

It ought to be mentioned, however, that the Rev. Mr. Nicholson, of Campbellton, N. B., has always taken a deep interest in this place. During one summer he visited New Carlisle, and preached over once a month ; but when it is stated that his residence is fully sixty miles from that place, and that he has three stations of his own to attend to, it is not surprising that he has discontinued these visits ; and now for three years the people in this district, have been without any ministration of the ordinances of the gospel at the hands of Presbyterians, except when Mr. Nicholson or some other minister has happened to visit them.

It ought to be mentioned, that the great body of the people throughout this district were originally Presbyterian, but what from the neglect of their own Church, and intermarriages with Episcopalians, a great many of them have united with the Episcopal Church.

In the missionary district which I have mapped out, there are four Episcopal churches, viz : at New Carlisle, Pasdebiac, Shigouac, and Port Daniel, and these are served by two resident ministers. In the same district there are two Presbyterian churches, one at New Carlisle, and one at Port Daniel, but no minister, no missionary, and none to break the bread of life among the famishing people. In this district there are about 80 Presbyterian families, or parts of families, belonging to the Presbyterian Church.

In these circumstances, it is not wonderful that a large number of people, originally Presbyterians, have joined the Episcopal Church. The wonder is, that so many still remain true to the Church of their fathers ; and in what has taken place here, we see a specimen of what has taken place in many other localities, from the neglect or inability of the Presbyterian Church. I feel increasingly convinced that our Church has erred in requiring a high and uniform standard of education for all its ministers, while souls are perishing for lack of knowledge, and numbers of our people availing themselves of the services of other denominations.

I commenced my labours at New Carlisle on Sabbath the 14th August. The little church which is seated for about 150 was about half filled in the forenoon. In the evening it was well occupied though not quite full. The church is neat and comfortable, with Gothic windows, and surrounded by a church-yard, well enclosed.

I preached here again on Wednesday evening to an audience of about 70 ; and on Friday started for Hopeton, some 10 miles down the bay. Here I preached in a school house to a considerable audience. On Saturday morning I had a service in a private house where I baptized two twin children. In the afternoon I started for Port Daniel, which is about 14 miles farther down the bay. On my way I called on Mr. Bryce, the school master at Shigouac, who was formerly an attendant on my ministry in Quebec. I was glad to find him comfortable and doing well, and especially glad to find that he teaches a flourishing Sabbath School. We made arrangements for a meeting in the school house on Monday the 22nd.

On reaching Port Daniel I was sorry to find that the letter announcing my arrival, and making a preaching appointment for that night, had not been received. I thought it right, however, to go to the church at the appointed time, where I found some five or six people only assembled. I engaged only in prayer, and the meeting small as it was, afforded a good means of getting intelligence spread regarding the regular service on the following forenoon.

The church here is a respectable looking building, and all finished except the pulpit and seating, which are very temporary. It is surrounded by a church yard, but there is no fence about it. The congregation on the Sabbath forenoon amounted to about 80. But though the congregation was smaller here than at New Carlisle or Shigouac, Presbyterianism is stronger, a much larger number of the people having continued staunch to their Presbyterian principles.

Immediately after the conclusion of the service, I started for Hopeton, where