

appointed month for College collections is the present.

I intended to confine myself to figures, but having made some explanations on the first account, I was led to do the same respecting the others.

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A Month in the Home Mission Field.

The most westerly mission field in Halifax Presbytery is in Digby County, including the three stations of Bayview, Digby Town and Hillsburgh. Mr. C. D. McLaren has supplied these since May 1st, with great diligence, and to the entire satisfaction of the people, preaching generally at all the stations every Lord's day. The Lord's Supper is dispensed annually, and my visit of five days was in this connection, preaching at all stations and dispensing the Sacrament at Bayview which is a small settlement, mainly Presbyterian, on the western side of Digby Gut, and five miles from Digby Town.

The history of this little church may be given in brief. Its existence is to be traced to William Turnbull, a native of Jedburgh, and a fellow passenger of my father in the *Lily* which arrived Halifax in the summer of 1786. Settling on the Bay of Fundy shore, by the entrance to Digby, it was his custom on the Lord's day to gather the neighbors for a reading and prayer, and the children for a catechising. He knew nothing of Robert Baikes, yet he was engaged in the same work, and after a time was cheered with a visit from the Presbyterian minister of Canswallis, which was repeated every year. When Mr. Forsyth died, Mr. Struthers followed, and some time after his decease, Mr. Christie and others preached and baptized. At the suggestion of Mr. Layton, now of Elmsdale, the little band who were accustomed to worship in Mr. Turnbull's house went to the

woods and cut and hewed scantling for the frame of a little church, and with the aid and agency of Rev. Donald Gordon, the building was erected, seated and finished and opened; and the Lord's Supper dispensed in it.

The building is small, but very neat and the site exquisite. Standing by the door as the people gathered on a Saturday evening, I could distinctly see the Quaco Head, and the entrance to St. John Harbour, about 40 miles distant, and taking a few steps, had an equally good view of Annapolis Basin, with which so much of the early history of Acadia is connected.

On the Lord's day the church was full, over 30 Communicants including those from Digby, were present and the people generally speaking, were *our own*.

I should have said above, that Mr. Turnbull still survives, a venerable link of connection with an age and a generation past, but was not able to be present at the Communion.

MOUNT UNIACKE GOLD MINES.

A gold mining locality is generally expected to be a pretty hard place, but I think the Mount Uniacke region may compete with any in the Province, for rock and roughness, not so however the hearts, nor yet the manners of the people. The minister is cordially welcomed, and courteously entertained.

I was lulled to sleep by the heavy but monotonous thud of the stampers in a crushing mill hard by, and feared that these sounds might disturb the quiet of the day of rest. My fears were groundless. When the morning dawned, the stampers were silent, the engines were still, and the men, not less than 70 or 80 at rest. - The services in the Temperance Hall were well attended and no congregation in Halifax, Colechester or Pictou Counties could have shown more respectful attention to the word, or joined with more apparent devotion in Praise and Prayer. The Sabbath School too, a Union School, was creditable in numbers and management.