

We take occasion with great gladness to announce, that the Lord of missions seems to be answering the prayers of His people, that He would thrust out labourers into His harvest. Besides the missionary referred to in a subsequent page, who is about to set sail for the Grand Cayman, another, Mr. Robert S. Leslie, is about to leave for Caffreland. Two students, who have completed their fourth session at our Theological Seminary, have offered themselves, and have been accepted, for India. Several other promising and earnest young men, whose hearts have been touched with the cry for labourers coming from so many fields, have opened *confidential* communication with the Foreign Mission Secretary. If there be others under similar impressions, we would earnestly counsel them to act with promptitude, and at the same time with thoughtfulness and prayerful caution, on those words of the Master, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'—*U. P. M. Record for Nov.*

Home Missions.

Report by Mr. R. Cumming.

To the Reverend Presbytery of York:

In presenting my report of five week's labour in Richmond and Woodstock, I feel that my statements may be few, as the circumstances of the congregation are well known to your Presbytery. The number of families in the whole congregation, so far as I could gather, is about 35. And these are scattered over a wide extent of country. To some of these all praise must be given for the fond tenacity with which they cling to our beloved Zion, and for the moral heroism they manifest in supporting the time-honoured banner of Presbyterianism, in the face of much opposition. Their number is small, and their fidelity to Presbyterianism praiseworthy, and they certainly deserve the sympathy and support of your Presbytery, and of the whole Church. Agreeably to instructions received from the Home Mission Board, I appeared among them about the 20th of May. On the first two Sabbaths the weather was inclement, and the attendance in both sections of the congregation small. In Richmond the increase for the last three days was very encouraging, and the number presented the appearance of rather a respectable congregation. In Woodstock there was no such marked increase. The reasons I do not attempt to divine. The congregation wants—what, indeed, every one of the numerous vacant congregations and stations in connection with our Church

wants—a pious, prudent, popular, zealous man to work them up, and the sooner such can be furnished the better.

I remain your humble obedient servant,
July 1st. ROBERT CUMMING.

Report by Mr. Edward Grant.

To the Reverend Presbytery of Halifax:

I beg leave to submit a brief report of my labours within the bounds of Sheet Harbour congregation.

I came here, according to appointment, on the first week of September, and endeavoured to fulfil engagements up to the end of October. During these eight weeks I have just followed out Rev. Mr. Waddell's arrangements, and have held service accordingly: five Sabbaths at Sheet Harbour, two Sabbaths at Pope's Harbour and Tangier, and one Sabbath at Quoddy and Moser's River. The attendance on Sabbath has always been large and attentive, and on several occasions the places of worship have been crowded.

Besides the services held at the regular places of worship, I have held several week-evening services, in places at a distance from the usual preaching stations, and where parties were unable to attend by reason of the restraints of Providence.

In the Sheet Harbour section, with the assistance of Mr. Thomson, teacher, I have been enabled to keep up a weekly prayer meeting and bible class, both of which meetings have been generally well attended.

I have likewise visited the sick, together with the greater number of the families in the respective sections of the congregation, following out the usual custom of reading a portion of divine truth and offering up prayer with every family.

With respect to the state of religion in this community, it is unnecessary for me to say anything, as it would only be a recapitulation of what has been stated in the Reports of my predecessors. It is enough for me to add that I have found this an extensive and interesting field for Missionary labour. I must say further, that I have found, for the most part, an anxious desire, on the part of this people, to hear the message of the Gospel, and to enjoy the ordinances of religion.

The congregation is now putting forth every effort to pay off arrears due Mr. Waddell, and it hopes, within a short time, to have its debt removed.

May the efforts of this people, to support regular gospel ordinances in its midst, be greatly encouraged and blessed, and may the good seed, disseminated by the Pastor and others, take deep root, spring up and yield fruit abundantly, to the praise and glory of God.

September 30th. EDWARD GRANT.