

Adieu! Believe me your very devoted and respectful friend.

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To the Rev. Thomas Cumming, *Convener of Committee of Pictou Presbytery on French Mission.*

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Report of Mr. E. S. Bayne, *Catechist.*

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To the Presbytery of St. John:

Permit me to present you a report of my labours during the past Summer, in the various stations connected with the congregation at ST. GEORGE.

According to appointment I proceeded to my field of labour in time to commence Service on the first Sabbath in May. I remained in this place until the 17th of August, preaching, visiting, and performing my duties belonging to the office of a Catechist.

In St. George there are only a few families of Presbyterians, but as this place occupied the most central position, it was thought best to have service here once every Sabbath. The remainder of my time was divided between the three stations, Mascareen, Pennfield and Upper Mills. On account of there being so many places I was obliged to preach three times a Sabbath every week in order to overtake the work.

The only Church in this district belonging to the Presbyterians is in St. George. The greatest element of strength is also in this place. Several Scotch Presbyterians have lately removed here to labour in the same works. The services on Sabbath were usually well attended. A nucleus of a nice congregation might be obtained in this village, if the constant service of a minister could be obtained.

MASCAREEN.

Mascareen the Presbyterians are few and scattered, but the meetings were well attended. The Baptists have always kindly used the use of their Church. The settlers were mostly Scotch Presbyterians, but the majority have since joined other denominations. Yet there are a few who still adhere to the faith of their fathers. A large Church was built in this place about 20 years ago, but it is now in need of repair. I cannot speak too highly of the way in which I was treated in this place. I was courteously received by the Baptists and Presbyterians.

PENNFIELD.

Pennfield there are two Churches, belonging to the Baptists, and the other to the Episcopalians. There was once a large Presbyterian element in this locality, but now, only a few families remain,

but they are still anxious to have a minister, and willing to contribute to the cause. The services, which were held in the Baptist Church, were usually well attended by all Protestant denominations. I visited from ten to fifteen families in this place, who still claim to be connected with the Presbyterian Church. I found them very much discouraged on account of the irregularity of ministerial supply, but still if a minister was once permanently settled in St. George they would contribute to his support.

UPPER MILLS.

At the Upper Mills the Baptists also offered the use of their Church, which was gratefully accepted. The irregular supply of Presbyterian preaching has seriously retarded the prosperity of our Church in this quarter. My predecessor held several meetings, and the people were so much encouraged that they applied for continuance of service. Formerly this section of country was settled by a large Presbyterian element, but on account of the absence of a minister most of the people have become identified with other Churches. Yet it seemed to me as if more than usual interest was manifested in the services, for the meetings were well attended, and the contributions liberal. Several families would still remain in connection with the Presbyterian Church, if they could obtain part of the services of a minister, who was settled in St. George.

PRAYER MEETING.

In addition to preaching in these several places I held a weekly prayer meeting in a School House about a mile from the village, which was very well attended. The people appeared to look forward with pleasure, to the night appointed for the service. The interest manifested at these meetings was one of the most pleasing features of my Summer's work. I think that if these meetings had been continued, good results would have been attained.

NO SABBATH SCHOOL.

I regret my inability to organize a Sabbath School in the village. I talked to several of the parents about the matter, but found that there was no person willing to assume the responsibility of its superintendence. I could not undertake the duty myself, as my entire time on Sabbath was occupied in preaching.

REVIEW.

The first few weeks of my work in St. George were not very encouraging. There had been an unfortunate dispute between the trustees of the Church, and my predecessor. The effects of this quarrel were exceedingly detrimental to the prosperity of the Church throughout the entire community. Most of the strangers had become