

awakening and conversion of the people. I pray that God may abundantly bless what was done.

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*Missionary Report to the Presbytery of Pictou by
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In accordance with the wishes of the Presbytery, I beg, most respectfully, to submit the following statement or report, which, for the sake of method, I may begin from the time at which I first commenced my missionary labours within their bounds.

On the 10th of February last, I arrived at Wallace, and since that period to the present time, about three-fourths of my services have been rendered to Wallace and Pugwash. Towards the middle of May, I left Wallace for P. E. Island, where I staid about six weeks, labouring chiefly at Georgetown. In the beginning of July, I again returned to Wallace, and remained in that district till the end of August, when, in accordance with the requisition of the Presbytery, under whose direction I had now put myself, I exchanged with Rev A Pollok, of New Glasgow, on Sabbath, the 2d of September; The following three weeks I spent on P. E. Island, officiating in Georgetown on the 9th of September and in Charlottetown, (St. James') on the two succeeding Sabbaths, to enable the Rev. William Snodgrass to visit the former locality, and administer to the members of our Church there the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

On returning from the Island, I visited Roger's hill, where I preached on the 30th of September.

Since I first came within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou, to the date of this report, embracing a period of seven or eight months, I find from my memorandum book, that I have, in all officiated on seventy different occasions, including services on fast days and other special occasions.

The following is a list of the various destitute localities in which I have officiated, during the above period, and of the services rendered at them respectively.

| | No. of sermons preached. |
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| Wallace | 18 |
| Pugwash | 12 |
| Stake Road | 6 |
| Fox Harbour | 2 |
| Victoria Settlement | 2 |
| Georgetown | 9 |
| Gulf Shore | 2 |

In addition to these, I have also officiated incidentally or by way of exchange, at the following places, viz: St. Andrew's Pictou; St. James', Charlottetown; Gareloch, and St. Andrew's, New Glasgow. The exact number of times, however, need not here be specified. Suffice it to say that besides fast days and other occasions, I have officiated regularly every Sabbath since I came within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Such being a brief outline of my missionary labours, I now proceed to enter more

minutely into detail, with the view of laying before the Presbytery such information as I have been able to collect, and other matters connected with my various fields of labour.

1. WALLACE.—The district of Wallace is perhaps one of the largest and most important fields within the sphere of my missionary labours. Having resided in the village ever since I came within the bounds of the Presbytery, (with the exceptions already noticed) I have had various opportunities of becoming acquainted with our people, the most of whom, I may mention, belong to the country parts around Wallace, rather than to the village itself; a considerable proportion residing at Fox Harbour, and in the direction of the Ridge and Stake Road. Several of our people also come from considerable distances to attend worship at Wallace. The church is capable of holding about 400 persons; and I am glad to have it in my power to say that it is generally very well filled, and the numbers in attendance decidedly upon the increase. There is also a Methodist Meeting House in our neighbourhood which is the only other place of worship in the village, with the exception of a very small Episcopal chapel, which is now being erected about a mile to the westward of Wallace. I mention the fact of the Methodists having a station in this quarter, because it accounts for the difficulty I have found in estimating the number of our people usually in attendance on Sabbath, as I believe that some of the members of that denomination not unfrequently attend our Church, when there is no service in their own. With a view, however, to greater accuracy, and in order to arrive at the numerical strength of the Congregation, it was my intention, during the summer, to make up a statistical account of the district; and for that purpose I would have had to visit every family: but I found, after a little consideration of the matter that it would be better, in the meantime at least, to defer taking this step, which, from the extent of country, would occupy more time than my other arrangements would permit. A list such as I now speak of, showing in detail the names and residences of the members and adherents of our church, with the number and ages of their families, and such like information, could not fail to be interesting, and besides would form an excellent basis for organising the congregations of Wallace and Pugwash. It is therefore my intention, should I continue to labour as I am now doing, to carry out this plan, whenever circumstances may permit; and I am sure the Presbytery will not consider the time thus occupied to be ill spent. I also intended, had I remained longer in the district, to establish a Sabbath School, for the benefit of the youth of both sexes connected with the congregation at Wallace, as well as a Bible Class for the instruction of those more advanced in years. In a place like Wallace, where there are

so many young people, and, so far as I am aware, no other institution of the kind, I believe much good could be done by the establishment of a Sabbath School; and I sincerely trust that, as I cannot, under existing arrangements, at present do more than express my willingness to co-operate in so good a design, there may be found, among our people, those who will do what they can to promote such a work of faith and labour of love. I may further mention that it was also my design to divide the district into sections, and to fix certain places for holding Diets of catechising; but for the reason already mentioned, this has in the meantime been delayed at least until the Presbytery shall arrange as to the future distribution of my services.

II. STAKE ROAD.—This station, around which a considerable number of our people reside, is situated about five miles to the East of the Village of Wallace. At first, when I went to preach in that quarter, I had to officiate in a private house. This I did several times last winter after preaching in the village church in the forenoon. Latterly, however, we have been much better accommodated in a school-house which has lately been erected by some of our people in that neighbourhood. The building is of considerable size, being capable, I should say, of holding about 150 people; and it was very properly made so large in order to answer the two-fold purpose of a preaching station as well as of a school-house. As regards the former, it has, I believe, an excellent situation, occupying a central position, and can easily be reached by those who would perhaps find the distance to Wallace too great for them, more especially when travelling is bad. I may mention that I look upon this station as a decidedly important position. On every occasion I visited it, the room was crowded, and if there were anything like regular service, such as once a month, by the missionary labouring at Wallace, I believe a few would be added to the ranks of Scottish Judah.

III. FOX HARBOUR.—Several times last Winter, I officiated in a small school-house here, when, though the weather always happened to be unfavorable, there was a very good attendance. Since then, a new and commodious school-house has been erected, which might answer very well for an occasional preaching station; and the most of those residing in the neighbourhood are strongly attached to our beloved Zion—that holy and beautiful house, where our fathers worshipped—I have no doubt that divine service would always be well attended, even on week days.

IV. PUGWASH.—Although in the meantime this district, in point of the number attached to our Church, is inferior to Wallace, there can be little doubt, considering its great natural advantages, that it will prove a very desirable position for settling