

the best proofs of the genuineness of the glorious revival of religion which has been enjoyed by so many of our Congregations during the past year.

While your Committee regard the preaching of the Gospel, accompanied by the outpouring of God's Spirit, as the only effectual cure for this great evil, they rejoice in the increased number and activity of other purely temperance organizations, such as Sons of Temperance, British and Independent Good Templars, and Congregational Temperance Societies, and welcome them as valuable co-workers with the Church in this great cause, and heartily wish them God-speed.

#### RECOMMENDATION.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that their recommendation adopted by the Synod last year have been generally observed throughout the Church, and would earnestly recommend this year also:

1st. That the ministers of this Synod preach to their people the subject of Temperance on the 3rd Sabbath of December, and on a Sabbath previous to elections earnestly warning the flock against using intoxicating drinks.

2nd. That they earnestly recommend the members of our Church to ponder seriously the duty of individual abstinence from the use of all intoxicating drinks as a temperance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. McLEOD,  
Convener.

### Home Missions.

The Sub-Committee of the Board of Home Missions met in St. Matthew's Church on Tuesday, July 13.

Various reports were received and bills were paid. The following distribution of Home labours for the month of August was adopted:—

#### PROF. PRES. NAMES OF PREACHERS.

Rev. David Neish, Messrs.  
E. Scott, E. S. Bayne, Jas.  
Cormack.

Mr. A. Gunn.

Mr. D. McRae.

Rev. J. Galloway, Mr. W.  
P. Archibald.

Rev. T. Talloch.

Rev. Messrs. W. McCullagh,  
J. W. Nelson, J. Goodwill.

Rev. D. Sutherland.

The distribution for September is not published. Changes may be found necessary.

#### Report of Rev. J. W. Nelson.

To the Rev. the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:

During the months of March and April it has been my privilege to supply the station in the vicinity of Riversdale. The Catechist having left about the end of October, the field was open to the enterprise of other denominations. In dividing my time generally I followed the course taken by my predecessor. One of the seven Sabbaths was given to Springfield and New Germany, two to Northfield and Knock S. H., two to Northfield and Riversdale, and two to Riversdale and Meisner S. H. On Thursday evening of last week service was conducted at Riversdale. Owing to the state of the weather, the roads, and my own health, I was compelled to relinquish the last appointment to Springfield. The day was given to the southern section of the charge, the service being held at Riversdale.

As regards the desirableness of occupying this important field at once I heartily concur with the published report of Mr. Creelman. The great want of the charge at present is a Church in a central locality. Without such a building all progress in gathering these scattered families together will be unsatisfactory, the time and labor of the Minister being to a large extent lost. There is no want of a general interest in the word preached among those families claiming the fostering care of our Church. The school houses are ordinarily filled, and the churches at present occupied nearly filled with attentive hearers. The desire to promote the object of the Presbytery in sending me to this field has been manifested as on former occasions by the leading men, and even by some who do not belong to our communion. Mr. Meisner, of New Germany, conveyed me from Riversdale to Springfield and back, a distance of nearly forty miles. Mr. James Mossman, in addition to driving me round with horse and carriage during the month of March, furnished me with board and lodging during six weeks free of charge. To those who are acquainted with our friends in this district, I need only add the names of Messrs. Abraham Hebb, Alexander Knock and Mr. Watt. That the word preached may prove effectual, and that the earnest desire for a settled Pastor may ere long be satisfied is the hope and prayer with which I left this somewhat difficult but promising field of Home Mission enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. W. NELSON.

Bridgewater, N. S., }  
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