

of Apollos—might not be inappropriate in this case; but I soon found that there were good grounds for the difference of opinion. The Church in this place was planted some forty or fifty years ago by Dr. Clarke, of Amherst, at that time a strong covenanter, and has been under his fostering care ever since. Those belonging to our Church consist principally of immigrants from other parts of the Province, or from the Mother country. It is due to this people—the Reformed Presbyterians—to say that although the lines of distinction are ever kept bright, yet with very few exceptions they are free from religious bigotry. They attended my service quite regularly, took an interest in the welfare of the cause, and treated me in a very kind and hospitable manner.

I next proceeded to JOGGINS MINES and Lower Cove, important mining districts. I also visited Minudie, a flourishing agricultural settlement. In each of these places I found from five to ten Presbyterian families

THE WEEK'S WORK.

After I had visited the various sections I commenced holding regular service and family visitation. I held service generally three times on Sabbath, and occasionally once or twice on week evenings. All the sections have comfortable churches except Lower Cove, where I preached in the school house. As a general rule I held one service every Sabbath at River Hebert, one every other Sabbath at Maccan, while I divided the remainder of the time between the other three sections. As already observed the attendance at Maccan was at first small, but in a short time it was very respectable, the house on some Sabbaths being comfortably filled. At River Hebert the attendance was very good throughout; at the Joggins small at first, but gradually improving; at the Lower Cove and Minudie respectable. I could not help noticing that in the two last named places, in Minudie more particularly, the people were ready to go to Church on stormy days as well as in fine weather.

I visited some eighty or ninety families of both sections of the Presbyterian Church, as well as of other denominations, and in all cases was most kindly welcomed.

PROGRESS.

I have already called attention to the marked improvement in Church attendance on Sabbath.

I found no Sabbath Schools or Prayer Meetings in operation where I went, but in a few weeks, schools were organized or re-suscitated in two sections. They were in operation when I left, and the attendance during the summer was good.

I urged the necessity of Prayer Meetings, but found that there were difficulties in the

way, to remove which would take some time. I met with several anxious inquirers whom I endeavoured to direct personally in the way of life. The most of these expressed a wish to join our Church, so soon as it should be organized among them.

FINANCE.

The sections had made no provision for my support, but subscription papers were soon started, and in a short time some \$230 were subscribed, not a small part of which was contributed by adherents to the other Church. In saying this I do not mean that our own people were behind in this matter, for, considering their numbers, they did remarkably well, some paying \$20 per year.

KINDNESS AND CORDIALITY.

In addition to the subscriptions I received liberal contributions from several individuals. This people have been without the services of a settled pastor for some two or three years.

I found them anxious—some of them very anxious—to have a minister to break to them “the bread of life,” and willing to contribute liberally to his support.

I shall not soon forget the marked kindness and hospitality which I received while among them. In this respect I could see no difference between our own people, and those belonging to the other Church. I could sit down for a week or a month at almost any man's table in welcome. Mr. MacAleese, Mr. Leitch, and Mr. Porter deserve especial mention for their kindness in providing me with horse and carriage whenever I stood in need in this respect.

Report of A. G. Russell, B. A., Catechist.

The following is Mr. Russell's report of Summer services, submitted to the Presbytery of St. John:

My period of service began on the 9th May, and ended on 25th August. Of the intervening Sabbaths, three were spent in Nova Scotia, in the employment of the Presbyteries of Truro and Pictou; the remainder, thirteen in all, were occupied in labouring within the field assigned me by your Presbytery.

THE FIELD TO BE CULTIVATED.

The district of country to which I was appointed lay partly in Westmoreland, and partly in Albert County, and included two stations in the former, and six in the latter. These were as follows: In Westmoreland, Petitcodiac and Salisbury, on the E. & N. A. Railway, and in Albert, Hopewell Cape, Albert Mines, Hopewell Hill and Corner, Shepody Lake and Salmon River; the first four situated on or near the Petitcodiac River, and the last nearer the Bay of Fundy