

Immediately I began the work of organizing Schools and Bible classes. At present we have in this community—Quaco—two large new Union Sunday Schools, numbering 65 and 143 respectively: Two good Bible classes, and 1 prayer-meeting weekly. A fine Sunday school library, and nearly all the appliances essential to the conducting of said Schools. The old Sunday school is still at work and has gained much from the Union International Lesson System we have adopted.

"At Black River we have an excellent Sunday school—where they have had none for 30 years before.

"The number of Presbyterian families—not all members of the church, but adhering to Presbyterianism—in this district of 20 miles would probably reach 24 or 27. Then there are quite a number, who do not profess anything concerning religion; but who would doubtless become interested in their soul's welfare did they have the subject presented to them by a true servant of God. This last named want I have endeavoured to meet to some extent; but it requires some one to be here all the time.

"Strong was the Presbyterian body here 25 years ago from all evidence brought to light, but without a pastor, or even preaching once a month or once in two months, they have gone hither and thither as the winds blew. They can be strong again, I am confident, if looked after. Many are the young men and women now standing with folded hands—and scores of precious lambs in the community to be trained "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

"I have held divine services once a fortnight at each place—except in one instance—that exception, being on account of extra labor in Quaco, one Sunday."

4. *St. George, Mascareen, and Pennfield.*—St. George, on the Southern shore between St. John and Passamaquoddy Bay, contains only a few families of Presbyterians, but it is the centre around which are the stations named above and Upper Mills. Mr. E. S. Bayne, son of Dr. Jayne, Pictou, was put in charge of the district one year ago. He found the people considerably disunited and disorganized, but by the blessing of God on his zeal and prudence in his visiting, preaching and prayer meetings, he left them united, and hopeful of calling a minister. He was succeeded by Mr. John Wallace, Probationer, who zealously followed up the work so well conducted by Mr. Bayne, and the result was an unanimous call, which has since been accepted, and a settlement affected of a Pastor under hopeful circumstances. The only church building is in St. George; the district is missionary in its character, and Mr. Wallace is well entitled to the cordial sympathy and aid of the whole Church, in

working this interesting field. Mr. Bayne's support from May 1st to August 17th, was provided by the people, \$151.

5. *Prince William.*—This is a vacant charge including four regular preaching stations—Lake George, Pokiok, Upper Prince William, and the Barony, besides the mission stations of Nackwick and Alledale. Mr. Ross held regular services in all four sections, preaching twice every Sabbath, and conducting prayer-meeting fortnightly. He also visited the two mission stations as time permitted. There is one Sabbath school only, which is at Lake George. Whole No. of Presbyterian families, 75.

Mr. Ross's labours were blessed. He left the people united, and earnestly desiring further supply. They provided his whole support, paying him \$170, while the Pokiok Settlement raised about \$200 for Church building. At the urgent request of the people, Mr. Ross has been sent back to prosecute the Lord's work in the same stations, during the present summer.

6. *Albert Co.*—Mr. W. P. Archibald was appointed to supply a circuit of six different places, involving a range of 100 miles, embracing in all probably not more than 10 Presbyterian families. Besides these, however, many welcome the visits of the missionary, and the services held were always well attended. The people pay \$100 besides board, for the season, leaving to be provided about the small sum of between fourteen and fifteen dollars.

7. *Glassville and Florenceville.*—An extensive missionary district contains the congregation bearing this name, including Greenfield, Shitikihawk, Glenville, and Coldstream Settlements. These have been visited by Rev. Jas. Quinn, and supplied partially by several others. But the Board remains that the Board was unable to provide the Presbytery of St. John with preachers for more than one fourth of the time. We hope better things for the present year.

#### PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

The only station supplied in this Presbytery was Kouchibouguack. Mr. D. C. McIntyre, Catechist, was employed for a time, but as the people had applied for a Probationer, with a view to a call and settlement, he was withdrawn, and Mr. Jas. Bryant, Licentiate from the American Presbyterian Church, sent in his place. After Mr. Bryant had remained there for a few months, he accepted a call duly preferred, and sent, and his induction has been delayed only until the proper credentials are received, and until Mr. Bryant returns from a visit to the United States, for the better of his health, somewhat impaired by longed study.