

IN a month or two we will expect the Reports of our Home and Supplementing Committees, when we shall endeavor to procure for these pages full information respecting the more necessitous fields. During the past summer there were, as above stated twenty-three young men employed in stations extending from the eastern coast of Cape Breton to the State of Maine. Each catechist furnishes a tabular return of facts, accompanied frequently but not always with a more general report. The Presbytery of St. John employs a larger number than any other and we present one of these general reports in our present number.

To the Rev. the Presbytery of St.
John, N. B.

THE QUACO DISTRICT.

Your Catechist for the Stations of St. Martin's and Black River, herewith presents his report of missionary service for twenty-four weeks, beginning in May and ending in October. This field is so well known to the Presbytery of St. John that any description is unnecessary in this report.

There are three regular preaching stations viz. : St. Martin's, Fairfield, Cross Roads, and Black River; a fourth station was opened during the summer at Gardner's Creek in order to accommodate a few families who lived at some distance from other places of meeting. Public services were given by the Catechist during the season in ten different localities. He conducted in all sixty-two public services on Sabbath days, twenty week day evening services for Bible-class and Prayer-meeting; and a Bible-class in the Sabbath schools fourteen times. He has visited also eighty-six families throughout the bounds; fifty of these are in connection more or less with the Presbyterian Church. The zeal and love of a few for the Presbyterian Church

have waxed cold because of inter-marriage with other denominations and lack of regular Church service. There is a Union Sabbath school at St. Martin's with a staff teachers from the various denominations. The average attendance of the school is about fifty-five.

The school at Black River, which is sustained only in the summer season, re-opened on the 16th of May, last, the average attendance there is about twenty-five. Here the Presbyterians take the lead, but it is a union school. There are many hopeful young people growing up in these districts who may yet be found a good addition to our Church, and doubtless they can be brought in if the Church is faithful to them.

The sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper were dispensed by Rev. Dr. Waters, during his visit to the stations in the month of August. The Lord's Supper was then administered for the first time in the history of the Presbyterian Church in this field. There were twenty-four communicants; of these sixteen were then added to the Church by a public profession of their faith in Christ. There are others who desire to take this important step as soon as another opportunity is afforded to them.

For services rendered by the Catechist the people subscribed and paid one hundred and sixty-five dollars. From this sum was taken ninety-one dollars and fifty cents to pay for board and conveyance during the season, leaving in the hands of the missionary seventy-three dollars and fifty cents. There remains due (as will be seen by the schedule) a *balance of seventy dollars and fifty cents*. It is worthy of notice that the whole amount was collected almost entirely from the Presbyterian families, and when we consider the present straitened circumstances of some of them the financial exhibit is by no means unfavorable.

Respectfully submitted,

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