

It is my intention to summon a mass meeting of the Colonists on Saturday fortnight and see what they are determined to do as to the erection of a Church. A Church must be erected this Fall, otherwise the people will get careless, as some even now are. The people will not come out to a cold and unprotected school house. Sabbath schools are in operation on both Roads, and working efficiently.

#### KINDNESS EXPERIENCED.

The Hon. B. Beveridge has been very kind in furnishing me with his waggon occasionally when I wanted it, and feels much interested in the welfare of the Colony. Along the St. John River, Andover side, several families are much interested in us and our work. Among the latter, John Ervin, Esq., kindly let me have a horse three days without charge.

I have nothing more of interest to record but trust you and the whole Church will continue to bear us on your hearts at the Throne of Grace.

Yours, obediently,

JAMES QUINN.

Rev. P. G. Macgregor, Secy. of B. H. M.

#### Report of Missionary Visit to Beaver Bank.

To the Rev. P. G. McGregor, Secy. Board of Home Missions.

Agreeably to your request, I proceeded to Beaver Bank and remained there one week. I shall now give you a short description of the place and condition of the people.

#### DESCRIPTIVE.

Two miles beyond the Windsor Junction is Beaver Bank Station. Here the Beaver Bank road strikes off in a Northwardly direction same twenty miles to Rawdon. Four miles on this road from the Station is the Beaver Bank Farm. Here my work commenced. Five miles farther on is the School House, a few rods beyond the line dividing Halifax from Hants. I travelled on six miles farther, within five miles of Rawdon—making eleven miles of road, settled by 21 families, several of them from half a mile to a mile off the road. Then two miles north of the School House a road strikes off westwardly, leading to Mount Uniacke, called the Bushy Hills road. I travelled this road four miles to John Aker's, within six or seven miles of Mount Uniacke Station, and one mile from the Gold Diggings. Seven families live on the part of this road that I travelled. Here we have a distance of 15 miles settled by 28 families. Three of these families are Presbyterian; three Roman Catholic and

twenty nominally Church of England; one Baptist, and one I am not sure about, perhaps the best in the lot.

#### FAMILY VISITATION.

I visited 23 families and gave each some papers and tracts. I had worship in 12 of those families and was very kindly received by all. These 23 families contain 129 souls.

#### REVIEW.

About eight years ago I first visited this locality as a Colporteur of the American Tract Society. In one house which I visited then there were an old man, (now 77 years old,) his wife (now 70,) and a number of children all grown up. The old lady said that I was the first minister who had darkened her door for eleven years, and in the gladness of her heart presented a little grand-child for baptism. Of course I had to define my position so as to satisfy her. I have often visited her since, and I think I may say I have never been in the house ten minutes without being asked to read and pray with her. The last time I was there she laid down the Testament, remarking that she must go to the next house for the "old man." She not only brought him, but another family with her. Though she lives between two and three miles from the School House, she was present at all the services I held there. Her husband said that he was not able to walk so far; but I was told that he walked as far and farther into the woods—made shingles all day and carried two bundles out on his back at night.

In another family, aged too, the woman said that mine was the first prayer she had heard in five years, and though old she yet walks four miles to my meetings. I have good reason to believe that many more there might have made the same statement this old lady did, and with truth, have added several years to it.

#### GRATIFYING CHANGE.

I cannot speak with certainty, but my impression is, that at the time of my first visit not one young person could either read or write. And the Council of Public Instruction as well as the School Board in Hants County know with what difficulties some of them had to contend in getting up a school house and establishing a school. But they now have a good house, a good school in which all the children are receiving instruction, and a good Teacher, who also conducts Sabbath School efficiently and acceptably. I have given them a library of 20 volumes to encourage and help them on.

#### ATTENDANCE ON MEETINGS.

There are two places for holding meetings in this district—the school house and John