

of earnest work for Christ crowded into a few weeks. The Lord water the seed sown!

### Report of Mr. A. F. Thomson.

*To the Reverend Presbytery of Halifax :*

According to appointment, commencing on the 2nd Sabbath of May, I laboured four months in Digby County; five Sabbaths excepted, on which I supplied the congregation of Rev. D. S. Gordon at Bridgetown and Annapolis.

#### THE FIELD

comprised three stations, Digby, Digby Gut and Hillsburgh.

The first is the least promising, as we have in Digby only a few adherents. There are a goodly number who once were Presbyterians, but for want of attention and supply from their own body, some have joined other ecclesiastical connections, and some have become careless, and belong to that number, too great alas, who attend no public worship, and shew no interest in the cause of Christ. Many I am sorry to say seem to be living here without God in the world, and little comparatively appears to be done to stem the desolating streams of intemperance and vice.

I had good audiences in this town in the Baptist church which was kindly offered and accepted as required. Both on account of the few people who adhere to us, and on account of the throng of summer visitors, many of whom are Presbyterians from St. John, it appears to me that Digby should continue to receive supply.

#### DIGBY GUT

which is distant about five miles, was my principal and most promising station. Here there are 12 church members and between 40 and 50 adherents, but all denominations came out to service, which was usually held in the house of Mr. Wm. Turnbull to whose zeal and exertions our cause is largely indebted. The people here are making a great effort

#### TO BUILD A CHURCH.

They have the frame covered, and intend soon to finish the outside. Being weak in numbers an appeal for aid has been made to the Presbyteries of Halifax and Lunenburg, and the people are greatly encouraged to hear that the appeal will be pretty generally responded to. A few pounds or even dollars from each congregation would secure the finishing of this, the first Presbyterian place of worship, as I believe in the County, and prevent the injury sure to arise from failure to finish. The prospect is good and if the movement here is properly cherished

and encouraged, we will soon have a good working little congregation gathered. Not a few are waiting to see what our church will do, and if they see it working earnestly for Christ's cause, will join cordially in the enterprise.

Rev. D. S. Gordon, assisted by Mr. E. Tupper, Elder, dispensed the Lord's Supper in August, when 19 persons joined in Communion, three belonging to other denominations. Four were admitted for the first time, and there are others likely to join at an early day, and from the interest felt it is clear that this section should be carefully attended to.

#### HILLSBURGH

Is situated between Annapolis and Digby, 9 miles from the latter place and 13 or 14 from the former.

Here there are 8 church members, six or seven families besides a few adherents. Our cause here has sustained a great loss in the removal of Dr. Beckwith and family to Locke's Island.

Our services here were held in the Wesleyan Church kindly given for our use; and generally we had good and attentive audiences. Our people here however, I am sorry to say, do not display either by contribution or otherwise the same amount of earnestness and interest as in the station last referred to. Probably however if they saw any prospect of regular supply and ordinances, and of getting a place of worship of their own, they would soon display a great increase of zeal, energy and liberality, and when they are thus aroused, we shall soon have a good foothold in Hillsburgh.

#### REVIEW.

On the whole we are encouraged to prosecute the work in this field. The efforts made so far have been successful, and if followed up we may expect greater progress in the future.

In conclusion, I feel constrained to say that I have had great cause to bless God for the favour shewn me during the season spent in this field, and for the unbounded kindness received by the people of all denominations. I was boarded free of expense in the family of Mr. W. Turnbull. Digby Gut, and would acknowledge the kindness of Mr. George A. Turnbull of the same place, and of Mrs. George Turnbull of Digby.

One fact which convinces me that the Presbyterian element would be greatly useful in this County to the interest of religion, is, the amount of Sabbath desecration visible. The Lord's Day is not observed here as in the East. It is not uncommon to see people making hay, cutting wood, sailing vessels and engaging in other secular business or amusement on that day.

Could not some measures be adopted to