

been occupying new fields; congregations are being formed out of those already occupied, and strenuous efforts are being put forth to reclaim lost territory. Our shore population, portions of the Western parts of the Province, and localities in New Brunswick heretofore neglected by the Presbyterian Church, are now being cultivated, and fruit is already visible.

Previous to the settlement of the Rev. D. S. Gordon at Bridgetown, little was done to supply with gospel ordinances the few scattered families adhering to us in the County of Digby. Since his settlement, however, owing to his zealous efforts, considerable attention has been given to Hillsburg, Digby town, and Bay View. In the latter locality, there is quite a promising station. A church has been built, which is now occupied. Digby town, in days of yore, comprised quite a Presbyterian population, most of which has fallen in with other denominations, though we still have a foot-hold, whilst at Hillsburg we have a few zealous ones, who are now putting forth a vigorous effort to erect a church. This settlement is quite a thriving village, presenting to the tourist a very attractive appearance. Shipbuilding is pursued extensively, and the whole village wears quite a business aspect. The Episcopalians, Baptists and Methodists are all represented, each having a church; and there are a considerable number of Second Adventists. Though our own people only comprise a few families as yet, they are on the increase, and evince considerable zeal. A meeting has lately been held for the purpose of taking steps toward the erection of a Presbyterian Church. A site has been obtained, a subscription paper drawn up and signed, and friends in St. John have extended a helping hand; and the day is not far distant when the Presbytery of Halifax will be called upon to organize a Presbyterian congregation in the County of Digby. At present, our adherents at Hillsburg deserve countenance in their laudable undertaking. They are weak in numbers, but strong in faith, and have strenuously adhered to us. There is, however much room for growth; and when we remember that our distinctive principles are but little known in many parts of the west, we feel that it is the duty of the church to endeavour to reclaim her lost ground, and plant the blue flag in this part of the Province. In the event of a minister being settled in Digby County, then we could extend our efforts still further west, until we reach Yarmouth. In the mean time, all who have been blessed with an abundance of the good things of this life, would do well to remember our struggling adherents at Hillsburg. Donations forwarded to Rev. D. S. Gordon, Bridgetown,

would be handed over to the Building Committee, and duly appropriated.

In looking at our yearly expenditures, we often observe lavishness and indulgence. Could we not, by curtailing a little and exercising some self denial, be enabled to help our struggling mission stations, in the erection of buildings for the worship of God? There are now many localities where, by aid and encouragement, Presbyterian Churches could be erected, our cause built up and maintained, and congregations formed. Hillsburg is one of these localities. Indeed, no step could be taken that would do more to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our Zion than a Church Erection Fund. We hope an aggressive effort may be made in this respect by the Presbyterian Church of British North America.

## Our Foreign Missions.

### Missionary Tour.

The Ordination and Designation services preparatory to the departure of Mr. Thomas Christie as Missionary to Trinidad, will be held (D. V.) in Yarmouth, on the evening of Thursday, the 30th October, and will therefore be past when these lines reach our readers.

The time since the meeting of the Board, reported in our last number, has been filled up by Mr. Christie in visiting congregations, and holding valedictory prayer meetings, not to speak of another interesting and important work accomplished, by the way, at Musquodoboit, of securing a partner to aid him by sympathy, companionship, and counsel in his work.

Meetings have been held in Charlottetown, Pictou, New Glasgow, Sherbrooke, Glenelg, East and West Rivers of St. Mary's, at Musquodoboit Upper and Lower, at Shubenacadie, Truro, Halifax, Windsor, Kentville, Cornwallis, and St. John, N. B.

As we expect a brief report from the Missionary in time for publication, we would only say that where proper notice was given, the collection intimated, and the weather favourable, the meetings were deeply interesting and every way satisfactory. In other cases, the object was but