

them altogether destitute of gospel ordinances, it was agreed that I should take the pastoral care of this section, and preach in it every ninth Sabbath. This I continued to do up to the date of the disjunction. And the result was that they paid up, that they now form a part of the congregation, and are as enthusiastic and desirous to have the ministrations of a resident minister in Pugwash as any section of the congregation.

But this is not the only field reclaimed or taken possession of during the past six and a half years. Oxford on River Philip, distant from Victoria about 7 miles, and from Pugwash 16, is a village which has grown very rapidly during the past few years, and promises to grow, on account of the establishment of Woollen and Wooden Factories in it. Before the introduction of these new industries there were only one or two Presbyterians in it, but now there are quite a number of families whom I have visited, and who are prepared to pay a liberal share of the stipend of the minister who may be settled at Pugwash.

Extension of my labours was not the only sign of increasing prosperity. The Communion Roll also grew. The average attendance at the Sabbath services more than doubled at nearly all the stations. The contributions to the general schemes of the church would compare favourably with those of much larger, older and wealthier congregations.

When, then, so much was done, under the goodness and guidance of the Blessed Lord and Master by the little time and attention I could give, how much more may we not expect to be done by one who can give all his time and energies to this inviting and interesting corner of the Vineyard? Laborious it was to give even the little that was given. A little before the separation of the congregations, one of the Brethren visited this part, and, when his Sabbath day's work and travel were ended, he learned, to his astonishment, that he had travelled well nigh to 48 miles. On this discovery he enquired if such a feat had ever been performed before, and, when told that it was by no means an uncommon one, his increased amazement may be more easily imagined than described.

Here it may be stated that for these increased labours I never received one cent over the \$200 originally promised. Any contributions given by Victoria and Oxford went into the general funds, from which I just received yearly \$200. But on reading this, it may be said, that as far as the support of ordinances is concerned, there has been no gain. Such an inference would be wrong. For the contributions of these additional sections enabled the Trustees,

without any difficulty, to pay my stipend in full to the date of separation—a thing which they found very difficult to do at the departure of my predecessor; and which they only did by drawing on their own purses—one of them having to give over and above his own liberal subscription \$32 to pay the arrears accumulated at the end of the two years' incumbency of their first resident minister. The Trustees were also enabled to acquire funds to procure a manse and glebe. These have been secured in a very beautiful and desirable part of Pugwash, and, with a little outlay on this property, it will become one of the most valuable in connection with our church.

Pugwash, then, has become a most desirable and promising charge. Its extent will be about 16 miles by 8, embracing from 90 to 100 families; while to the South and West there is still much land to be possessed. When the separation was being accomplished, word came that, if I would remove to Pugwash a number of Presbyterian families to the west of Pugwash would join our congregation. It was with deep mutual reluctance and sorrow, that last October the pastoral tie which had existed for 6 years was severed. Not from feeling, but from duty and regard to the welfare of immortal souls, was the act of separation accomplished. My choice of Wallace was made only in view of the stronger claims they had by the fact of my residence being there, and of their liberality in building a manse three or four years ago. Pugwash is a most inviting field for a man of energy and tact, for a man who is not afraid of work, which, though laborious, will yet be remunerative in every sense. The congregation is united and enthusiastic. In it are many men of prayer and zeal and liberality. May the Lord send soon a suitable labourer to this corner of the Vineyard!

2nd. We now turn to Wallace. During the existence of the union, the Wallace section of the united congregation was not altogether neglected, nor did it rest on its oars. In the matter of church property there has been considerable increase and acquisition. The church in the village, which in 1866 was much in need of repairs, has been renovated both inside and outside. A small but comfortable church has been finished at a cost of \$1000, by the people of Fox Harbour. It is generally so crowded at the Sabbath day service, that the building of an addition to it as absolutely necessary, is spoken of. At the Stake Road there is being built a commodious and comfortable church,—the schoolhouse in which this section of the congregation has hitherto worshipped, having become inconveniently