

Will not each true Christian whose eye may rest upon these lines resolve, in God's strength, and relying upon His Spirit alone to give efficacy to his prayers and efforts, that He will do his part in bringing about such a glorious result? Let us bring these tithes into God's storehouse, and prove Him herewith if he will not pour out such a blessing that there will not be room to receive it."

Home Missions.

Though comparatively little on this important subject has recently appeared in our Editorial columns, yet a full proportion of the *Record* has been devoted to the publication of the Reports of Probationers and Students. Those who have read these will admit that a more interesting series of reports were never published in the Lower Provinces. In the September number we had Rev. Mr. Quinn's interesting letter from New Kincardine with an account of missionary work at Beaver Bank, Hants. Co., N. S. In October *Record* we had Mr. Adam Gunn's account of his summers work at N. E. Margaree, in Inverness Co., C. B. In November we gave the report of Mr. H. N. Hoyt in reference to his work at Harvey, Acton and Magaguadavic, and of Mr. T. J. Stanley of fulfilment of his engagements at Quaco, Black River and Tynemouth Creek, all stations in St. John Presbytery, also of work by Mr. D. C. MacIntyre of work in Hillsburgh and Bayview in Digby Co., N. S. Mr. Thomas Murray's work on the Eastern Shore, under direction of Rev. Mr. Dickie, was described in the December No., while in January we had sketches of missionary fields and work by Mr. E. Bayne at and around St. George, by Mr. D. F. Creelman at the Branch, Riversdale and New Germany, on or near the river LaHave above Bridgewater, and by Mr. D. McGregor at New Dublin on the west side of the LaHave, near the mouth of that river.

The same number contains a brief report by Mr. Wallace of his visit and labours at St. George, where the people have since given him a unanimous call, and one of

greater length translated from the French of Mr. Cruchet. This appears under the head of Home Missions, because the sinews of war were furnished chiefly by the Home Board, but the work, though of course strictly domestic, has perhaps a closer affinity with the work of the Acadian Mission.

Since publication of these we have had Mr. William Ross's account of his summer's work in the vacant congregation of Prince William, and now lastly, in this number, we publish Rev. Mr. Quinn's journal of incessant and well directed missionary toil in the large, scattered but most interesting congregation of Glassville and Florenceville, including Greenfield.

We shall have few such reports for months to come, for the simple but melancholy reason that three-fourths of these places have now little or no missionary labour. The students have returned to complete their Theological studies, and the few preachers that are in the field are employed in supplying vacant congregations, which are well known and respecting which they furnish no extended report.

SPIRITUAL DESTITUTION.

Several of our vacant congregations and nearly all our stations have, during winter, owing to the scarcity of preachers, had many silent Sabbaths. We need not give names, but may present the following extract from a member of the Murray Harbour congregation as a specimen:—"We are very desolate here this winter. Our house of prayer is closed up—no preachers—and no minister—and those who have been appointed to preach, have not been able to fulfil their appointment, owing to stormy weather and blockaded roads. It has scarcely ever been known before. We were sadly disappointed by Mr. Thorne, rejecting our call, but our disappointment may bring a blessing to others, and God's great mercy may bring good to us out of what seems a present evil. We pray for us."

We offer two remarks,—

First, That a Christian church should not forsake the assembling of themselves together because one of their Elders,