

here once in three weeks during winter. The places mentioned occupied most of my time, but I had service occasionally in different other places too numerous to report. While I relieved Mr. Dickie of two of his preaching stations—Tangier and Spry Bay—he himself opened up one or two new stations eastward, where there is a great dearth of preaching, as most of their public worship is confined to the Prayer Book, and that too for the most part only on days on which there is either a baptism to perform or a funeral to attend to.

While it is to be regretted that this Shore has been neglected so long, there is much cause for thankfulness for the great success which has attended the labor of the Minister who at present occupies the field. Only about two years ago there was but one old Church in the congregation, now there are two new ones finished, one almost finished, and another and a manse in course of erection. Many of our congregations would do well to take an occasional look at the work done by this congregation, which is neither wealthy nor large, although scattered. If there is a people in the body attached to their pastor, and a pastor devoted to his work, it is in this congregation.

It would occupy too much time to mention the many tokens of kindness I received from the people. I will only refer to Mr. Bollong and Mr. Hay, whose horses and waggons were always at my service in travelling over this wide field.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM GUNN.

Halifax, Nov. 10, 1873.

Report of Mr. P. McL. McDonald, Catechist.

To the Presbytery of P. E. Island:

I beg leave to report that I have laboured at Woodville and vicinity for ten weeks, during which time twelve services were held at Woodville, eight at Little Sands, two at Rora, and one at Culloden. I had also an opportunity of addressing congregations four times at Belfast, twice at Point Prim, and once at Orwell. These services were always rendered to crowded congregations, and I have been satisfactorily remunerated for them all. Everywhere I have met with the greatest kindness, and I hope and pray that the people of Woodville, &c., may soon be supplied with the means of grace at the hands of a stated Pastor.

P. McL. McDONALD.

Sunside, Sept., 1873.

In connection with this report we have much pleasure in stating that at the close of his term of labour, Mr. McDonald received an affectionate address from the Congrega-

tion of Woodville and Little Sands, accompanied by a purse of \$75. The address and liberality were gratefully acknowledged by Mr. McDonald, who immediately proceeded to one of the American theological seminaries to prosecute his studies.

Our Foreign Missions.

Our Foreign Mission Board in Debt.

At the last meeting of the Board, held in New Glasgow on the 11th ult., the only business which requires to be laid before the Church, through its Record, was the matter of finance. It appeared not only that the time had come for settling our proportion of the mission vessel's support, and the salaries of our Missionaries in the New Hebrides, but that we were later than usual, and that the full amount *must* be forwarded by next steamer.

So far as the two hundred and fifty pounds Sterling to meet the expenses of chartering the Paragon, &c., were concerned, the half was in hand, and the Board had no hesitation in directing the Treasurer to provide the balance, trusting to the children to repay the disbursement, on or shortly after New Year's day. This has been frequently done before, and is in fact the usual course.

But never till this year did the Board find their Treasury entirely empty when the time for remitting the salaries came round. Such, however, was the situation. The salaries of three Missionaries for 1874 require to be forwarded, which, with other necessary claims sanctioned and ordered by Synod, made up a sum of Six Hundred Pounds Sg. The Board had no other way of providing this, except by loan, and the Treasurer was directed to procure the money thus, and to forward it at once.

This has been done. The money has been borrowed, it is true, *from our own funds*, but for the use of it the Foreign Board will require to pay interest, and the Board invites the Church generally to take note of the facts of the case, and to relieve them as quickly as possible from their embarrassment.