

she thought it a duty—but simply to get rid of the persistent urgency of her friends. It must be borne in mind that these poor people have only reached the threshold of Christian knowledge—that they are but children who need the strong arm of persons of greater attainments to lean upon. They have not been accustomed to think for themselves and they cannot be taught to do it in a day. The Missionaries carefully grounded them in the leading principles of the Gospel. The outline hastily conveyed needs to be filled in by mature and deliberate instruction. This is part of the work which the Head of the Church now devolves upon us.

Another part of the work consists in the religious education of the youth connected with the families into which God has given us a door of entrance. There is a special call here for the work of the Sabbath School. But how can this be done? How can the gospel be preached to the parents or the heavenly bread broken to the children, without a place of meeting? In the village of Grand Falls there is but one Protestant place of worship, and that an Episcopal Church of the *high stripe*. There is not a Presbyterian Church in the County of Victoria—one of the largest counties in New Brunswick. A lonely feeling crept over me as I realised this fact in the face of that other fact, that God has thrown upon us the responsibilities of this Acadian Mission. There are very few Presbyterians at Grand Falls—in fact very few Protestants of any denomination. I found our Missionaries in excellent repute and our Mission popular with all classes. This was decidedly encouraging. The French people assured me that the field was ripe for Mission work among their countrymen to an indefinite extent up the noble St. John. This was stimulating. We kept the matter moving during the intervening days and on Sabbath almost the whole Protestant population of the village assembled to hear the Word. Intimation was made morning and evening of a meeting on Monday evening to take steps for the erection of a Presbyterian Church. In the afternoon I had the pleasure of aiding in

the organization of a Sabbath School, at which some of the young French people will attend in the meantime. On Monday evening the meeting took place. That meeting was a curiosity. It was a queer place wherein to launch the project of erecting a Presbyterian Church. There were present—five Presbyterians, not one of whom is a church member as far as I know; five Baptists, representing three divisions of the Baptist body; four Episcopalians and two Wesleyan Methodists—in all sixteen. A good Baptist was called to the chair and a good Methodist acted as Secretary. The situation was laid before them as clearly as possible, and I must say that I never attended a more heartsome and pleasant meeting. There were no stipulations made, but it was understood that the proposed church should belong exclusively to Presbyterians, but that it should open to ministers of the other denominations represented when occasion might arise, and the building was not occupied by Presbyterians. This is only a courtesy which we habitually extend in outlying districts when the population is scattered and places of worship few. A suitable series of resolutions was then adopted, and the very respectable sum of \$350 was subscribed on the spot. An efficient building committee was appointed, which includes the names of two members of the Acadian Mission Committee, and the subscriptions made payable in two equal instalments on the first Tuesdays of June and October. Between four and five hundred dollars will be available from persons living in the County of Victoria. It is obvious that help must be extended to our spirited friends there, not one of whom can be considered wealthy, and I humbly hope that when the appeal is made to our people the response will be prompt and liberal. We must show Romanists that we can not only take possession of the ground, but that we can hold it. We must show our beloved people, just emerging from darkness into Gospel light, that we sincerely love them and are prepared to make sacrifices for their sake.

The proposed erection need not be large,