

of the people. Thirteen settlements have been visited, most of them frequently. There is considerable difficulty in this, as all the travelling has to be done by boat. We have preached two hundred and fifteen times, and made eight hundred and fifty pastoral visits. We have had to contend with some of the difficulties connected with the "Organization of Missions." We have had to speak boldly against the baneful pleasure of dancing and other vain amusements. Conversion has been represented as Methodist mesmerism. The enemy has sown tares where the good seed was taking root, but we trust it will grow. The people had long been trying to feed the soul upon forms and ceremonies. There is an alarming state of ignorance and spiritual destitution. A person heard us preach who was sixty-seven years of age, and she said it was the first time she had heard a Methodist minister. An aged man said "I can't read, and I don't know whether I do right or wrong." Though efforts have been made to influence them against Methodism, we have received many good wishes from those who have been so long destitute of a soul-saving ministry. There has generally been marked attention in the public services, and a manifest growing attachment to the doctrines preached by us. We deeply regret that we cannot report a membership. Our work has been breaking up the fallow ground, and sowing the seed; but notwithstanding the many and peculiar difficulties in the way, we have had proofs that our labours have not been in vain. We have had occasional tokens for good, indeed times of refreshing, but we longed for spiritual showers. An aged woman said, "Sir, I want to have a clean heart," she died in hope of a glorious resurrection. The dying Christian expressed thanks for our visits and labours, and requested the fond watchers to sing, "Safe in the arms of Jesus." The leaven is in the meal, silently, secretly, certainly working; the influence of the truth is felt, and it must prevail over error and prejudice. There has been an awakening, and a few are mourners in Zion. Many have wept under the Word, and the spirit of conviction has revealed the inward state of sin. We have cast the net out into the deep, and we have felt it hard toiling to save men. There are hundreds of precious souls still requiring to hear the gospel tidings of salvation. Help is needed for the erection of a church at Burgeo. A suitable site has been secured for the purpose. Bigotry and error are beginning to decline as the people become acquainted with our object, the salvation of souls. The fact that many of the people were once under Methodist influence is a powerful argument for the earnest prosecution of the work, or they will have just cause to say, "No man careth for my soul." Shall these scattered sheep hear of the fold of the Good Shepherd, and never be gathered into it from the wilderness? Our plea is, pity poor benighted Burgeo and the adjacent settlements.

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PETITES.—Ten preaching appointments have been faithfully visited during the year, extending along thirty miles of rough seaboard. Perils by sea have attended us, and the Word of life scattered, but