

## DOAKTOWN AND BLISSFIELD.

Rev. H. M. Edwards has this field in charge. His last report is dated July 1st. The storms and drifts of winter interfered somewhat with the progress of his work; but he speaks of the people as being united in the faith, and being interested in his ministry. He says:

"During my eleven months' missionary labour in the North, I have travelled 1658 miles, made 353 pastoral visits, attended 181 meetings for preaching, held 20 Conference Meetings, baptized 10, Communion monthly. We have three Sabbath Schools in good working order, well supplied with books, &c. The Lord has blessed our labours. The Church has been revived, sinners have been converted, and peace and harmony reigns in all our borders. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

"(Signed)

WM. H. EDWARDS."

They have given him a unanimous call to preside permanently with them as their pastor. This accords with the wishes of your Board. They are desirous to aid the Churches as far as possible in order to establish a permanent pastorate. But the main reliance for financial support in most cases is upon the people for whose welfare the pastor labours. If he minister to them in spiritual things, they should in return bestow on him as God prospers them, in temporal things. Your Board are of opinion that this field should be nearly, if not quite, self-sustaining, and cannot but hope that increased liberality on the part of the people will soon make it so. The success which has attended the exertions of your Board in the Northern Counties is fraught with encouragement in relation to the future. In 1853, Rev. B. Scott was our first missionary to the North. His appointment took place at that period. Then the only Baptist Minister in that northern district was Elder Tozer. Three or four small churches had been established; but, with the exception of the Church at Blissfield, they were without pastoral labour, and were in a scattered, disorganised condition. Now we have seven churches, the most of which are in a healthy condition, and with brother Tozer, five ministers. The field is daily whitening to the harvest. There is plenty of work now for two additional ministers. What is wanted is the fund to sustain them.

## SHEDIAC.

This is a mission of growing importance. Your Board has from the beginning felt a deep interest in its support, but owing to the deficiency in funds there have been frequent interruptions in the work.

Numerous applications were made by the friends of the cause at Shediac to the Board for help, and they were finally enabled to give encouragement to the amount of \$100 per annum toward the support of an efficient missionary. Stimulated by this promise, and by a consciousness of the necessities of the case, the brethren were induced to extend an urgent call to Rev. William Coleman in the month of January last, and to make most praiseworthy exertions to make up the needful salary. He accepted the invitation, and has been prosecuting his work with vigor and success. His last report was dated May 13th, in which he says:—"We have still encouragement to labor in this place. We have had the privilege of administering the ordinance of baptism to believers for six Sabbaths. Twelve have been baptized. During my three months' ministry here seventeen in all have been added to the Church; five of them by letter." He reports also a Sunday School in faithful operation, with 75 scholars and 12 teachers; but requiring very much an increase of books. Our brother Coleman is doing a most efficient work in Shediac, and God's blessing is resting upon his ministry. Your Board hopes that their efforts to sustain