

shortly before I came, and once for another preacher. In the other churches when they have no preaching they have Sabbath School or some sort of meeting, but there was nothing of that kind in ours last summer. How many of them observe family worship I know not, I know there are a few, but I believe there are only very few communicants among them all. There are one or two persons here who are Israelites indeed, but their courses are almost run out, and unless the young will come up speedily to the help of the Lord there will be none to hold up the banner of

OUR SERVICE.

The people speak Gaelic but understand English with few exceptions. Immediately after the morning service I have a Gaelic prayer-meeting. I am able myself to read a chapter in that language by studying it through the week, and there are two or three men who will lead in prayer. In the afternoon I have Sabbath School, and at the close of the School preaching again, but there are no meetings during the week, the people are too busy to attend at this season of the year.

ORETICAMP.

Last Sabbath I was at a French settlement about 25 miles from here. There are five families of Protestants scattered among the French, doing business principally; and a large fishing firm from Jersey, where there are about 40 Jersey men of the English Church, but there is no Episcopal minister near, so I took the responsibility on myself without consulting Presbytery, to give them a day. They are principally young men, about 25 years of age, and well conducted. I feel sorry that they are spending the most precious portion of their life without any religious influence. We found a central house in which to meet, but at a considerable distance from the other families on both sides, and also from the fishing establishment. There were between 30 and 40 persons present, both morning and afternoon, some of whom came about six miles, nearly all of them three.

One or two of the families who are Presbyterians, go over to Margaree Harbor when Mr. Grant preaches there, but few of those who are at the factory can go as they have no conveyance. I made arrangement for a prayer-meeting at N. E. Margaree on Sabbath when I was away.

Yours truly, ADAM GUNN,

A few words from Upper Prince William.

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"I remember my faults this day." I should have written to you some time ago, but I have so much work to do that I can

scarcely find time. As you know doubtless, I am laboring in Upper Prince William, the congregation last under Rev. S. McCully's charge. It is on the St. John River, about 25 miles above Fredericton. The charge embraces four stations. The Presbyterians here had no supply during the winter, so that when I came here my first meetings were discouragingly small, but now through God's blessing I trust, I preach to full, very often crowded houses, and I feel that I have reason to believe that the Lord is among us. Last winter I had almost made up my mind to teach school during the summer, but I have reason to thank Him that He has sent me here. Six or seven years ago a Presbyterian Church was built in one of my stations, and the outside finished. Since that time nothing was done to it. This summer they have resumed the work and at present are pushing it forward with energy. I believe that ere the cold weather sets in the building will be finished. I was thankful to see that one or more persons of means who in past years were not very active in advancing the great work, are taking a leading and active part this summer. I preach twice every Sabbath besides some mission work. I hold weekly prayer-meetings which I conduct as Bible-Class meetings. They are well attended. There is one Sabbath School in the congregation doing well.

In this section of country nearly all denominations are represented, Baptists [in the majority] Methodists, English Church, Roman Catholics and Presbyterians, with all I am on friendly terms. The Baptists turn out very well to our meetings. I am, on the whole, much encouraged. I study very closely, and I feel a pleasure in doing so. If we feel and preach the dying love of Jesus He will bless our labors. I try to feel like John: "He must increase, but I must decrease." "Brethren pray for us."

Yours very respectfully,

W. Ross, Catechist.

A letter from a Parsee in the Bombay *Guardian*, expresses a strong conviction of the truth and authority of Christianity, and the editor from his personal experience, testifies that "hundreds" of Parsees in Bombay entertain similar sentiments. The Parsees in Bombay are but a small number—only forty thousand. We may safely say that hardly one educated Parsee believes in the divine mission. The marvel and the sorrow is that individual profession of faith is so exceedingly difficult to an Oriental. But the gregarious character that now makes it so difficult for one to come out from his fellows will, by and by, bring the Parsees over *en masse*.