

On the 8th of June, 1846, Rev. John Irvine was ordained a missionary at Bocabec, and appointed to labour for a time at Carleton and Nerepis, Jerusalem, Black River, Shediac and Moncton. These stations Mr. Irvine supplied for a lengthened period until at a meeting of Presbytery held at St. Stephen, 8th Sept., 1852, he signified his intention of leaving the province, was furnished with credentials, and left deeply regretted. After his departure Carleton was cared for by Rev. Mr. Ferrie, then of St. David's Church, St. John. In 1849, they were formed into a congregation, and on the 27th Sept., 1854, Rev. James Baird was settled over them, and continued to labour here for a period of thirteen years. Under his pastorate one of the most commodious and elegant churches in this community was erected. It was duly opened on the 10th May, 1857, the Rev. Nicholas Murray D.D., Kirwan, preaching three very appropriate and edifying discourses on the occasion.

There are about fifty families in connection with this section of the congregation, besides several in which one or more of their members are adherents of our church, and thirty-eight communicants. Since Mr. Baird's removal they have become disheartened and are in rather a disorganized state. There is but little system among them, and the spiritual machinery of the congregation has been almost wholly inoperative. Each probationer that visits the field generally re-organizes the Sabbath school, but after their removal it is discontinued, owing to the lack of zeal and want of interest on the part of those well qualified to conduct it. Very naturally the children are attracted to the Sabbath schools of other denominations, and parents refuse to remove them from these until some tangible evidence is afforded them that their own school will be continued after probationers leave the congregation. Should this state of matters long continue the young must inevitably become estranged from us, and will soon cease to love our Zion.

PISARINCO.

This is a fishing station ten miles distant from Carleton, having thirty-six Presbyterian families from the North of Ireland. They are an industrious people, observant of the Sabbath, and remarkably attentive in the house of God. In this section there are five elders, and a prayer meeting and Sabbath school is conducted by them every Sabbath. The attendance at both, however, is decreasing, and unless an extra effort is soon put forth they will inevitably become extinct. This is owing to a large extent, we feel assured, to the want of a pastor.

The congregation, as a whole, has become callous and indifferent, and the dry bones

need reviving. Unless a vigorous effort is, ere long, put forth, Presbyterianism will cease to have a name here. Some organization is needed among them. More elders are required in the Carleton section, as they have but one, and he is often away from home; and some more efficient system of raising funds for the support of the gospel should be adopted. Their present mode of meeting demands for supply of preaching in the Carleton section is by pew rents. In Pisarinco little is raised beyond what pays for the hire of a horse for the probationer every alternate Sabbath afternoon. The young of the congregation are not taught to contribute, and some better system is required in order that their liberality may be drawn forth to a greater extent.

But whilst, as a congregation, they are in some respects in rather a backward condition, yet we are fully persuaded that under the services of an active, energetic, and respectable young man, coupled with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, it would soon rally and eventually become one of the most prosperous charges within the bounds of our synod. There is no lack of intelligence on the part of the people, and many of them have enjoyed a high order of preaching.—You will find some among them who have listened to earnest words falling from the lips of the sainted McCheyne; others who have heard the fervid eloquence of Drs. Duff and Burns, (the latter died lately in China); and not a few who have sat under the preaching of eminent men both in Old Scotia and the Emerald Isle. In point of intelligence they will compare favourably with any of our congregations. They have just allowed themselves to become disheartened; have therefore retrograded, and only require a little encouragement.

Under the fostering care of the St. John Presbytery, with a greater manifestation of zeal on the part of the people, coupled with the settlement of a pastor fired with zeal and of considerable mental calibre, we feel assured that the dangerous symptoms now exhibited will be speedily allayed.

A. B. D.

Carleton, N.B., June 8, 1869.

Our Foreign Missions.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION

Latest from Dr. Geddie.

ANEITEUM, JAN. 9th, 1869.

My Dear Brother,—I send a line by a vessel which has called to-day and leaves to-day again. I commenced my annual