

manifested in the meetings, we look as an indication for good, and we trust God may crown our efforts to do good with some measure of success."

The Presbytery at the closing of the Hall sought and obtained the services of Mr. D. F. Creelman as a Catechist to labour in this district, while Mr. McGregor has been transferred to the western side of the La-Have, in the settlement known as New Dublin. In this fine county there is still room for earnest Evangelists, but the people who welcome them require some training before they will contribute with system. Hence the value of our Home Mission Fund, and the laying out of a portion of it for the diffusion of the Gospel among the Lutherans and formal Presbyterians of this Western Shore County, is an application of it not only justifiable but laudable.

#### VICTORIA CO. N. B.

In this County are two important and promising missions which the Board and the St. John Presbytery have tried to foster, but this has been done very ineffectually for want of men. The first of these is

#### THE TOBIQUE VALLEY.

Two years ago the Report of Rev. T. Cumming's winter's mission of five weeks to this place, brought it to the notice of the whole Church, as a most necessitous and hopeful field of labour. There was then and there is now, no settled Presbyterian minister in the whole county. The settlement in the Valley extending from Tobique village in the St. John, up the Tobique River, which is a tributary of the St. John, is 25 or 30 miles in length. The preaching places along this stretch of fertile though as yet sparsely settled land, are, Arthurette, Three Brooks, Long Island and Rocky Brook, quite sufficient to occupy the whole time of one man. Again 24 miles from Tobique village, but up the St. John River is the village of Grand Falls, where the Mission Church for the use of Acadian French, and others as well, is being erected. In this district of country there are two ministers of other bodies, one Episcopal one Wesleyan, but still the scattered Presbyterians were in such numbers as to enable Mr. Cumming to appeal to us saying, "From 40 homes in that Northern Valley we hear the re-echo of the prayer of the man of Macedonia, come over and help us."

Occasional supply has been given ever since. The Presbytery of St. John have sent deputations once and again, and have asked that a Probationer or ordained man should be sent there for a year, but the Board have to confess with regret that they have been unable to secure the consent of any suitable agent.

Rev. Wm. Joastone from Ontario has

spent a longer time there than any other minister sent by the Presbytery. He has laboured with great diligence and prudence, and has won the gratitude alike of the people, the Presbytery and the Board.

Before, however, submitting a few extracts from Mr. Johnston's communications, we would notice the second mission field in Victoria County, which was also supplied last winter, and indeed till the present month by Mr. Johnston.

#### THE NEW KINCARDINE COLONY.

This Colony as it is termed consists of a band of Scottish immigrants chiefly from Kincardineshire, and chiefly Presbyterians who, coming in a body last year, have given the name of their native county to the lands in the St. John, which they have drawn and in which they have settled.

To the original band which arrived last year, a considerably large accession has been made this spring, the exact extent of which this Committee cannot state, though aware that 50 families were expected.

We append extracts from three of Mr. Johnston's letters (to Rev. J. C. Burgess, Clerk of St. John Presbytery,) of different date, remarking by way of apology for the length of the extracts, the importance of the field and the desirableness of getting the whole church thoroughly interested in it:—

*New Kincardine, May 9th, 1874.*

MY DEAR BROTHER,—As mentioned to Rev. Mr. Bennett, I agreed, about two months ago at the earnest request of the Colonists, to postpone further procedure in the election of Elders, till the men who were away working had returned to the Colony, and the state of the roads permitted of a larger attendance. I returned to New Kincardine four weeks ago, and have been labouring there ever since. The ordination of Elders took place last Sabbath, and arrangements were made for a meeting on Wednesday next week, for allocating districts, planning such measures as might seem conducive to the religious welfare of the Colony. I had arranged mean time to visit and preach in Andover district, also along the Tobique River, proceeding if possible as far as Rocky Brook, and then to return to the Colony for one or possibly two Sabbaths, on one of which I meant to dispense the Communion. On the arrival of Mr. Casey last evening, I would gladly have left at once; but as he seems somewhat discouraged by the nature and extent of the field, and about disposed to leave. I shall remain and carry out my original intention, and in the event of his being induced to remain at least a month or two, I shall introduce him to such families in the Colony and especially round Andover.