

office throughout the whole extent of his congregation, showed much zeal and spent much labour, especially in the earlier period of his ministry, in extending the Gospel to the regions beyond. Most of the settlements from St. Mary's to Canso, and some to the westward of St. Mary's, were visited by him, and several times he visited Cape Breton, in portions of which, his labours are still remembered with gratitude. The following memorandum, found among his papers since his decease, will afford an idea of his energy in prosecuting such work:—

"Left home on Friday, for Guysborough and Canso; arrived at Guysborough on Friday night; preached at Clam Harbor on Saturday, at Guysborough twice on Sabbath. On Monday, preached at Crow Harbour; on Tuesday and Wednesday at Canso. On Thursday morning, preached at Crow Harbour, at 12 o'clock at Jamison's, and again at Guysborough at 4 o'clock. Returned by Antigonish and reached home after dark on Saturday. Preached at Caledonia on Sabbath. Found letters awaiting me, urging me to proceed to Mabou without delay. Left home on Wednesday, preached at Port Hood on Friday, at Mabou on Saturday. Remained two Sabbaths, preaching almost every day or evening. Returnin home was detained at the Strait of Canso by a storm, and only got within eight miles of Glenelg on Saturday night. On Sabbath morning reached the church and found my people all assembled, waiting for me. I bless God for putting me into the ministry, and hope that I may be enabled to continue in it till the end of my days. In four weeks and three days I have travelled 470 miles on the same horse, and preached thirty-five times, besides delivering private addresses."

The increase of his own congregation, and the failure of his strength, to which we shall presently advert prevented the prosecution of this kind of work as he desired, and the want of ministers at that time, prevented the Presbyterian Church from following up his labours; and thus the opportunity of occupying a large and promising field of home missionary effort passed away, and even ground which had been occupied was lost. The want has since been partially supplied by other denominations but still, we believe, that these shores yet present an inviting field of home Missionary effort, which the Presbyterian Church for her own interest, and for the good of souls will do well not to neglect.

#### INTEREST IN GENERAL CHURCH BUSINESS.

Mr. Campbell, through his whole career, manifested the deepest interest in all the efforts of our church, for the extension and perpetuation of the Redeemer's cause on earth. The intimate companion of Dr.

Geddie during his student life, he warmly supported the Foreign Mission from its inception. Often in public he invoked the Divine blessing on the movement; and, among his jottings for private prayer, were found on his study table, when he was removed from it, the words—Missions, New Hebrides, &c.—Dr. Geddie.

But we venture to say that Home Missions had quite as large a place in his heart. His views of his call as a minister of Christ, and his circumstances, combined to make him as truly a missionary as a pastor; and we know of no minister in our church, or in the Lower Provinces, who displays a more intelligent and apostolic zeal for the evangelisation of our whole population. This zeal, sometimes displayed itself in prayers and efforts to increase the number of our students and ministers; and again in a forwardness to seize on important positions to be occupied for the Master, from which to press forward to others beyond. As one example of this, we venture to say that his zeal and promptings had more to do with the initiation and success of the movement, which issued in the formation of Poplar Grove Church, than the efforts of any other one person within or without the city of Halifax.

But he loved the prosperity of Zion on every side and in all aspects—rejoicing in the progress of his own church, but not the less in every triumph of the Redeemer's Kingdom. He was never absent from a meeting of Synod, till ill-health forced him to stay at home. And although his isolated position, distant from the central positions of the church, prevented his being actively engaged in the management of the public business of the church, yet none felt deeper interest in all her measures, and, as far as he had opportunity, he spared no effort for their promotion.

His active mind was often engaged in revolving on plans for the advancement of the interests of religion. The following extract of a letter, whatever weight we attach to his views, may be regarded as characteristic of the man:—

"I think we are not doing enough for the cause of our Master. My own health, has been so bad for some time, that I could hardly get along at home. It is better now a great deal, but I dare not venture above a certain distance yet. If my health continues, I will try to do more to advance the interests of religion than I am doing. In Pictou, where there are so many of our ministers and people together, I think that more ought to be done. The cause of general education is in a very backward state in our Province, might there not be a meeting to stir up the people to do more for it. The cause of Sabbath schools is in a backward condition, something should be