

NORTH ESK AND LITTLE SOUTH WEST.—Bro. Wm. P. Anderson, Licentiate, is laboring with these churches. His reports show that he is abundant in labors and hopeful with regard to ultimate success. "The Spirit," he says, "is evidently at work in the hearts of the people." The church in the Little South West has commenced the erection of a chapel. These churches had a grant from the Board last year of \$200, but one-half of this was paid by Robert P. Whitney, Esq., a member of North Esk church, as a donation to the H. M. Board. Miles travelled, 2430; prayer and conference meetings attended, 50; religious visits made, 231; sermons preached, 153; funerals attended, 3; baptized 2; organized one Sabbath school; attended 11 sessions of Sabbath School; pages of tracts distributed, 78.

NEWCASTLE AND CHATHAM.—Rev. T. M. Munro commenced labor in this field about one year ago, with the understanding that the towns of Newcastle and Chatham and certain surrounding stations should enjoy his ministrations, for which he was to receive from the Board for the first year \$300, the church in Newcastle pledging him an equal amount. After some visits to Chatham he did not feel sufficiently encouraged to continue his labors there, and turned his attention to the stations in the vicinity of Newcastle. In December he reports having ordained one Deacon and baptized seven believers. "The church in Newcastle," he says, "is in a good working condition, our congregation is increasing and our prayer and conference meetings are well sustained. Our communion seasons are especially interesting." At Douglstown, Derby and Nelson he reports large statistics: Miles travelled, 1267; prayer and conference meetings attended, 108; religious visits made, 194; sermons preached, 138; Lord's Supper administered, 8; baptized, 10; funerals attended, 1; pages of tracts distributed, 560; hymn books distributed, 100. The church in Newcastle informs the Board that it has fulfilled its engagement for the past year; but cannot carry out the arrangement for the second year, as the expectations concerning Chatham have not been realized, and will still need \$300 from the Board.

SECOND ALMA, ALBERT Co.—Rev. Solomon Smith has been laboring in connection with the Second Alma Church. He says—"Our meetings are well attended, and good attention is given to the word preached." At the beginning of this year he reports preaching at Bennett Settlement, Shepody Road, Mechanic's Settlement, and occasionally at Hasting's School House. In his report, Jan. 30th, 1878, he says—"During the year God has blessed us. Our church has increased one half." Miles travelled, 270; sermons preached, 54; prayer and conference meetings attended, 22; religious visits, 168; Lord's Supper administered twice.

SOUTH BAY AND GRAND BAY, ST. JOHN COUNTY.—Bro. M. F. King, of Acadia College, spent five weeks of his summer vacation laboring in this field. He reports—"The attendance at the different stations has been remarkably large. Several are anxiously enquiring the way of salvation." Miles travelled, 109; religious visits made, 25; sermons preached, 17; Sabbath Schools attended, 4. The Board contributed by the Board to this field for one year; but as a Missionary to follow Bro. King could not be secured for the grant and what could be collected on the field, the work was not prosecuted, except what was done by Brethren from Carleton and Portland churches. Rev. D. McClellan and Bro. L. L. Sharpe kept up meetings pretty regularly in