

VISITATION OF THE CHURCHES BY REV. J. FRASER CAMPBELL.

Since Mr. Fraser Campbell's appointment by the Foreign Mission Board, he has been engaged in visiting the Churches with great industry and many indications of favor of the Lord. One Sunday was spent in Pictou town, the next in Earl-town, and the next at Oxford, where the Communion was administered for the first time. The following Monday he preached in Pugwash, and he had arranged to be in River John for the next two evenings on the way to Cape Breton. He writes, "At River John prospects were bad for meeting. A splendid day for hay, much hay out, evening clouding up for rain, and the circus in the village for the night. But to my joy the big church was full, though not crowded. The circus seemed to have a poor time of it. The whole state of matters, including the manifest earnestness, greatly cheered me as affording evidence of the reality and permanency of the work of last winter. On Wednesday night the church was crowded. Collection over \$51.00."

On the following Sunday he assisted Mr. McKichan in dispensing the Communion at Broad Cove, C. B., and preached at Mabou in the evening. On Monday a meeting of the Broad Cove congregation was held, at which it was agreed (1) that it was due to the Pictou Presbytery in return for their care over them to delay entering the Union until it was known what the Presbytery would do, and (2) that they were ready to enter the United Church whenever the Presbytery agreed to do so: and the hope was generally expressed that the Presbytery would see its way to unite before the meeting of Synod in October.

On the Tuesday following, Mr. Campbell spoke at Lake Ainslie. On Tuesday evening and on Wednesday morning at Whycocomagh. On Thursday at Little Narrows. And on the Sabbath at Middle River.

On Monday, Aug 16th, he went to Port Hawkesbury to meet Rev. Messrs. Muir and Playfair. The esteem in which these fathers hold Mr. Campbell may be estimated from the fact, that their sole object in visiting Cape Breton was to meet him. They informed Mr. Grant

that they could spend only one day in Halifax, as they must see Mr. Campbell, and he accordingly telegraphed him to meet them. A private letter from Mr. Campbell gives an account of his and their movements on the following days. He writes:

"I was in doubt when I received your telegram whether they were coming to meet the congregations or to see scenery, but finally concluded that, as they were to remain only two days, it could not be the former, and therefore must be the latter. I made arrangements accordingly either to drive them to Middle River, Margaree, Broad Cove, &c., or to accompany them to Sydney; and even when I learned what their principal object was, I wished them to see as much as possible, and left the choice of routes with them. They chose Sydney, and we came on. On the way Mr. Muir expressed a wish to be with me in one of my meetings, and to help me. So, though I had on reception of your telegram refrained from making any appointments for the week, I arranged to be in Little Glace Bay on Wednesday night. Our intimations were not very well circulated through various circumstances, but in these mining places it is easy to send word around, and a fair audience gathered, though somewhat late. I addressed them and Mr. Muir spoke shortly also, Mr. Playfair leading in prayer. We spent the whole day among the mines, &c.; went down the Reserve mine, visited two schools, &c., and they seemed to enjoy the day. After the meeting I drove them into Sydney, and saw them on board the steamer, which left about six o'clock next morning for West Bay.

"I was inclined to return with them that far, but duty seemed opposed to inclination, and I decided—especially as they were unwilling that I should leave my work—to have a meeting at Lorway Mines on Thursday evening, and one at Cow Bay on Friday evening. In either case I had arranged to be in Sydney on Sabbath, for which day both congregations had invited me. This arrangement I had carried out."

Since Sunday, the 22nd, his movements have been as follows:

"I spoke to-day (Aug. 23rd) at Jitch's Creek, where they had the Communion yesterday, and am (D. V.) to speak at Sydney Mines to-morrow night, Little Bras d'Or, Wednesday; Big Bras d'Or, Thursday forenoon; and W. end of Boularderie Friday forenoon; Forks, Baddeck