

pence with the Colonial Committees of the Free, and of the Irish Presbyterian Church.

Report of Mr. Thomas Murray, Catechist.

To the Secretary of the Home Mission Board:

I was appointed by your Board in April last to assist Mr. Dickie during the summer in his extensive charge. This embraces a large extent of the Halifax coast, extending from Mooseland, a small mining district 12 miles north of Tangier, to Liscomb, a distance of, at least, 60 miles. I was recommended to labor in this field under Mr. Dickie's direction. Over this extent of country he has nine preaching stations, viz., Mooseland, Tangier, Spry Bay, Sheet Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Quoddy, Moser River, Marie Joseph, and Liscomb Mills. This summer he and I have given supply to four, sometimes five of these places every Sabbath day.

QUODDY.

I now proceed to give a more minute account of my labors in that part of it more especially assigned to me; Quoddy, Moser River, Marie Joseph, and Liscomb Mills. My temporary place of residence was at Quoddy. I arrived there on the 5th of May. On my way thither I preached at Clam Harbor on Sabbath, 19th April, and at Ship Harbor during the week. These two places belong to Mr. Rosborough's Congregation. On the two following Sabbaths by appointment from Mr. Dickie I conducted service at Mooseland and Sheet Harbor. At the former place I preached twice afterward, July 12th and Oct. 25th. Mooseland is a small mining district. There are a few families engaged in Agricultural pursuits. The whole number of inhabitants would probably be about 40 or 50, the majority of whom are Episcopalians. These people deserve honorable mention. They are literally far away in the woods, and have none of the facilities afforded to others by road and water communication, still they support a school the whole year round, and are very liberal in giving to the support of the Gospel. One young man, a miner, James McIsaac, a native of Cape Breton, and a member or adherent of Dr. McLeod's congregation in Sydney, besides giving his usual contribution, presented me with two dollars each time I visited the settlement. Such liberality from a common day labourer is very creditable. "The Lord reward him according to his works."

In addition to the usual Sabbath service in Quoddy and Moser River, I had two

Bible classes, which were well attended by old and young. These classes were organized by Mr. Dickie, and it devolved upon me temporarily to take his place. Our studies were in the Gospel of John, and I thought as far as knowledge of the Scriptures is concerned, these classes would not suffer by comparison with others with more ample opportunities.

In Quoddy I visited 25 families twice. Eleven of these were Episcopalians. I read and prayed with them all and was most cordially received. I need not say that I left these people with an earnest desire for their temporal and spiritual welfare.

MOSER RIVER.

In Moser River I found the people greatly divided in their religious views. Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalian, and Presbyterians are represented. I received the utmost kindness from all. They listened attentively to my teaching and preaching, and gave me a most cordial welcome whenever I went to their homes. In this place there are 36 families, most of whom I visited twice. The people are very teachable as well as intelligent. I had my Bible class on Sabbath evening after service, and I had not only a class to teach but a small congregation to listen. This was very gratifying to me, and I endeavoured to make these meetings as interesting as possible.

MARIE JOSEPH.

I preached three times in Marie Joseph and Liscomb. In Marie Joseph where the majority of the people are Episcopalians, service was conducted in a school-house which was always well filled with very attentive hearers.

LISCOMB MILLS.

Liscomb Mills is a new station. During the past year a Halifax firm, Messrs. Esson & Co., has erected a splendid Saw Mill Establishment at the head of the harbour, which gives employment to a large number of men. These men principally constituted my congregation which was augmented by the members of 7 families, being the entire number in the immediate neighbourhood. I preached in a large room in the boarding-house, which belongs to this establishment.

BEAVER HARBOUR.

I preached at Beaver Harbor 5 times to respectable congregations. The people in this place are nominally Episcopalians.

OTHER PLACES.

I also preached 11 times in Sheet Harbor, 6 times in Spry Bay, and 4 times in Tangier, but as these places have quite re-