

regular services, and is striving to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. Elder Brown extended labor to the Church at Seal Cove a part of his time, and made visits to White Head and elsewhere. Some revival was experienced in the Church at White Head, under the labor of Elder Barnes, and three were baptized.

Elder Kenney labored successfully with the Church at Wilson's Beach, Campobello. Fifteen were baptized, and the Church greatly encouraged and strengthened. He also visited the Churches at Welchpool and Deer Island. The former of these was without pastoral care, but the latter was supplied for a part of the time by Licentiate Morang.

Elder Garraty spent four months with the Church at Beaver Harbor, and baptized one. This little Church is united and loyal, and earnestly contending for the faith.

The Church in Carleton had the pastoral care of Elder G. A. Hartley all the time. It has had a year of peace and prosperity; twelve were added by baptism.

Saint John Church is cared for all the time by Elder Parsons. They report the Church as united and progressive, with the ordinances regularly administered, and a constant encouraging interest. Twenty-three were added by baptism the past year.

Just after our last Conference Elder Hartley made a visit to the Saint Martins Church, and his labor resulted in a precious revival; the little Church was much encouraged and strengthened. Fourteen were baptized, and with fifteen others were added to its membership. Elder Barnes subsequently extended regular care to this Church, and baptized one.

The whole number added by baptism to this District during the year was seventy-six.

Thus, brethren, I have gone over our denominational field, and given you as best I could an outline of our position. My report has suggested this thought, if no other, viz: the necessity of our Churches having constant pastoral care. The missionary's or evangelist's work must be supplemented by the pastor's, or there can be no constant, healthy growth. Careless nursing, or no nursing at all, will mar the work of the most skillful physician. Is not the question then, brethren, one of vital importance, and deserving of our most careful consideration—how can our Churches be cared for? If this question be not answered, and answered soon, by us, others will answer it for us. Ministers of other denominations seem quite willing to occupy our pulpits and cultivate our fields, and if our pulpits be empty and our fields be not cultivated, who shall blame them for tilling the farm of the sluggard?

The number added to our Churches this year seems very small when compared with the number added last year, but who shall say this has not been as successful a year as any of its predecessors? We cannot estimate the amount of good done by the results we see.

"So do I gather hope and strength anew,  
For well I know thy patient love perceives  
Not what I did but what I strive to do,  
And though the full ripe ears be sadly few,  
Thou wilt accept my sheaves."