

The history of Presbyterianism began here in September, 1880, when, at the solicitation of Mr. George Burns, Rev. E. D. Millar of Lunenburg, conducted a service in the school-house below Rudolf's. There were very few Presbyterians in the place then, but they were not neglected, for Mr. Millar faithfully attended to their wants, and drove out from the town a distance of eight miles to give them a monthly service. An interest was created, the cause prospered, and, thanks to his fostering care, the two or three families are now increased to sixteen. In 1889, this station was transferred to Bridgewater congregation, which was near at hand. Service is now held in the hall twice a month. The average attendance is ninety, about one half of the audience being Presbyterians. The greater part of the population is made up of seafaring men, and men engaged in different departments of ship-building.

Directly opposite Summerside, on the west bank of the river, is Conquerall Bank. This is the most important of the five stations. Here, Presbyterians worship in a Union Church, where services are conducted on alternate Sundays by Lutheran and Presbyterian ministers. The church, which is supplied with a bell and an organ, seats two hundred comfortably. The average attendance is about one hundred and fifty, of whom one-third are Lutherans, who occupy their pews on the odd Sundays of the month, and are willing to learn what they can from a Presbyterian preacher. In this place, including a few divided households, there are twenty Presbyterian families.

Back Conquerall is the most remote station and the most scattered settlement of the group. The original settlers of this part of the country received large grants of land. The ground was hilly, so that nearly every man had some height of land which he could crown by his buildings. It was a temptation not resisted. Perhaps something of the old feudal spirit lingered in the early German settlers. At any rate they chose high land for building-sites, and the following generations are coming down hill very slowly, much to the inconvenience of the weary catechist. A seven mile drive from town takes you to the Union Church, where Lutherans and Presbyterians worship. The church accommodates about one hundred and fifty, and the average attendance, nearly a hundred, is mostly made up of