

Report of Mr. E. S. Bayne.

NEW KINCARDINE, July 12th, 1875.

To the Presbytery of St. John :

The time of my service within the bounds of your Presbytery having expired, I beg leave to submit the following brief report.

According to my agreement with the Home Mission Board, I was in St. John in time to commence work on the second Sabbath of May, but owing to failure in receiving necessary directions, I was unable to fulfil my appointment to Salt Springs and Hammond River. The remainder of the time, from May 12th till July 12th, was spent in New Kincardine, with the exception of the second and third Sabbaths of June, when I was, by your permission, absent in Montreal. I have thus been six Sabbaths in the colony, and one in St. John. My services in this part of the country have been entirely confined to New Kincardine, so that I have not even visited the Tobique district. There is enough work for two or three men in this wide region. Upon inquiry I found that it would be impossible to preach to all the colonists the same day. I therefore adopted the plan of my predecessors, and gave one day to each road.

The Kincardine road is eight miles long. In the morning I preached in the open air at the Forks, and in the afternoon in a vacant house about the centre of the road. The Kintore road is 12 miles long, and has also two preaching stations. Most of my time during the week, was spent on the Kincardine road, as being the most central and convenient stopping place.

My chief work in this place consisted in preaching on the Sabbath. I found it impossible to get a conveyance without hiring one, and I did not feel authorized to put the Home Mission Board to such an expense. I thus was obliged to walk between services on Sabbath, and was able to see very few of the people in their houses during the week. No prayer meetings, except those conducted by the people on the Kintore road on Sabbath, have been held here since Rev. James Howie left the field in March. The people are scattered, and these past six weeks form the most busy season throughout the entire year.

You will observe that the contributions towards my expenses are comparatively small. But I am satisfied that the people have contributed to the best of their ability. It has required nearly all the little money which they could collect to buy seed for their farms. Most of the people so far, have scarcely raised sufficient to support their families. However, there are brighter prospects ahead, especially if the crops are

good this year. The country looks well, and there is an appearance of an abundant harvest.

The people are well instructed in the principles of religion. They are exceedingly anxious to have a minister, who would remain with them for one year at least. An ordained minister would be the most acceptable, as he could dispense the church ordinances.

Hoping that my successor may have as pleasant and profitable a time, as I have had in this field,

I remain yours respectfully,

E. S. BAYNE.

Mr. McLeod's Report.

ST. PETER'S ROAD, P. E. I., }
August 18th, 1875. }

Rev. and Dear Sir,—Please accept a brief account of my work on the St. Peter's and Brackley Point Roads for insertion in the RECORD. The Rev. Mr. Gillis gave up his charge here in April sometime previous to his embarking for Australia. I arrived and began work on the third Sabbath of May. The very cordial and genial manner in which both old and young greeted me gladdened my heart, and proved that his feeble efforts of last Autumn were not forgotten. I found that the deep snow and severe cold of the long winter taught many persons to neglect the public worship of God on the Sabbath. To bring more people to Church, to awaken the sleepers, and show them their danger to fill our pews on prayer meeting and Bible class nights I must begin

VISITATION.

I called upon the Brackley Point Road people on the first of each week and held Bible class and prayer meeting. Just as the circle of visitation widened so did our attendance at its meetings become larger. There are two sick persons in the branch of the congregation; one of them I visited very frequently. Nine years of severe pain and suffering have been preparing Miss Martin for future glory. She waits patiently. I did all my studying on the St. Peter's Road, where I returned on Tuesday or Wednesday. I spent the afternoon in visitation for the most part travelling on foot. Wednesday evening we held our Bible class and prayer meeting on St. Peter's Road. I continued visiting until nearly all the families were overtaken. I conversed and worshipped with upwards of eighty. I was not disappointed in our expectations, for by visiting and becoming acquainted with the people and their particular state, I was in a much better position to speak to them on the Sabbath.