

ment. All these meetings are very well attended.

The Loch Lomond people are, in many respects, the noblest I have ever met with. When these Highlanders shake hands with you, it is not the tips of the fingers, guided by a stiff arm, they give, but a right good shake that you will not easily forget. You know at any rate that you have met a warm, loving soul. And they are whole-souled in everything they do. They are better pleased when anything is being done for the church, than when they themselves are prospering. It is really inspiring to see them struggling to get the church finished, not the men alone, but the women also. The young girls are ready to pay for the pulpit as soon as it is done."

Again, Mr. McLean writes:—"I said in my last letter that the greatest distance that any of our people lived from church was four miles; but I have been to visit them all since, and find that the furthest away are about eleven miles. The church is completely filled every Sabbath. The United Presbyterians come as well as our own people. Men and women walk to our church, every fine Sabbath, a distance of fifteen miles. They come five or six miles to attend the prayer meetings. About one hundred were present at our last prayer meeting. What delights me most with this people is their love for the word of God, their earnest study of it, the honest desire of many of them to be saved, and the strong conviction of sin some have. Since I wrote last, three have been led, by the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit, to believe in the Lord Jesus. Nine or ten more, that I know of, are in a state of great spiritual anxiety. The Spirit of the Lord is evidently using the humble means in operation in this place for His own glory, in the salvation of souls." All this is very cheering. May the Lord bless abundantly the labours of our young friends!

With respect to Prince Edward Island Presbytery, we have not much to communicate. The many friends of the Rev. G. W. Stewart will be sorry to learn that the state of his health—mental as well as bodily—is by no means satisfactory. The silver lining to his cloud

is that the Rev. Mr. Moffatt lives in the same house with him.

The Rev. Messrs. Duncan and McColl dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at DeSable, on the 24th ult.—the stormy Sunday. The church was crowded; and, in spite of the wild weather, the services were continued from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. The Rev. P. Melville assisted at the Sacraments at the East of the Island. With regard to the Sabbath School Convention, we are indebted to a correspondent for an accurate account that we gladly make room for.

LETTER FROM THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.—By a letter received from the Colonial Committee, we learn the good news that three missionaries have been appointed to our H. M. Board; Rev. Mr. Coull specially for Pictou Presbytery, Rev. Simon Halley for St. John, and Rev. P. Galbraith for Restigouche.

Mr. Coull arrived in Halifax on the 5th, and proceeded immediately to Pictou. We cordially welcome him to our shores.

II.—Our Church in Ontario and Quebec.

Principal Snodgrass, while in Scotland, has had private conversations with the Convener of the Colonial Committee, and also a conference with the Committee at a full meeting specially summoned to welcome him, and to afford an opportunity for a free interchange of views as to the wants of the church in Canada, and the best means of supplying them; and, as one result of their deliberations, the Colonial Committee has announced that it "is prepared to aid in sending out young men possessed, as spiritually living men, of the most essential qualifications for Christian work, to complete their education and training for the ministry at the colleges in the colony, and under the supervision and guidance of the churches there. The Committee are ready to accept the services of such young men. Taking them at an age when, more easily than at a later period, they can adapt themselves to the peculiarities of Colonial life, the Committee would give them the great advantage of completing in Canada their education and training for the ministry amid the