

The Catechist at LOCKEPORT AND EAST JORDAN sends the following report:—

I have very little to add, in this report in addition to what is already before you. The petition which is before Presbytery, shows clearly that the people are desirous of forming a separate congregation, and with the help of the Supplement asked are ready for a minister. In this they have taken in my humble opinion, the only steps which can secure their existence as Presbyterians. They have struggled hard and have held their ground manfully, but they are being out numbered. To support them and help their growth they want the constant influence of a permanent pastor. They ask for a *large* Supplement it is true,—the cost of living being high, but I believe judging from the energy and earnestness shown this summer they will be able in a short time to do with less, perhaps be self-supporting. At Lockeport the location of the church is quite a drawback to progress, but a new church in a more convenient location is only a question of short time. At East Jordan a church building is started, every denomination helping. I think that by giving that section a permanent supply no other denomination will be needed. Ours was the only service held here this summer. In the section there are in all about 20 families, ours numbering 12, all of whom I visited, receiving from them a cordial welcome. At Lockeport we number about 32 families all of whom I visited several times. Everywhere I was received with the veriest kindness not only from our own people but from all the denominations. At Lockeport there was a Sabbath school. At East Jordan I started one and it is doing well. I started at Lockeport a prayer meeting which was well attended, and which I hope will be continued. All the services were well attended, and the people very attentive. Lockeport is a growing town, possessing an unusual amount of enterprise and energy. I do not know a field in our province which possesses so many attractions to a young man of the proper sort—possessing common prudence and a reasonable amount of godly energy. I have left them hopeful, and I trust that before long God may send to them the proper man.

In the report from DORCHESTER, ROCKLAND, PETITCODIAC AND SALISBURY, we read:—

"I spent most of my time during the past few months in Dorchester, where I am happy to say there were evidences of

increasing interest in spiritual things. We had six additions to our church here, and four in the other stations on a profession of faith; and two others had decided to come forward but were prevented by unforeseen circumstances. Most of our Rockland people have been compelled to go away from home to seek work, as the stone quarry in which they once laboured is no longer operated, and ship-building has gone down very much. In Petitcodiac also our church has suffered some loss by the exodus of a number of our members and adherents. Our course is not strong in any part of the field, yet we have among our numbers some earnest Christian men and women, and there is opportunity for plenty of work. In all the stations there are numbers who do not go to any church, and who might eventually be brought in if they were attended to.

Regarding the station of GRAND FALLS the Catechists tells us:—

I found this field sadly neglected, and no spiritual life or interest among the people, but I am thankful to say that there is now an awaking and a spirit of inquiry, many are seeking the Lord. The field is an exceedingly interesting and promising one but needs care and cultivation. I have great hopes for the future, both among the Protestants as well as among the French Romanists. We have a flourishing Sabbath School and entertain bright hopes of the children and youth, some of which are seeking the saviour. May God water the seed sown in our weakness, to him be all the glory. REPORT FROM CARDIGAN, DUNDAS, &c.

Report of missionary labour in Cardigan, Dundas, Woodville, Little Funds, and New Caledonia in the Presbytery of P. E. Island for two months viz, September and October 1883, according to appointment.

To the Moderator and other members of the Presbytery of P. E. Island in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

According to your appointment I continued labouring in Dundas and Cardigan during the month of September. During this period I have been uninterruptedly permitted to hold service every Sabbath day,—in Dundas in the morning at 11 o'clock, and in Cardigan in the evening at 3 o'clock, P. M. The attendance and attention to these services were both encouraging and satisfactory. There was an evident desire manifested among the young as well as the aged to