

And if the view we have presented of the labors of this society, the present need and future prospects of our province be correct, patriotism as well as religious principle and denominational feeling will respond to our solicitations for the enlargement of the funds of the Domestic Mission Board. The congregation of large masses of people, the growth of newly formed communities in a state of spiritual destitution, is not only a religious fact every pious person will lament, but a social fact clearly perceived to be pregnant with evil by every one who loves his country wisely and well. We do not need to call in imagination to picture what such a state of things must engender and eventually produce. The recent histories of other countries similarly situated to our own are on record for our instruction. Let not the lesson be lost upon us. But as good men read and lament the sad narratives of the social calamities and appalling immorality in connection with the settlement and developement of the mineral wealth of Australia and California, let them have the consolation of knowing that the warning thus twice given was not without its beneficial effect in this land; that the intelligence, piety, and liberality of Nova Scotia Christians saved their country from a third repetition of the dark drama, by adopting and enlarging their religious enterprises to meet the new demands made upon them. May we rise to a due appreciation of our share of this great work, which we can aid in no way more effectually than by the liberal support of our Domestic Missions.

Your attention is directed to the following particulars of Missionary labour during the year.

Pictou County.

Rev. Alfred Chipman has a 12 months' mission in the above County. The following particulars of the mission have been received and will no doubt be heard with much interest:—

"Whether I can truthfully report progress or not God best knows. Sometimes in some parts of this county I think I discern some favourable indications of the progress of Baptist principles; at other times, and in other places the work and labour of faith appear to be my only hope.—