

comes. The agents of our French Evangelization and Foreign Mission enterprises often give us facts and incidents which sometimes thrill and excite a great deal of enthusiasm. Our catechists and probationers plod on in our mission stations and solitary fields unnoticed by many. No flaming reports are published nothing perhaps very striking occurs and yet they are doing good work and deserve encouragement. They are lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of our Zion.

During this year our mission stations have done remarkably well in the matter of contributing. In the St. John Presbytery twelve mission fields have been wrought, and while last year \$422.07 was received from the Home Mission fund, this year several stations have paid in full and there will be a marked decrease in the amount required from the Church's funds. In the Halifax Presbytery there is also gratifying progress in this respect and the new station at Lockeport in the Lunenburg and Shelburne Presbytery has met the whole expenditure. The Truro Presbytery also reports an increase from the stations within their bounds. This is very pleasing and shows that throughout our mission stations the scale of liberality is rising and that we have much encouragement to prosecute the work.

It is to be regretted however that at our late meeting of Synod so little attention was called to our Home Mission work and the satisfactory progress that is being made. The subjects of Sabbath schools, State of Religion and Foreign Missions had each an evening devoted to them, but little reference was made to our Home work. We do not wish to divert attention from the other schemes nor to assert that they are receiving too much importance. But when we look at the paucity of labourers and the encouragement we now have to prosecute the work in these Lower Provinces, the subject should not have been overlooked at Synod. Not even did the clamant want of the church come up at any sederent.

Now it is not well to allow our Home work to be thus overshadowed to some extent. Our Foreign Mission enterprise depends upon the success of the Gospel here. Just as we expand in these Provinces and supply the destitution at home will we extend our efforts abroad. We must therefore give considerable attention to the root of the tree or little sap will flow to the branches. And if our labourers would furnish for publication any

striking facts or incidents it would lead our people to take a greater interest in what the church is doing in these Lower Provinces and throughout the whole Dominion. In this way they would be stimulated, and when stimulated their interest in the great work of evangelizing the heathen would be greatly increased.

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The Eastern Shores.

For upwards of twelve years the Halifax Presbytery has been sending catechists to the Eastern Shore to assist the resident minister of Sheet Harbor. Each year something was drawn from the Home Mission fund to aid in his payment. Last year the amount of \$55 was received. This year Mr. Ferneaux was paid in full besides the probationers labouring in Sheet Harbor and adjacencies. Mr. Ferneaux's labours were confined to Quoddy and Moser River. The latter locality besides contributing \$102.30 for his support also raised \$53 for repairing the church and \$10 toward a S. S. Library; Quoddy raised \$88.75.

Mr. Ferneaux also held occasional services at Salmon River Gold Mines, and visited several families located in the backwoods of Moser River. No preacher had ever visited them before. He thus describes his first visit.

At Moser River I occasionally met a few farmers that told me that they had been settled in the backwoods about seven years. I got the names of the families and sent them copies of the British Messenger, Cottager and Artizan, and Good News. I sent a message to them to the effect that I would preach on July 29th in the afternoon at the most central house. The homestead which was decided upon as the meeting place is seven miles from Moser River. Five minutes walk from the village brings us into the forest primeval. I was accompanied by a few friends who were anxious to encourage the settlers. A walk of two hours brought us to the second Bear Lake. Not a gun shot from the border of the Lake we perceived a large log house and in the rear of it an extensive clearing in which was growing potatoes, turnips, wheat, flax, barley, and Indian corn. The front of the log house covered with hop vines. Sun flowers, white roses, and popples adorned the garden, and on the bosom of the lake which looked like a sea of glass, rested here and there numbers of beautiful white lilies. A friend said this is