

Numerous applications were made by the friends of the cause at Shediac to the Board for help, and they were finally enabled to give encouragement to the amount of \$100 per annum towards the support of an efficient missionary. Stimulated by this promise, and by a consciousness of the necessities of the case, the brethren were induced to extend an urgent call to Rev. William Coleman in the month of January last, and to make most praiseworthy exertions to make up the needful salary. He accepted the invitation, and has been prosecuting his work with vigour and success. His last report was dated May 13, in which he says:—"We have still encouragement to labour in this place. We have had the privilege of administering the ordinance of baptism to believers for six Sabbaths. Twelve have been baptized. During my three months' ministry here seventeen in all have been added to the Church; five of them by letter." He reports also a Sunday School in active operation, with 75 scholars and 12 teachers; but requiring very much an increase of books. Our brother Coleman is doing a most efficient work in Shediac, and God's blessing is resting upon his ministry. Your Board hopes that their efforts to sustain a stated ministry at Shediac, will receive the whole-hearted co-operation of all the churches.

#### DUNDAS AND BIG BUCTOUCHE.

This extensive field has been occupied for the last year by Rev. C. Spragg, who has devoted himself with untiring zeal and energy to the important trust committed to his care. His report is full of encouragement. He says:—"The field that I occupied is as follows, namely, Dundas and Big Buctouche, Buctouche Church, Mill Creek Settlement, and McLean Settlement. At Dundas and the head of Buctouche I have held ninety-nine religious meetings, baptized five, and regularly every four weeks, administered the Lord's Supper twice. Buctouche Church held forty meetings, baptized one, and administered the Lord's Supper occasionally. Mill Creek held six meetings. McLean Settlement held two meetings, and in addition to religious services we have established three Sabbath Schools. At the different stations where I have laboured, and throughout the field generally, a deep interest seems to be manifested, and many I trust are seriously inclined. There are several inquiring souls whom I trust will soon see it to be their duty to unite with the Church. In fulfilling my various appointments I have to experience much labor and fatigue of body, yet I am encouraged to hope that my labours are not in vain, but are being blessed, and I pray they may be a blessing to many. The above statements have reference to that portion of my time as directed by the Board. In addition to the above I am labouring with the second Moncton Church and the second Coverdale Church.

In the second Moncton Church we enjoyed a refreshing season last winter. In unison with brother Goldrup, we had a series of meetings, and the Lord blessed our labors. Sixteen were added to the Church by baptism, and I hope a good impression made upon the minds of several others. In presenting this my report, I have aimed at presenting the plain and simple facts in connexion with my mission, without any intention to deceive or mislead. And now in conclusion, I humbly ask your prayers and the prayers of my Brethren, that God's cause may be promoted, and that sinners may be converted."

(Signed)

CALEB SPRAGG.