

hoping if they could only obtain for their pastor the young man who supplied during college vacation three years ago, things would shortly move smoothly again, and I am rejoiced to hear that the man of their choice now fills the pastorate, Mr. Andrew Gerrie, B.A.

I spent a few days, including a Sabbath, in St. Catharines. The congregations were small. The Sunday-school gives promise of usefulness. The little children are trained not only to love the Lord but to work for Him. They have a society of "little workers," which might be copied with very great profit by every Sunday school, and if any one will write Pastor Wetherald he will have the necessary information supplied. As I have said on the occasions of my former visits to St. Catharines, before there can be much improvement in the congregation there, they must have a more suitable building, and in a more central situation.

No man can be more faithful nor more highly esteemed than our brother, the present pastor; but he works against almost insuperable difficulties.

This is all I have to say at present about the West, except to correct a mistake that I made in writing of the churches at

EDGAR AND RUGBY.

It will appear from their missionary list of collections and contributions that they have done less for the society than in the former years, when in point of fact, they have given more to missions in that Edgar Church, especially, has put about \$300 into the new and very beautiful church in Dalston. One of the last things I did for a Western church was to forward the cash to procure a communion service for Dalston, the gift of the good ladies of the Edgar church.

There are few churches in the Province that have done more in proportion to opportunities for all denominational objects than Edgar, and I would be sorry if, from a sin of omission on my part, anyone should be wounded or discouraged.

With just a passing visit to Kingston, I came right through from the Union meetings in Hamilton to the Maritime Provinces. I made my first halt at

ST. JOHN,

where I was rejoiced to find very marked indications of progress. Several improvements have been made in the building, congregations are much larger, the Sunday-school growing, and better than all, many have been added to the number of those who compose the body of Christ. Mr. Saer as usual works very hard. I think he has worked too hard, and I fear if he continues at the same rate he will not work very long. The Master said to His disciples: "Rest awhile." The St. John Church is encumbered with a heavy debt, which cripples all its operations, and weighs heavy upon the heroic pastor and the faithful few who surround him. He is planning to make a mighty effort to remove it. He intends to appeal to the sister

churches across the line, and perhaps in the mother country. Let us all pray that he may be successful.

KESWICK RIDGE

is over 100 miles from St. John and overlooks the beautiful little city of Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick. There are two preaching stations connected with the Ridge church. I found the people very much discouraged and I really think they had just reasons to be. For months without a pastor and the former pastorate terminated as it was. If our good friends in Keswick Ridge had not been so blind as to set themselves against the council system they would have been saved a good deal of trouble in this instance. They had better call a council to settle their next pastor, and require that he be dismissed in the same way.

Rev. Jacob Whitman has been supplying at my request since May, and giving great satisfaction as a supply, but at his time of life, there is no intention of settling as pastor. There is a spacious, well-finished church, perhaps the largest congregation we have in the Maritime Provinces, a good parsonage with several acres of land. It is within three miles of a railway station in one of the healthiest spots in the Dominion of Canada.

Who will go to Keswick Ridge and live and work for Christ and souls?

We wish to see a settled pastor there as soon as possible, and we will be glad to put any earnest, faithful brother into communication with the church, with a view to a call. A little missionary help may be required for the first year, but not beyond that if the right man is found. The Union meets here next year.

SHEFFIELD

is on the River St. John, and about twenty miles below Fredericton. We found the Rev. Joseph Barker still toiling here. The work must be very trying to a man who is so anxious and solicitous about results as he is, for every year families are moving away and those coming in, if any do come, belong to other churches. Yet I found the Ladies' Missionary Association had kept up its good name during the year and besides contributing to the deficiency of last year had done almost as well for this.

The Sheffield folk are zealous and make sacrifices for their denomination. It is always a pleasure to meet with them. I have to regret that I had only one night for that interesting place. I with a number of the members came along to the Union meetings at

CHEBOGUE,

which was my next point. These meetings have been so well described by yourself and others in the August number that I may pass on, after saying that this is the third Union I have had the pleasure of attending in Nova Scotia, and it was by far the best. From