

In the Rev. Mr. Butler's Annual Sunday-School letter of the following year, (September, 1877), we find these interesting items:—"We started for winter quarters on the 1st November, later than ever before. There were more scholars than last year, and though some found it difficult to settle down to order and discipline after the free out-of-door life of the summer, they have improved greatly in this respect. The weather continued mild, with but light falls of snow through December, and the winter as a whole was one of the finest I have ever known in Labrador. Christmas was eagerly looked forward to by the children, and we made it as pleasant as possible, being pretty well prepared for its celebration through the kindness of friends in Newburyport, Montreal, and elsewhere. There was very little sickness in the community, and as spring opened, we looked back with gratitude to the past winter. There were more families in the river settlement this year, and some of the new scholars made very good progress. There has also been much to encourage us in the work of winning the hearts of both parents and children to the Saviour. About the time of the Week of Prayer there were tokens of the presence of the Holy Ghost among the people, which increased and deepened as time went on. Although I have been ill and unable to preach, we kept up the Sabbath services regularly, and our meetings were very good. While the vessels were in the harbor, the sailors and others came and took part with us. Every Saturday tracts and papers were sent to all the vessels near. We are now in our new Mission house, which, when finished, will be very comfortable and convenient."

In consequence of continued weakness and failing health, Mr. Butler was compelled to leave his post and spend the winter at home. At this time (October, 1877), Miss Hampton, from Montreal, went down to join Miss Warriner. The winter was a pleasant and busy one to them, and the people well appreciated their services. The day-school was taught by Miss Warriner during the week, while Miss Hampton superintended the evening school. Public services were also conducted by them every Sunday, besides prayer meetings and constant visiting. They also carried on a Bible class, and gave frequent instruction in sewing, singing &c. To the utmost of their ability they thus exerted themselves to supply to the people the want felt during Mr. Butler's absence. After a season of rest he was so far restored as to be able to return to his labors in the beginning of June, 1878. Miss Warriner left Labrador towards the end of July, intending to visit Canada and return in September, but being detained four weeks at Forteau, waiting for a vessel, she has remained in Toronto this winter.

No mission can be managed with greater economy than the one of which we write. The missionaries have been working at merely nominal salaries, and \$1,000 covers the whole annual expense. If contributors could arrange to give their subscriptions annually, it would prove a great convenience to the Mission, which continues burdened with a heavy debt. For the sake of sailors, who are deprived of many home and religious privileges, it is of great importance that this good work should be encouraged and sustained. Many have testified to the benefits received while at the Mission station, and it has always been found that the tracts and papers distributed have been eagerly read, and in many cases have been the means of permanent good. It has seemed hitherto, that all the sailors could give to help, was the time and labor that could be spared from their daily tasks. But during the past summer Mr. Butler has collected from them a very encouraging contribution towards building a new church at Bonne Esperance (the summer station). The distressingly low state of the treasury at home calls anew for a larger spread of interest, and increase of help for the cause. A handsome certificate of life membership can be obtained by Sunday Schools or individuals, on sending \$10.00 to the Society. (Address Mrs. Wilkes, 249 Mountain street, Montreal). The following is quoted from the letter of a former lady missionary on receiving one of the above: "I value that beautiful certificate very highly indeed,

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