

indifferent in regard to their attendance upon Divine Worship. It was difficult to determine the best policy to pursue under the peculiar circumstances. The aggrieved party had always been very active in the support of the Church. However, after a few weeks had elapsed, the prospects began to brighten. The attendance at Divine Service increased, and gradually the affairs of the congregation became more peaceable.

In accordance with the law regulating the appointment of Church trustees, I announced a meeting to be held on the first Wednesday of July. The congregation was better represented than usual on such occasions. The old trustees had told me personally that they wished to resign. The names of seven new men, who promised to act as trustees, were obtained. These parties were nominated, and voted into office successively. The meeting passed off very harmoniously, and every person seemed satisfied. I have every reason to believe that the new trustees will efficiently perform the duties of their office, since they possess the confidence of the community. An evidence of the state of the congregation, and the willingness of the people to support the cause, was afforded by the manner in which money was collected to defray my expenses. The trustees did not begin to solicit contributions till a few days before my departure. The results of the contributions surpassed the most sanguine expectations. The collections on Sabbath nearly covered my incidental expenses amounting to \$59.50. In addition to this the Secretary of trustees gave me \$91.52½ leaving the small balance of \$4.47½ to be paid by the Home Mission Board.

THE PROSPECT.

I cannot speak very definitely in regard to the amount, which the Presbyterians of this locality could contribute to the support of a settled minister. A prominent and most enthusiastic friend of the cause in Mascareen offers to guarantee \$100 in that district. I have been informed that an equal amount could be raised at the Upper Mills. The few Presbyterians in Pennfield are not at all wealthy, but I think they could contribute \$50. St. George will expect one half of the services of a settled minister. This proportion would require the people in this place to raise \$200, and I think that the entire amount would be secured, if a minister was once permanently settled. The total would thus equal \$450. Judging from the result of their contributions during the past Summer, there is no doubt but that this sum would be realized. But I was informed by the trustees, that the contributions could not always be expected in this proportion. A considerable portion of the subscriptions was given by temporary

residents. Besides the Summer season the best for collecting. Probably \$400 could be raised without difficulty at the outset.

PASTOR WANTED.

I cannot close this report without expressing my conviction, regarding the necessity of immediate supply for this congregation. No real permanent good can be attained until a minister is settled. It is a matter of deep regret that the scarcity of labourers is so great. A wide field of usefulness and the faithful exertions of an earnest minister. The work will be hard and perhaps discouraging for the first few years, but I trust that soon a flourishing and self-sustaining congregation might be established. Granite works are employing a large number of men at present, and the business is likely to increase. The majority of strangers are Scotch Presbyterians, who would doubtless identify themselves with the Presbyterian Church, if the congregation was thoroughly organized. Alas, however, there is not much encouragement on account of the want of a minister. The feeling between the different denominations is kind and genial. Indeed this considerable feature is very prominent in St. George. A Presbyterian minister is well received and highly respected by all denominations.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I take this opportunity of returning warmest thanks, for the kindness and attention, invariably and universally shown in the prosecution of my work.

A general review of my Summer's leads me to believe that my labour was without its reward. What positive good may have followed I know not. My sincere desire and fervent prayer, the good seed which was sown, may be productive of abundant fruit. The result of attendance upon Divine Worship, the marked interest which appeared manifested, encourage the hope of a result. May the promise, "Cast thy seed upon the waters; for thou shalt find it many days," be amply fulfilled in all similar instances.

Report of Mr. D. F. Creel, Catechist.

To the Reverend the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth:

In presenting you a report of my minister's work, four points require attention.

1. THE PLACE.

The locality lies on the Lallave River, commencing about six miles above the water, and extending North about five miles. Its shape is triangular, the base forming the Southern border, the sides running North and North West.