

town on a most excellent harbour on the eastern bosom of P. E. Island. It carries on an extensive trade both with the old world and the new, and will doubtless increase very greatly by means of the railway which is now in progress. The great majority of its Protestant population are adherents of the good old Church of Scotland. They have a beautiful Kirk, which is now beginning to seem rather small for their steadily increasing congregation. They have also provided a large and commodious house, with garden and outhouses, to confirm their affectionate regard for minister and for their Lord's cause. They have a flourishing Sabbath School, which is also steadily increasing, and their weekly Prayer Meeting and Bible Class are quite a congregation, attended alike by old and young, male and female.

But while Georgetown is the headquarters of the parish, alike in population and in learning, in enterprise, wealth and organization, still Cardigan presses nobly forward to the front, and almost rivals Georgetown itself. Its Protestant population are chiefly Presbyterians, and they have also a neat Kirk, which is already small enough for them. It is about seven miles from Georgetown. I preach in Georgetown Kirk every Sabbath forenoon, and in Cardigan Kirk in the afternoon. The congregation at Cardigan is young, healthy, and rapidly rising in importance. Its people, young and old, are earnest, affectionate and progressive. Besides Cardigan proper, this congregation includes New Perth, Brudenel, and several other rising settlements.

My third congregation is Montague. I preach at the Bridge Temple every alternate Sabbath evening, and have done so without fail throughout this very stormy winter, although it is five miles from Georgetown. The people of Montague are enterprising and intelligent as well as social and brotherly. Their village is a place of considerable business, as the bridge is the head of navigation on the beautiful river Montague. I have always had a good audience there in spite of storms and frost. I have also had the privilege of initiating a Union Sabbath School there, which they have very ably sustained, so that it

is but little behind our Sabbath School at Georgetown. Indeed there is an honourable kind of emulation between Georgetown and Montague. May they "provoke one another to love and good works!" Montague is fast rising into importance; its people are public-spirited, and its future is bright with hope.

I preach also at lower Montague every alternate Monday evening, where a goodly nucleus of Presbyterians have almost finished their neat new church. The majority of them belonged formerly to the sister Synod; but their minister, the Rev. Mr. Lawson, has, in the most brotherly spirit, transferred them to my care; as he has a very large parish besides. We are about to set up a Sabbath School there also in the new church.

Besides these four centres I am repeatedly called away to outlying stations for lectures, funerals, marriages, and other services. The country around is well settled, to be a new country, and there are young hamlets and infant settlements springing up here, there, and everywhere in the far backwoods. Week after week I am still discovering new groups of secluded settlers afar off, with their quiet homes "beside the gently winding streams," or dwelling solitarily in the lone forests. (which are, here, of the brightest emerald green, intermingled with rich, ruddy and auburn hues), as well as along the highways and byways of our lovely Isle.

In this wide parish we have altogether about 200 families in adherence to our dear ancestral Church of Scotland. And I almost fear to write you how large those families generally are. You will pause in doubt when you hear that ten or twelve children of one marriage are not rare; and that thirteen or fourteen are not a-wanting!

I have been only about six months in this parish; but during that time we have been enabled to institute five new Sabbath Schools, besides those already instituted, and they bid fair to become a great boon to the young. We have also instituted a Young Men's Christian Association in Georgetown, which is doing worthily, and so are our Temperance Societies and other social reunions. We have also had a large increase of communicants, young and