have been added to our church 44, including 1 by letter.

**COW BAY.**—Last year we numbered 36; this year 35, one has been removed by death. Our prayers have been answered. Rev. J. Brown is now here, sent by the Home Missionary Union to labor with us. We pray and believe that God will bless his labors.

**GOOSE RIVER.**—We are just now without a pastor. Our Prayer and Conference meetings are well attended, and a good spirit manifested. Our number has been lessened by death.

**GLENVILLE AND RIVER PHILIP.**—The past year has been in some degree marked with discouragements, inasmuch as we have, for the most part, been deprived of one to go in and out before us. Our deficiency has, however, in a measure, been made up by the appearance of Bro. I. J. Armstrong among us. An awakening of some of our members has been manifested, and we have been led to hope for better days.

**LOWER ECONOMY.**—We feel our weakness as a church very much. We are thankful to God that we have good seed sown in our midst by an earnest and devoted servant of Christ, and we trust we are humbly looking to God for the blessing. We have a very interesting Sabbath School.

**DILIGENT RIVER.**—Our Pastor, Rev. Samuel Thompson, labored with us one-fourth of his time, until the second day of last November, he was stricken down by disease so that he has not been able to preach since that time. We have an interesting Prayer Meeting Sabbath morning, and one in the back settlement Wednesday evening. They are both well attended. We hope that the Home Missionary Union will assist us in getting a pastor for part of the time.

**GOSHEN.**—We are happy to write that the Lord has visited us in mercy. The church has been revived, backsliders have returned, and souls have been saved. Bro. McQuillan has labored faithfully among us during the year. We are trying to erect a place of worship. 22 have joined our church, and we look for more.

**GUYSBORO AND MANCHESTER.**—We are able to report but few additions, yet we have not been without some tokens of the divine favor. Rev. J. P. Beel came to us, and commenced his labor on the 1st of May last, for which we desire to express to the Board of the Home Missionary Union our grateful thanks.

**MACCAN.**—We acknowledge with regret that we have not been so earnest in seeking the prosperity of the cause of Christ as we ought, but we are praying and hoping for a better state of things. We feel encouraged by an increased interest in spiritual matters manifested both by the members of the church, and others who attend upon the means of grace.

**LOWER STEWIAKKE.**—We cannot rejoice as can so many of our sister churches throughout the Province over special manifestations of the power of God in our midst; yet we believe seed has been sown which in God's own time will bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of His name.

**HAWKESBURY, C. B.**—We do hope that God's tidal wave will, during the coming year roll powerfully eastward. We have much to encourage us in external matters. Having been without a pastor for two years, we were in providence permitted harmoniously to renew that relation last January. There are serious inquirers among us, whom we hope soon to see brought to Christ. Upon the missionary branch of this field when our pastor labors one quarter of his time the cause of Christ is looking hopeful.

**LITTLE GLACE BAY.**—Our candle has been kept burning, though dimly. We have been, to a large extent destitute of regular preaching. The church has done little more than to hold its own. One person has professed her faith in Christ, and has received baptism,—others are inquiring what they must do to be saved. Brethren pray for us.

**ISAAC'S HARBOR.**—We feel grateful for sharing in the good accomplished by the well directed efforts of the Home Missionary Union. Brother Lewis Weeks came among us in December, and remained with us 6 months. His labors have been much blessed, God's people were revived, and sinners converted. Rev. M. A. Bigelow baptized 10 rejoicing converts.