

these people to be reached? I see only one way of reaching either them or the children, and that is, in medical phraseology, by a counter-irritative. Foster the religious feelings and inclinations that are in the neighbourhood, and the surroundings will hear, and come to enquire what these things mean. In Springfield the majority are Baptists, but are without regular service. Your Catechists have given a monthly service during the last year, for all other denominations, have abandoned the field. All classes attend Church, and many are very favourably impressed with Presbyterianism, as indicated by their liberality in subscribing for a regular supply.

With these facts before us the requirements must be apparent to all. The labours of a Catechist are generally acceptable, but he cannot do the work required. His term of probation terminates, and others enjoy the fruit of his labours. Our people are scattered, and have never yet been organized, and while they continue in their present state can never increase in numbers. They are not supplied with the Bread of Life as they should be. Spirituality is at a low ebb. Souls are going to destruction. The only cure is the services of a settled pastor. The field is large, and will require hard work. The soil though rocky, is naturally good, so will bear cultivation, and ultimately yield a bountiful harvest. It should be entered upon at once, and cultivated at any expense.

4. PROSPECTS.

The prospects may be inferred from the state of matters above described, if we add to that the fact that our people have subscribed between eight and nine dollars per family for the services of a settled pastor. Some who are not our own people have subscribed liberally, and more will do so in case of a settlement being effected. As yet there are no Churches in which to worship, but the people now see that these are a necessity, and with a little encouragement from outside, would go forward. If a minister, wise in discerning, prudent in managing, and zealous for God's glory, should be settled over this people, I venture to infer from my knowledge of surrounding circumstances, and of the effect of teaching on their minds, that in five years the Church membership will be doubled, in seven years they will have comfortable Churches in which to worship, and in ten years be self-supporting, to say nothing of the souls that will be ultimately saved from eternal ruin. The people will raise \$300 without difficulty, and a gentleman in Lunenburg has promised another \$100 to start on, and with such encouraging prospects, surely our Church will give whatever more is necessary. Although I have left out many im-

portant items, this report is already long enough. I must, however, crave space to thank all those who entertained me so hospitably during the summer.

Report of Mr. D. McGregor, Catechist.

To the Rev. the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:

At the close of six month's labour within the bounds of your Presbytery, I beg leave to submit the following report:—As you are aware, New Dublin formed a part of Rev. Mr. McMillan's congregation, but on account of the extent of his charge, and the difficulty of crossing the LaHave River, this part of his congregation could not be otherwise than scantily supplied with Gospel ordinances, consequently it was thought advisable to cut it off with the intention of having it ultimately as a distinct charge. There are Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Methodists represented in this place. There are in all about fifty Presbyterian families who are willing to do what they can to support ordinances among them. There are two preaching stations, one at Lower Dublin, and the other at West Dublin. At LOWER DUBLIN the Presbyterians have a neat comfortable Church, exclusively belonging to themselves, but the place in which it stands is not a very convenient one, and the Church itself is much too small for the congregation which gather there. In this Church I preached every Sabbath during the time I have been here to a full house. At WEST DUBLIN the Church is owned by Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Methodists. This Church was occupied three Sabbaths every month. Besides these regular preaching stations there are islands not very far from the mainland, (known as the LaHave Islands) where I preached occasionally.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In our own Church at Lower Dublin they had a Sabbath School organized before I came. I took charge of it, and I am glad to state that during the time I have been here it continued to increase in number and interest. In this School we had about fifty children registered, with five teachers. At West Dublin there was no school. When I came, I organized one to which children of all Denominations came. Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Methodists took a warm interest in it. In this School we had eighty children, with eight teachers. I superintended both these schools, and taught a Bible Class in connection with each. One of the schools met in the morning before service, and the other in the afternoon. One encouraging feature of the Schools was the regular attendance of the