

the middle of this month, he proceeds to P. E. Island to give six weeks of his time to St. Peter's and Brackley Point Roads, where the people are without a minister, a condition that too many of our congregations are now in.

Spring Hill Mines.—The Revd. J. F. Campbell has given part of his summers holidays to this interesting field, previous to going to the S. S. Convention at Yarmouth, and the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Fredericton. He dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Spring Hill on August 23rd. There were 20 new communicants, 11 of these by profession of faith. Several others held back who had found the Lord, but who were unwilling to profess their faith precipitately. Senator MacFarlane has kindly promised, on behalf of the company, a suitable site for a new Church.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.—This congregation is also vacant. The minister of Truro has kindly given five weeks out of his vacation of six to it, that the people may have some supply. What a formidable list of vacancies we have! Two in Halifax Presbytery, two in Pictou, two in Cape Breton, two in St. John, one in Restigouche, three in P. E. Island, and only one missionary within the bounds of the Synod!

We understand that James C. Herdman, B. A., of Dalhousie College, Halifax, has been examined by the Presbytery of Pictou, and by them certified to the University of Edinburgh that he may enter upon his Theological studies there. He goes to study for the Ministry, but untrammelled by any conditions, and independently of the aid of Synod funds.

PRESBYTERY OF P. E. I.

Revd. Mr. Duncan has been seriously unwell for four or five weeks, but his afflictions are to him only new marks of the loving-kindness of the Lord. His congregation continue to grow in grace, and therefore in love to their pastor. During his sickness, all the ordinary and extraordinary meetings for prayer and praise and mutual improvement have been so well sustained that the pastor, who is generally indis-

pensable, is really not missed, though always lovingly remembered. Oh that it were so in all our congregations!

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been dispensed this summer at De Sable by the Revds. Neil Mackay and Mr. Carr of the Sister Church. This is indeed good news. About 400 Communicants partook at the tables.

THE Revd. P. Melville has given much time to the Orwell Head congregation. His services are highly appreciated. He bears a great love for the people, and they reciprocate his affection.

II. Our Church in Ontario and Quebec.

The Minutes of the Synod held in Ottawa are now before us, and we find them very interesting reading. There is much of life and love, of faith and work, in the Kirk in the Upper Provinces. Its French Mission and Manitoba Mission promise well, as we might expect from the names of the Conveners, Dr. Jenkins and Revd. D. J. MacDonnell. The report of the Indian Orphanage and Juvenile Mission Scheme is submitted as usual by the Secretary, Miss Machar, and is interesting as usual. She reports a steadily increasing interest in the mission from year to year. This year the contributions amounted to \$105. She says: "Besides sending larger remittances than last year to the other objects supported, we have this year been enabled to undertake the support of an interesting Zenana Mission in Calcutta. . . . In connection with this, a Juvenile Union Missionary Society in Montreal have undertaken the support of a High-Caste female school held in the Zenana. . . . Thirty-three children are attending and receiving Christian instruction." The number of Orphans supported by this Scheme is 42.

The Revd. D. M. Gordon's report of the Mission to the Lumbermen in the Valley of the Ottawa shows a great deal of useful work accomplished at very little cost of money.

The report on Christian Life and Work by the Revd. Duncan Morrison, the devoted minister of Owen Sound, is as valuable and suggestive as his last