

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI.

Rev. E. Hickson has spent a year and eight months in this field under our patronage. We were obliged to withdraw our assistance the first of May last. He writes to us of good and attentive congregations, a mission house finished, and of increasing interest. His report for the last nine months of his service is as follows: Preached 90 sermons, attended 32 Conference Meetings, visited 139 families, and travelled 1030 miles. Concerning the withdrawal of our assistance, he says, "It is surely to be regretted that such reaction should take place in the churches, as to compel the Board, with its little corps of missionaries, to retreat before the enemy, and thus abandon the high and advanced position which they so lately occupied. I had hoped that a retreat from the North would never be sounded, but that we should have a reinforcement in Gloucester this very season."

"The churches in the North Esk and Little South West, have given me a united call to become their Pastor, and will do all in their power for my support."

(Signed)

EDWARD HICKSON.

Bro. H. has given his attention also, during the Fall and Winter, towards securing the erection of a house of worship in Bathurst, his native town.

RESTIGOUCHE.

During the past three years Bro. W. A. Crandal has been laboring in the Northern County, a part of which time he has been aided by your Board. His report comes down to the 1st February last, though he still continues his labors in this field, with the expectation of receiving further assistance when funds can be procured.

He says, "The extent of the field occupied is 40 miles, preaching stations 4, preaching twice and three times each Sabbath. We have a very interesting Sabbath School of 50 scholars, and a small library which the Union Society kindly provided. My meetings are well attended, and often there is a deep feeling on the part of the hearers."

(Signed)

W. A. CRANDAL.

Rev. David Blakeney has also been laboring as your missionary in the same County up to the 5th of October last, when he informed your Board that he could no longer continue his labors in this field, without increased assistance; which could not be given for want of funds. He reports the prejudices against us as a denomination are dying away, and our missionary being every where kindly received. Sinners were inquiring what they should do to be saved; but, alas! he would be obliged to leave, for the amount contributed by the people to the Board could not sustain him.

During six months he performed the following labor: Preached 61 sermons, attended 31 conference and prayer meetings, travelled 1507 miles, and visited a large number of families.

OROMOCTO AND RUSHAGONISH.

At our last Association these stations were occupied by Rev. John Williams. He closed his missionary labors here the 1st of November, though he still continued to labour in the same field. He reports progress in Oromocto, but speaks of the Church in Rushagonish as in great trouble.

SCOTCH TOWN, LITTLE RIVER.

Rev. David Crandal has spent three months in this field, ending November last. He speaks of good being done in gathering those who had been scattered, and in visiting many who were Baptist inclined, who seemed almost ready to