

war, as we can overtake together. On completing my work I shall send in a Report. Meantime permit me to say that I am glad to perceive that the Presbytery is anxious to act liberally towards this district. The truth is that the field is by far too large for one man to work properly, *especially if he has no conveyance*. If the Presbytery could afford it, the good results that might confidently under the Divine Blessing be anticipated from the step, would amply repay the expense of keeping two labourers here during the summer months at least. When I mention that the two roads which run through the Colony are respectively about eleven and thirteen miles in length, that there are Colonists settled also along the St. John, and between that river and the Colony, and that fifty additional families are expected to arrive from Scotland towards the end of this month, you will at once perceive that there is ample scope in the Colony alone for the energetic of one man. If only one labourer can be sent, I think his labours ought to be entirely confined to the Colony and the Tobique River district. My experience entirely confirms the opinion formed by the Rev. Mr. Stewart regarding the promising nature of the field along the Tobique River, but in order to much being made of it, services would require to be held there *at least* every fortnight. The expense of maintaining two labourers even during summer would be considerable; but the Colony is willing to do what they can to meet expenses, and should I visit the Tobique district, I intend bringing the pecuniary element of the mission, specially before the people both there and at Andover.

*New Kincardine, May 22nd, 1874.*

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I beg to thank you for the offer made me which, however, I am not in a position to accept, as I purpose (D. V.) bye and bye returning to Scotland. At the same time I fully appreciate the importance of the sphere, and the superior prospects of usefulness and even of ultimate comfort which it holds out to an active and earnest labourer. Instead of sending a student or preacher *for a short period*, would it not be in the power of the Presbytery to give the Colony an opportunity of calling some one? A minister ordained over them would be in a position to work the field much more effectively than any other, and would be furnished with a horse and waggon which would enable him to accomplish more work, and to do it much more *systematically* than he could without a conveyance. A conveyance is absolutely necessary in order to work the field properly especially in winter, and even in summer. Hiring, besides being expensive, cannot always be obtained, as I experienced more

than once, requiring in consequence to leave engagements unfulfilled. You need not hesitate to encourage any young man to cast in his lot among the people here. He will be supplied with a field here and along the Tobique, where much good may be done, and in a few years the Colony will, in all probability be able to maintain a minister in perfect comfort, and even to aid in extending the Gospel around.

With regard to pecuniary matters, the Session here, has arranged to set agoing *systematic* subscriptions, which will enable even the poorest to contribute their mite, and will result in a larger aggregate in the course of the year than if a subscription were to be taken up only occasionally. I also brought the matter under the notice of the people along the Tobique, and around Andover. In the latter district a lady belonging to the Calvinistic Baptists, who who along with her husband has taken a gratifying interest in the mission, is taking up subscriptions, and will hand the proceeds over to my successor. Along the Tobique River, Mr. Jenkins of Long Island, and Mr. Alex. Briggs of Three Brooks, have cheerfully undertaken to do what they can in their respective districts. The latter has also undertaken to see Mr. Beveridge, (who was from home) on the matter, and I have no doubt, that gentleman will overtake Arthurette. I do not know whether much will be gathered. The people, it must be recollected have never been trained to give, and besides, the Colony has received the chief share of my labours. The parties, however, who have agreed to take up subscriptions in their respective districts will certainly not be lacking in the discharge of the duty they have undertaken.

*Woodstock, June 1st, 1874.*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Having brought to a close my labours in the district placed under my care by the Presbytery of St. John during the past nine months, I beg to submit my final Report, though indeed I have little to add to what I have already from time to time communicated. The Elders elect, having accepted and being ordained, had under consideration the religious wants of the young, and besides the Sabbath Schools previously existing, are using means to establish others, so that all the children in the Colony may have it in their power to attend one or other of them. They have also arranged to set agoing periodical subscriptions towards meeting the expenses of the mission; and they have meanwhile asked me to convey to the Presbytery their grateful appreciation of their great kindness and liberality, and their earnest hope that under the Divine blessing on their industry they will be in a position ere very long to relieve the mission of the pecuniary burden