

for these things?" The answer is at hand—"Our sufficiency is of God." "My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.

Home Mission.

Report of Mr. John Pollock.

DEAR SIR,—The following is a statement of my labours in the several places to which I was sent during the summer. All of May and two weeks of June I spent with the St. Croix and Ellerhouse people, preaching once every Sabbath in each of these places. In St. Croix I usually had a prayer meeting on Sabbath evening, and Bible class and a prayer meeting during the week. I cannot speak too highly of the St. Croix people. Their love for and attendance upon the ordinances is very commendable, and encouraging to any one labouring among them; and from what I have learned in conversing with them, they seem to be willing and anxious to do what they can towards the support of a minister among them. They can now raise between five and six hundred dollars towards a minister's stipend, and I have no doubt they would soon raise more.

In St. Croix, the congregation is somewhat scattered, but the exercises in the church are always well attended; and in the different parts of the congregation, cottage prayer meetings are held during the week, when there are no services in the church. These are always well attended, and the exercises conducted in a lively, social manner. I attended these meetings as often as I could, and found them pleasant and profitable. I visited nearly every family in the place, and was always well received. I found several young persons ready to connect themselves with the church whenever an opportunity was given. There is no church organization in St. Croix, but about forty church members, having their membership in Windsor, Brooklyn, are ready to form one.

At Ellerhouse, religious interest is not so general as at St. Croix. Still, there is some interest. The people are very much rent by divisions. There are some of all denominations, but the Baptists are the most numerous. The Sabbath school was very low, and I did what I could to revive it, and get the people to come themselves and send their children. Before I left it was reorganized, and new officers elected, new classes formed; and at this date, Sept. 12th, I learn that it still survives, and has an attendance of about forty or fifty. A new Presbyterian Church is in process of

erection, and by next summer will be completed.

From St. Croix I proceeded to Cape Breton. At Mabou I stayed two Sabbaths, preaching once the first Sabbath and twice the second. The Mabou people have a very comfortable church, and are able and willing to support a minister. I did not visit many families in Mabou, and did not have prayer meeting during the week. The people are so scattered that it is difficult to get them together during the week. Still, a weekly prayer meeting might be maintained.

From Mabou, I went to North-East Margaree, and stayed there all of July and two weeks of August. The Presbyterian Settlement in Margaree is known by the name "Big Interval." There are fifteen or sixteen families of nominal Presbyterians, but not more than four or five communicants. The only religious service they have, is when the Board sends some one to them. But these families are anxious for the Gospel. With a little aid from abroad, they have erected a neat and comfortable church. It is not finished yet, but will be this fall. There is no wealthy person among them. They are industrious, poor, deriving their support from hard work. Of their little they gave willingly and the best their house affords. The stranger, whoever he may be, is welcome. While I was with them, I saw little of "Highland pride," but a good deal of Highland kindness. The population of North-East Margaree is small and scattered; but what was my surprise to see, in that small territory, four evangelical denominations, neither one of them able to support a minister. I was discouraged by it, and thought that if those who cause division in the church could foresee the fruit of their work, they would hesitate before they made the *mode* of baptism or anything else so prominent that men might suppose salvation depended upon it.

At Big Interval I preached every Sabbath morning, and on Sabbath afternoon we all gathered in the church and read the Scriptures, while I explained and questioned. I also held a prayer meeting there on Wednesday evening. I received but little help from them in that exercise.

To all the people among whom I have laboured, I take this opportunity of expressing my heart-felt thanks for their kindness; and should we never meet on earth, may we all meet at God's right hand.

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