

ously raised by them, and has been applied to the carrying on of the work of the Lord among themselves and in my own charge, principally by means of books for the careless, the anxious, and the young disciple, and for Sabbath school purposes.

Does the work continue? It does. Not indeed to the same extent, perhaps; for, alas! though the harvest truly is plenteous, the labourers are few. And it is impossible for the resident ministers to carry on all the means for the ingathering, and attend also to the other departments of pastoral labour. And while at such a time it is necessary to a large extent to defer the latter, just as—to develop an illustration sanctified by the Great Teacher's use of it—fishermen, when Providence gives them "a great catch," bend all their energies to the gathering in, and defer most of the work of "curing" or preserving till the time of this special abundance is past. Yet some attention must be given to this throughout, and what proportion must be decided by each for himself. And so, the afternoon and evening meetings are now held only every alternate day.

Space will not permit me just now to add anything regarding the work in Tata-magouche, Earltown, Pictou, &c., but I may continue these jottings next month.

EXTRACT LETTER FROM MISS JOHNS.

In a private letter recently received from Miss Johns in Madras, she calls for other Christian women to give themselves to the Lord's work in India. Who will go, and what congregations will send them? Miss Johns says:

"I could find work for two additional laborers immediately. One I would like particularly for the Orphanage or Boarding School; one just to devote herself to that and nothing else; these children sadly need personal influence. It will be very trying, but I think some will not mind that.

To any woman who thinks of coming, I would say, you must be willing to endure bodily suffering and work, remembering that affection must be shewn in your work, that in order to influence others you must give out part of yourself; you must love much, be much-enduring, and at the same time an energising power. Remembering that all this is to be done while you are feeling as if you could only lie down and do nothing; as if physical exertion were almost an impossibility, and even thought too great an exertion. You must not only keep up yourself, but keep others up.

I think any one devoting herself to the Boarding School would like it after a time.

I expect to take several more children next week, chiefly those of native Christians. Any one coming to work with me will be spared much that I have gone through physically and mentally. At least I will do all in my power to so spare her; but most persons suffer in some way or other during their first year."

ONE PHASE OF MISSION WORK.

Preaching is not the only work that missionaries have to do, or that is the most likely to accomplish the end desired in opening up new fields of labor. The proposed missions to Africa will have abundant scope for all the varied agencies that can be introduced in order that that most debasing traffic in human beings which now characterizes the country, may be terminated. Here is a description of the way these people are used after being captured by slavers:

"On going below, the men found a framework of bamboo constructed on each side of the hold, ranging fore and aft, in which two hundred and thirty-eight human beings were packed, tier upon tier, like bottles in a rack. The occupants of each tier were placed in the closest personal contact with each other—so much so, in fact, that, to use the men's homely phrase, they really 'were stowed away like herrings in a cask.' When taken out and placed upon the deck, their limbs were useless; they were seized with vertigo, and fell from sheer inability to stand. Some were found in a truly shocking condition. One or two young children were found crushed to death. The lower tier had been laid upon the sand ballast, and was half buried. One poor woman really was buried, with the exception of her face; her mouth was full of sand, and when taken out she was on the point of suffocation."

We observe that the Synod of Fife, at a late meeting, unanimously adopted the following overture to the General Assembly, on the subject of the training of missionaries for the Foreign Mission field:—

"Whereas the vast majority of the human family, said to be about the inconceivable number of fourteen hundred millions, are known to be 'without God, without Christ, and without hope in the world,'—and whereas it is our daily prayer that all be brought to the knowledge of the Saviour,