

tunity of giving further explanation of the real character of this traffic.

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Home Missions.

The following distribution of Missionaries at the disposal of the Board takes effect for two months, beginning on the 2d Sabbath of July:—

Presbytery of St. John:—Messrs. J. W. Nelson and Arthur F. Carr, with Mr. Roxborough, Catechist, previously assigned.

Presbytery of P. E. Island:—Rev. Alexr. Stirling and Mr. John Allan, with Mr. McNeill, Catechist, previously assigned.

Presbytery of Miramichi:—Mr. John Leachman, Catechist, till the opening of the Hall.

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond:—Rev. Adam McKay from Culross, Ontario, and Mr. Alex. Grant, from the Free Church of Scotland.

Presbytery of Pictou:—Rev. Nathaniel Patterson from Ontario, on a visit of six weeks, with Mr. A. Thompson Catechist, previously assigned.

Presbytery of Truro:—Messrs. J. T. Layton and Edwin Smith.

Presbytery of Halifax:—Mr. Kenneth McKay.

Capé Breton.

We continue to hear the most gratifying intelligence of continued and prevailing deep interest in Divine things and in personal religion in different parts of this island. In Sydney Mines, and through all Mr. Wilson's congregation, as well as in nearly all the congregations of the Presbytery, there are many earnest inquirers, and many of whom it is said with emphasis, "Behold they pray." Many who were wont to pray, now seem to call on the Lord with new earnestness and power.

Young men and old men seem to be taking up the cross and declaring on the Lord's side. May the Lord continue to bless his cause and to carry on His own work, and let the people cry, "Thy Kingdom come."

Truro Presbytery.

In this Presbytery there are now five vacant congregations. Four of these may be regarded as ready to call and ripe for settlement. From Lower Stewiacke to Springside, there are 25 miles of finely settled country now without a pastor.

The Acadia Congregation is the most missionary in its character. We subjoin Mr. Nelson's report of 9 weeks labour in it.

Report of Mr. J. W. Nelson.

To the Rev. the Presbytery of Truro:—

Transferred to your bounds on the 1st of December, I have been laboring since that date in the Acadia Congregation. Of the nine Sabbaths in those months, six were spent at Folly Mountain and the Mines, the mornings being given to the former place, and the afternoons or evenings to the latter. The three remaining days were devoted to Westchester and Greenville.

At Folly Mountain, where a large number of navvies are living, our meetings were very well attended. The same remark may be made respecting all the prayer meetings held in this section.

At the Mines the meetings for worship, with one exception, were most encouraging. The prayer meetings were not so well attended, several causes, the principal of which is want of interest in such exercises, preventing people from coming out.

In Westchester, I preached on four occasions. The audiences were not large, tho' composed of most of the Presbyterians and many of the Wesleyan residents in that locality. Greenville, also on the North side of the Mountains, is a new but promising field. The Baptists have kindly offered the use of their church, and I availed myself of the privilege to preach on two occasions, Sabbath afternoons, to congregations made up of Baptists and members of the half-dozen Presbyterian families at present living in that vicinity. The latter have expressed gratitude for the arrangement that gives them an occasional supply of preaching. Before leaving the place, I availed myself of an opportunity of lecturing before the Lodge of Good Templars at the Mines, believing that the interests of morality and religion might be promoted in this way.

During these weeks I have visited among the families as much as possible, reading the Scriptures and engaging in prayer; and while I have called on some of the families not connected with our church, but few of our own have been passed by. I have met much coldness and indifference, but also a few who kept the flame of devotion alive, and hoped for better days. I am under obligation to the Smiths of Folly Mountain, and the Stewarts of Westchester, for the means of travel between the Sections. My obligations at the Mines are almost exclusively due to Mr. Beattie, on whom by common consent all the burden seems to fall. I would be unjust, however, were I to assert that the parties mentioned were the only