

EVANGELISTIC WORK IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Messrs. Hutchinson and Bromley have been labouring in Conception Bay for the past four months. The interest in the work is unabated. Very large congregations are daily attending their services, and hundreds have professed the great change without which no man shall enter into the kingdom of heaven (John iii 5). It is hoped our honoured brethren may be induced to spend at least this year in the colony, and to visit Green Bay in June, and the western part of the island later in the year, and then resume working St. John's in the fall.

Mr. Deakins is labouring with much acceptance and success in Trinity and Bonavesta Bays. The difficulty of communication at this season renders it impossible to get any details of his work. We have heard enough to lead us to the conclusion that he is a faithful and successful evangelist. Will the Lord's people pray much and labour earnestly that the glorious work now commenced may spread and extend to every harbour and cove.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

Next month's Magazine will contain a full account of our annual missionary meeting held February 27. The work of our Home Missionary Society is making steady progress, and the friends at home and abroad will be gratified when they read our annual report.

OBITUARY.

One by one, our friends and pilgrim companions on the way to the better land enter the golden gates. Lord's Day, Feb. 24, was one of the most beautiful of days. The sun shone forth in all his splendour, the air was balmy, and the earth was clad in its mantle of snow. God's people had crowded the sanctuaries, and their hearts were made glad with His presence. Just as the evening prayer-meeting was closing in Queen's-road Chapel, and while the assembly was pleading for their beloved suffering sister, Mrs. Robert Knight, her ransomed spirit was released from the prison of earth, and borne upward to the palace of the King. For four weeks her sufferings had been intense. Yet they were borne with a patience that was truly marvellous. Not once did she repine or murmur. She was supported by the consolations of the Gospel. The great work of reconciliation had been accomplished in her soul in the year 1869. On March 5 in the same year, she was admitted to fellowship with the Congregational Church. A few hours before her last she said to her pastor, "I have nothing to do, there is nothing to trouble me. All is done." When asked on going to prayer if there was anything she wished

us to pray for, she said, "That every member of my family may be saved, that they may know that God's service is the only thing that will give them real and lasting pleasure." Her husband was suddenly taken home five years ago. This severe blow she bore with the fortitude becoming a Christian, and we well remember with what sweet resignation she said, when her dear Kenneth—whose obituary appeared June, 1877 was unexpectedly taken, "Thy will be done."

We have often thought, while conversing with her on the mysterious dispensations of Providence, how very difficult would it have been with her in these times had she not been a partaker of the grace of God.

Our dear sister was strongly attached to the Church of her spiritual birth. She studied how she could promote the good work in which the Church is engaged. From the very commencement of our home mission work, she was a liberal supporter. We recall now with intense pleasure the hearty welcome she gave us when we visited her in her distant temporary home in Green Bay. While there she learned how much missionaries are required, and how much they have to endure in prosecuting their glorious work. Hence, our Missionary Society had a generous supporter and an earnest advocate.

God sometimes leads his own loved ones through rough and dark ways. How bright their graces shine in these times. It was so in a most conspicuous way with our sister. While in Green Bay she experienced temporal reverses. In the depth of winter, far from friends, her dear husband sickened and died, leaving her a large family to take care of. Shortly after this, their dwelling, with everything they possessed in the world, was destroyed by fire. She found herself without a shelter, without any means of support, and far from those that could and would sympathise with her, and not for long months could she even communicate with her friends in St. John's. Yet, blessed be God, He upheld her in these trying times. Brighter days dawned after she returned to St. John's. The capital that had been spent in Green Bay began to bear fruit. Just as this desirable change came, her darling Kenneth was smitten down. Faith rose above all, and said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Her last days were rendered as happy as the presence and attention of dear friends, the love of devoted children, and the possession of every earthly comfort could make them; but, above all, by the assurance of pardon and eternal life through the blood of the Lamb. May her dear children follow in her steps when she follows Jesus! She was daughter of the late Peter Duchemin, Esq., of St. John's, and she fell asleep in the fifty-eighth year of her age.