

ment. His reports from month to month were nothing short of a revelation to most of us. Passing week by week from one group to another, he described in graphic language the joy with which he was received, because his visit proved that the old and dearly beloved Church had not forgotten her scattered but loyal children. Largely as the result of Mr. McKay's visits we had, in the summer of 1883, fourteen mission fields, embracing 66 preaching stations, and contributing for their own support, \$1,414.01. Only \$340 were drawn from the Home Mission funds.

THE WORK UNDER A MISSION SUPERINTENDENT.

The work was now pretty clearly marked out, and it was felt that a step farther in advance was imperative. We must have better supply for our missions during the winter months. We were, in fact, engaged in solving a question which has vexed the Church in every presbytery, and driven conveners of Home Mission committees almost to despair. In May, 1884, Mr. McKay accepted a call to Shediac, and the presbytery lost no time in looking out for a suitable person to invest with the superintendency of its missions. A critical period had been reached in many of our fields. They were much encouraged, and had responded heartily to the efforts of the presbytery. Either we must help them still further, or they would be discouraged and lapse into a state of chronic and hopeless dejection. It was the crisis of the battle. With full appreciation of the importance of the step, the presbytery invited the Rev. Godfrey Shore, of Lansdowne, in the Presbytery of Kingston, Ont., to take the general oversight of the work. Mr. Shore accepted the call and entered upon his duties in July. Again it was found that a wise selection had been made. Mr. Shore proved himself a laborious missionary-bishop, inspiring the people with hope and enthusiasm. He rallied the members of the presbytery to his assistance, and nearly every settled pastor gave—in some cases at considerable cost of time, labor and money—at least two Sabbaths in the mission field during the winter. The moral effect of this course was most valuable. It proclaimed unmistakably the solidarity of the Presbyterian Church, and gave every member a practical interest in one or more districts. We knew, in future, what we were talking about when we discussed Home Missions, and each felt that he had a share in their success. During the next