

long they shall again hear the "glad sound" from the lips of some "man after God's own heart," who will be willing to cast in his lot with them, and break to them the bread of life.

GAIRLOCH, too, is now among the "basic places" of Zion, for we see by the Canada Presbyterian that the Rev. Mr. Brodie was to have been inducted to the pastoral charge of Lochail, Glengarry, on the 30th Sept.

'Twas not "mair stipend" called him hence, This much we vouch in his defence.

SALT SPRINGS CONGREGATION met on the 8th Sept. to hear the Synod's delegates on "Union." Only one of the two invited was present, viz.: the Rev. G. M. Grant, M. A., of Halifax, whose enthusiasm the "many waters" of the preceding stormy day could not quench. Notwithstanding the unfavourableness of the weather on the day appointed for meeting, the attendance was good. Mr. Grant gave a very clear, dispassionate, exhaustive statement of the "Rise and Progress" of the Union Movement, after which a vote was taken, showing the feeling to be more against than for Union yet.

THE Rev. W. McMillan, pastor of the Saltsprings congregation, being appointed one of the delegates to the Evangelical Alliance Conference in Montreal, is away to spend his holiday where he can add profit to pleasure.

CONGREGATIONAL WORK IN PUGWASH.

We gladly give place to the subjoined Report of Congregational work, by the pastor of the church at Pugwash, which furnishes, at the same time, an idea of the relative strength of the different sections of the congregation:—

It is now a year since I have been settled in this congregation. We have just had our yearly Communion service and our yearly business meeting. So I am in a better position now than at any previous time to speak of the congregation, and to compare its present condition with what it was a year ago.

Extent of Congregation.—There are five sections where divine service is held regularly:—1. *Pugwash*—in the church, two services every three weeks; 2. *Victoria*—in school house; 3. *Oxford*—

in the Baptist meeting-house; 4. *Rockley*—in the school house; 5. *Pugwash River*—in Temperance Hall. In each of these we hold one service in three weeks.

On the day I visit Victoria and Oxford, I generally have a third service at the Railway station at Thomson Pond.

There are several families in Goose River Settlement whose parents in Scotland belonged to the Established Church. Not having a minister of their choice, they connected themselves long ago with the Reformed Presbyterian body of that place. Of late years, the Reformed Presbyterians have been unable to keep a pastor. The families above mentioned, therefore, desire to be connected with our congregation, and have asked for a part of my services. By having three services the day I preach in Pugwash and Rockley, I can give them one service in three weeks.

Number of Families.—When I came here there were about 80 families pointed out to me as belonging wholly or partly to us. During the year, ten more associated themselves with us wholly or partly. In several of these it is only one of the parents that is at present Presbyterian. The families are located thus:—

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| 1. <i>Pugwash Section.</i> —The Village, 10, | |
| Gulf Shore, 6; River Philip road, | |
| 4; Pugwash River, 16, | - 36 |
| 2. <i>Victoria Section.</i> —Victoria and | |
| Birch Ridge, 18; Thomson Pond, 4, 22 | |
| 3. <i>Oxford.</i> — | - 11 |
| 4. <i>Rockley.</i> —Rockley, 14; Eel Creek, | |
| 7, - - - - - | 21 |
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Number of Members.—Before our Communion last year, as accurately as I can ascertain, there were in the congregation 86 communicants. At that Communion four joined, and at our last, twelve. So our present number is 102.

These are distributed as follows:—

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| Pugwash Village, 11; Pugwash River, | |
| 26; River Philip road, 6, - | 43 |
| Victoria and Birch Ridge, - | 17 |
| Rockley and Eel Creek, - | 25 |
| Gulf Shore, 8; Goose River, 4, - | 12 |
| Oxford, 5, - - - - - | 5 |
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