

While the Society is encouraged by the revival of interest taken in its work, it is far from being satisfied. Too much of its proper work remains yet untouched for this. Much more should be done. There are weak and needy Churches, as well as whitened fields, inviting Free Baptist labor, where we have no Churches, that must be looked after and helped soon, or the issue will be that others will care for them, and take from us at least a portion of the heritage of our fathers. Let all pray that the interest may increase until a white heat of zeal may fill us with holy earnestness, and that men and means may be forthcoming to enable our Executive to respond to all the Macedonian cries reaching us.

THE FIRST DISTRICT has, from time to time, been represented to the Executive Committee as being in urgent need of help. During the early part of the year, it was decided, whether the funds were on hand or not, to do something for those Churches that would be of permanent use to that District. One of the Executive, Rev. A. Taylor, went over the field and made preliminary arrangements for what was hoped would be a strong effort. Correspondence was entered into with a number of our Ministers, aiming at securing their services. But it seemed that hard as it was to provide the means, it was even harder to get the men. Sickness, and other causes, broke several engagements that the Committee thought they could rely upon being carried out; so that, while what has been done, we believe, has helped the cause somewhat, yet it is not altogether what was anticipated.

Rev. John Henderson has labored the greater part of the year with these Churches, mostly on the Western side of the river. He has reported monthly and we have reason to believe that considerable encouragement and help have been given to that section of the District.

Bro. C. Rideout has spent about eight months within the limits of this District, mostly on the Eastern side of the river and up the Tobique. He labored with Riley Brook, Trout Brook, Long Island, Arthurette, Perth, Wright Settlement, Fitzherbert, and Kent Churches. He held, during the time of his Mission, 191 meetings, and visited and prayed with 330 families. This from house to house labor, together with the large number of public meetings held by our brother, must exert a good influence amongst the people.

Rev. A. Taylor and Rev. T. Vanwart each spent half a month on this District. Rev. B. Colpitts labored a month, giving the time to the Church at Perth. One was baptized. This Church showed its appreciation of the services of our brother by paying his entire salary. A few persons were baptized at Birch Ridge by Bro. Vanwart where a Church was organized by him and Bro. Rideout.

We are pleased to learn that what was done for this long-neglected part of our Denominational field, has produced a somewhat healthier and more hopeful spirit, and hope the time may soon come when they shall have settled Pastors amongst them who shall faithfully break to them the Bread of Life.