

REV. G. W. STEWART'S REPORT

OF HIS MISSIONARY LABORS IN MUSQUODOBOIT AND TRURO DURING THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, AND JULY, 1860.

Having received my appointments for conducting divine service for the months of May, June, and July, I accordingly set out for the town of Truro, where I officiated twice on Sabbath, the 6th of May. The attendance was good, and the attention of the audience most marked, during both services. On Sabbath, the 13th inst., I preached one discourse at North River Methodist chapel, to a very large congregation. On the afternoon of the same day, I again preached in Truro at 3 o'clock, to the usual large audience that regularly attends on that occasion.

I returned to Musquodoboit, and conducted public worship on Sabbath 20th inst., in the School House at Little River, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to a numerous congregation. At the conclusion of this service I intimated that I would (D.V.) open the new church next Sabbath. At 3 o'clock on this Sabbath I again conducted divine service, at the Middle Settlement. There was a fair attendance of devout hearers. On Sabbath, the 27th instant, I opened the new Church at Little River, by preaching from the words of King David, 1st Chron., xxix. 5, last clause, "And who then is willing to consecrate his service unto the Lord." The audience was respectable, numerous, and very attentive. The house would certainly have been crowded to the doors, as many of our friends from the Grant and Middle Settlements were prevented from attending that day, and strangers from a distance, owing to the prevalence in the Little River of the "Putrid Sore Throat Epidemic," attended in many cases there with the most fatal results. The new church has been named "St. Andrew's Church, Alder Bank." It is a handsome wooden erection, painted both inside and out, with a square tower fitted for a bell; and should this meet the eye of some benevolent and liberal Christian, there could not be a more fitting opportunity of letting his or her acts of beneficence be sounded far and wide. It can accommodate 400 hearers most comfortably, with a gallery at one end: it can be well sounded, and all can hear without any echo; with seven large windows. The pews have all been sold except two or three. It has an airy and beautiful appearance; and while it attracts the sight of the traveller by its architectural elegance, it is to be hoped it will be a lasting spiritual boon to the whole neighborhood.

At the opening service, the collection was deemed liberal, when the circumstances of the people are taken into consideration, and the pecuniary obligations under which at present they have come to render it free of all mortgages; and certainly this burden is not light—with the exception of £30 gifted in aid of its erection by a few liberal Halifax merchants; the building costs nearly £500. The people in Little River deserve much credit for their public spirit and energy in erecting such a handsome place of worship, and of bearing almost themselves its entire expense. It man-

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