

against the wind, and held service at 3 o'clock to those who chose to attend. This he did to avoid the appearance of opposition, and to preach where seldom the voice of the preacher is heard; yet this is no reason why now he should not say that there is need for more labourers in the field, that churchism is not the food to give to Protestant souls, and that, for as much as the people's spiritual desires are not in the ratio of their necessities, ministers must be aggressive with their message, and seek out and compel the people to come in, otherwise the guilt of souls will lie at their door.

In conclusion, I beg to convey two requests with which I was charged: the first is in the cause of education, that, forasmuch as a schoolhouse is being erected for the Protestant children, and no teacher can be got from Quebec, it is desired to hear of a third-class teacher of some experience who would give her services to instruct some thirty children for about £40 a year. The desire to be useful in a neglected field, and not emolument, must be her inducement. Secondly, in the cause of religion, that as so many of the Protestant population were Presbyterians originally, Presbyterian ministers should visit these islands in the summer months. The Church of England, indeed, holds the field. This is fair, for she first occupied it, and has since laboured in it; nevertheless, the one minister confesses his inadequacy, and the mission is extensive and arduous. Let, then, other ministers follow for successive weeks in summer, perambulate the islands, and stir up the Protestants to consideration of their eternal peace. I need not confine this to ministers of the one church, or to Presbyterians, but to Protestants in general. If any minister, touched with the love of souls, shall embark in this enterprise, I promise him a salubrious locality and a cordial hospitality. It may be a hard mission and little reward now, but his recompense (if he seeks souls for his hire) will be in the day of the just. A. W. H.

### **A Visit to Prince Edward Island Presbytery.**

Not to the whole, but only to half of the bounds, the Western half of the Presbytery, for my time did not allow

me to visit the Eastern side. My own congregation, of course, thought that I had gone off for a holiday. The following notes may explain what is meant by a minister's holiday in perhaps the majority of cases. I left Halifax on Wednesday morning, August 16th, and arrived in Charlottetown at 5 P. M. Mr. Duncan had intimated that I would address the congregation on Home Missions and at 7½ o'clock, a respectable congregation had assembled in the Church. I had an hour's talk with them, explaining our present position as a Church, and asking them to do their share to make the whole Presbytery self-supporting. Dr. Fraser and J. W. Morrison, Esqrs., followed with earnest practical speeches, and, as far as they could, pledged their Lay Association to pay in to the Treasurer of the Georgetown congregation £30 a year for the next two or three years, by which time Georgetown will be able to support itself, if it grows at the rate it has lately. From the spirit of the meeting I should not wonder if the Collectors raised the whole £30 on their first quarterly visit. If so, they ought to collect a similar sum next quarter for the Foreign Mission. They can do so; and what we can do, we ought to do. The Charlottetown congregation seems to me to be in a healthier state than ever it was before. An interest is shown in the work of Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes, Missionary and Prayer Meetings, and in the Schemes of the Church; and that is not a bad index.

On Thursday I drove out to St. Peter's Road to hold service in St. Columba's in the evening. Though it rained, most of my old friends turned out to church, and after preaching to them on our duty to the heathen, I addressed them on Home Missions, and their duty to themselves. The congregations of St. Peter's and Brackley Point Roads, though small, ought to be self-sustaining. At least any one who sees their broad acres, and their comfortable homesteads, and who knows what a high spirited and intelligent people they are, would say so, and imagine that they would be the first to claim such a position for themselves. I believe, from the responses made by both sections of the congregation at our meetings, that at next Synod we shall hear well of them.