

## Home Missions.

### Mr. Layton's Reports to the Presbytery of Truro.

#### No. 1.

I beg leave to report that according to appointment, I laboured five weeks in the Truro outstations. Divine service was held as follows:—on the fourth Sabbath of June at Riversdale and Kempton; on the first Sabbath of July at Greenfield and Union; on the second at Johnston's Crossing and Harmony; on the third at Greenfield and Union; and on the fourth I supplied Dr. McCulloch's pulpit, while he dispensed the Lord's Supper at Kempton. Week evening meetings were held at Greenfield, Harmony and Stewiacke Road, which latter place promises to take up collection if further service is granted.

Full payment was received from J. F. Blanchard, Treasurer of the Truro congregation

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB LAYTON,

Mailand, Aug. 1869.

Preacher.

#### No. 2.

According to appointment I have laboured six weeks within the congregation of Acadia. The proportion of Sabbath supply given at the respective stations are as follows:—three services at Westchester; four at Acadia Mines; four at Folly Mountains, and one at Folly Lake. The circumstances of the latter station call for more frequent services. The attendance at present is good, and as the number of laborers will soon be largely increased, arrangements should, if possible, be made to have preaching once a fortnight.

Although, as is usually the case, the workmen on the Railway are made up of every variety of character, I did not hear of any disorderly conduct except what had arisen out of a too free indulgence in drink.

A friend speaking of the necessity for more preaching, informed me that a marked improvement in Sabbath observance is always to be seen on those days on which divine service is held. I may also state that at the same hour at which I was preaching in the crowded school-house at the south end of the Lake, a much larger audience was listening to the Rev. Mr. Anderson, at the north end.

Mr. Gibson, proprietor of the Rossin House, very kindly places his dining hall at our disposal for future service. In this connection, I may remark, that several persons with whom I conversed on the subject, expressed their willingness to assist in the erection of a hall suitable for a place of

worship. Some Haggai should visit the place and preach, "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

J. LAYTON.

### Report of Mr. Burgess.

#### To the Rev. Presbytery of York:

According to instruction received from Clerk of Presbytery, I remained five Sabbaths between Nerepis and Jerusalem.—During this time I visited the greater part of the families, and read and explained portions of Scripture, always engaging in prayer. There has been so much written of late concerning this place that I do not think it necessary to make any further remarks than to say, I think it would be advisable to send an ordained minister there before long, for a Sabbath, giving them timely notice.

After this I received appointments to Fredericton for two Sabbaths, where I preached and held prayer-meetings during the week, visiting the sick. Also, one Sabbath at Prince William's, where I preached in the morning at Lake George, in the afternoon in the school house near the new church, and in the evening at the river. I am happy to say that in all these places I have had good and attentive audiences, and that a growing interest has been manifested in religion.

Very truly,

J. C. BURGESS.

P. S.—I would beg leave to say that I think under existing circumstances Fredericton should be regularly supplied with preaching. I trust the Presbytery will take their case into kindly consideration, and send them help, as circumstances will admit.

### Report of Mr. J. W. McKenzie.

#### To the Rev. Presbytery of St. Stephen:

According to appointment of the Home Mission Board, I proceeded to Baillie, where I commenced my labours on the third Sabbath of April. My orders were to remain there until the 1st of July, and then to exchange with Mr. Fraser, who was labouring within the bounds of the York Presbytery; but when the time of my appointment to Baillie had elapsed, I received further instructions to continue my labours there during the remainder of the summer. This appointment I fulfilled, and I now beg leave to submit a report of my work for a period of twenty-six weeks.

During this period divine services were held twice every Lord's Day, and occasionally three times. At Baillie a regular supply was given each Sabbath morning; at