

side and the stars and stripes on the other, declaring the soil to be British or American, and marking the limits of both. The scenery, too, was pleasing and often romantic, bold headlands standing up, in some cases, apparently to dispute any farther progress of our steamer. But in a few moments a fine expanse opening to right or left obviates all difficulty; an appropriate illustration, said one of our number, of the way in which the way of duty and of escape from trial and difficulty will be opened up by Providence to those who go forward.

The boat stopped at St. Andrews, a quiet town which we had not time to enter, and moving on, we had at the next stopping place an addition of some 200 Sabbath School children out on a picnic from Calais, and so we had singing, and the merry laugh by turns, during the remaining portion of our progress. As we approach the two towns which occupy the banks of the river at the head of Mangaben, Calais on the American side and St. Stephen on the British side, we were struck with the evidences of wealth and taste in the suburban cottages and buildings of greater size on the river slopes. A farther acquaintance revealed two active commercial towns with all the appliances of trade and commerce, and with the evidences of lucrative traffic, as evinced in handsome houses, elegant churches, plank sidewalks extending for miles, and occasionally in connection with ornamental trees. We had expected something of this kind in reference to Calais, because we had always heard it spoken of as a *live* town. But we were agreeably surprised to find all the elements of progress quite as visible in St. Stephen's as in Calais, new houses and places of business in course of erection, broad streets, well filled stores, scores of farmers making their purchases, and every one busy. How far this trade is stimulated at present by the lower scale of duties payable on the New Brunswick side, and by the consequent demand from the other side, the writer does not know, but the stimulating effect of this border traffic is evident enough.

But we must return to the ecclesiastical. Among the various handsome places of worship the Presbyterian Church in St. Stephen, of which Rev. P. Morrison is the minister, is not the least conspicuous. It strikes the eye externally as every way symmetrical, and its spire is elegant; within, it is a gem, and reflects the greatest credit on Rev. Mr. Elder during whose pastorate it was erected, and by whose efforts a large proportion of the cost was raised.

We are sorry to find that Mr. Morrison has been quite ill, but now becoming convalescent though still confined to his room.

On the Lord's day we were all scattered about, and the following places were sup-

plied by the deputies and Missionaries:—St. Stephens, Scotch Ridge, Baillie, Tone Hill, Waweig, Digequash, Bocabec.

On Monday and Tuesday missionary meetings were held in Bocabec, Waweig and in St. Stephen's.

The two former are the chief sections of Rev. Mr. Millen's congregation, and are situated along the coast in the direction of St. George. The land is somewhat rocky and difficult to cultivate but good, and the aspect of the country very pleasing, hill and dale, forest and field, islands and inland lakes and sea being most wonderfully grouped so as to be frequently taken in at a single glance. Oak bay presents scenery of very great beauty.

Rev. Mr. Millen has a most labourious charge to which he ministers, and for whose advancement he labours, so far as we could judge from a short visit, with great devotion and perseverance.

The meetings held in his congregation were interesting, and the addresses delivered heard with great attention. Mr. Millen paid over the contribution of the congregation for the year for Foreign Missions amounting to \$28. All were deeply interested in Mr. Morton's statements and mission.

As it would be unwise to attempt any sketch of places which we have not seen we will simply say that the congregation of Baillie turned out in full force to hear Mr. Sedgwick who was favourably impressed with their numbers and attention.

Mr. Morton delivered a missionary sermon at the Scotch Ridge, where the visit of Dr. McGregor is still held in fond remembrance, and owing to the pressur of harvest work no other meeting was held here or in St. James; the other part of Rev. Mr. Turnbull's extensive charge.

Both of the brethren last named preached in St. Stephen's, also on the Lord's Day to most attentive audiences, and spoke at the Missionary Meeting held there on Tuesday evening, which was also eloquently addressed by Judge Stevens, who is a ruling elder and active supporter of the congregation.

We regret that neither Mr. Turnbull's congregation nor St. George, where Mr. S. Lawson is now labouring was visited by either of the deputies, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that we did all that could be done in the time at our disposal, and must crave a charitable construction of all omissions.

The next evening found us at Harvey, fifty miles distant, on the post line from St. Stephen's to Fredericton; and on the day following a meeting was held in Mr. Johnson's church, and the interest of a full house was maintained from three to six o'clock, the earnest appearance of these Scotsmen indicated that they wanted none