

times oftener, by Mr. Wilson and myself, in the School-house, at Sackville during the year. Although the population belong to different religious denominations, yet they all cordially join together in the services of the sanctuary—the attendance upon our ministrations is always good, and had Mr. Wilson remained in the Province, it is highly probable that a place of worship would have been erected and a congregation formed in this rising village. Should our services unfortunately be discontinued in this promising station our friends, who are amongst the warmest and most liberal supporters of the Church there, would be greatly disappointed and our cause sustain serious injury.

Passing on to the eastward six or seven miles from Sackville, we reach the school house at Lake Thomas, where public worship has been performed once a month for several years, by our ministers. There are a considerable number of Presbyterian families resident in this district, who esteem it as a great privilege to have an opportunity of attending upon the ordinances of religion in that place. The attendance varies, as in other places, but in fine weather a great number, more especially of young persons, assemble to hear the Word of God. A Sabbath School has been lately opened under the direction of some zealous heads of families, and it is hoped that the united services of the church and school will produce a salutary religious impression upon the minds of many of the inhabitants. There is an excellent road between Sackville and Lake Thomas—the distance between the two places is only about six or seven miles, and an active zealous clergyman could easily officiate in both places on the same Lord's day, and extend the sphere of our operations within the bounds of this mission.

The only remaining district which I have regularly visited during the past year is the Hall Settlement, on the line of the railroad to Truro. This, although an old, has not hitherto been a flourishing settlement, being left for many years, almost entirely destitute of elementary or religious instruction. Of late a school has been taught in the settlement, and for the last two or three years, I have visited it as often as I could find opportunity, the population being nearly all Presbyterians, and desirous to wait upon our public instructions. Here, our prospects are becoming every year more and more encouraging, as in addition to the resident population, several brick-yards have been opened, where a number of mechanics and laborers find employment. Of these, the majority are Presbyterians, who attend regularly at our place of worship and contribute cheerfully to the support of the gospel.

Such is a brief view of the field of my ministerial services. I have only small congregations, it is true, at each station, compared with the large assemblages in the city, but united together, they would form a very respectable congregation, amounting to several hundred persons. My time amongst them at present on the Lord's day is fully occupied; and unless these stations receive assistance from other ministers, our mis-