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The Superintendent of Missions reports that the following fields have been recently visited: Nerepis, Jerusalem, St. George, Bocabec, Penfield, St. James, Little Ridge, Harvey and Portland. Communion services were held in Jerusalem and Nerepis. Our congregation in Jerusalem, through the untiring efforts of our student, Mr. McIntosh, is possessed of a new spirit. The old church has been thoroughly repaired, inside and out, and is now as good as new. The services are well attended, several members have been added to the communion roll, and two or three families to the congregation. In short, there has been a revolution, and the old order of things has given place to new and better things.

St. George, Bocabec and Penfield have called a minister, and if a settlement is effected there will be growth and progress. Our people in St. George express themselves as being hopeful that as a congregation they will shortly cease being a charge on augmentation.

Waweig, Rolling Dam, etc., are now supplied with regular services, and the people will soon realize the fact that the rearrangement as lately made by Presbytery will work to their advantage.

Good progress is being made with the new church in Waterford. The one at Riley Brook is being carried along as far as the means will permit. A little assistance is badly needed. The doors and windows can not be had unless some of our stronger congregations will come to the rescue. Fifty dollars at this

stage would greatly assist the work and encourage the people. This is one of our weakest and most remote stations, and needs fostering care. The Superintendent appeals most earnestly on behalf of this church. Contributions, however small, will be thankfully received. The church is needed, as there is no place which will accommodate the congregation on Sabbath. Our people are not financially strong. Each one has done something. Money is not to be had, but labor is given and material is furnished, so that a small contribution would go a long way to finish the outside and give us a place of worship during the summer months. Here is an opportunity to invest, for those who wish to lay up riches which rust not.

Workmen are completing the interior of the new church at Connors, and the funds are as yet a matter of faith, but the work must be done now, we cannot afford to wait.

St. Martins congregation is planning to build, if the ancient problem as to what shall be done with the masonic hall is solved.

All the ordained missionary fields are now occupied. Mr. Gratz is appointed to Andover, Rev. A. W. Lewis to Waweig, and J. D. McKay to Dorchester.

A student, W. Ross, is appointed to Portland, and A. McLeod to Lynfield, and another is expected to go to Nashwaak shortly.

Presbytery met on Tuesday 7th July, in the first of the Quarterly Meetings. There was quite a good attendance of members.