

ventions and appearance, to the present state of the community—and the injustice of appropriating funds, collected under Free Church ministrations, to the repairing of an old building confessedly in connection with the Establishment.—The frame of the new church is already erected, and the external work is in progress. It occupies a commanding position, and when finished, will be an ornament to the whole shore. * * *

"Lake Porter. The body of water, on the banks of which the inhabitants of this district reside, is properly an arm of the Atlantic. In former ages it had at least three outlets, but by the constant wearing away of the headland by the waters of the ocean, all have been closed but one narrow passage. The inhabitants are settled chiefly about the central parts of the Lake, principally upon the western bank, and along an extent of eight or nine miles. About 17 or 18 years ago, this place was in a prosperous state; but it has greatly declined. However, there is now a prospect of some advancement. There are ten or twelve families of Presbyterians, and about an equal number adhering nominally to the Church of England. Religion has long been in a very unsatisfactory state. This may be partly accounted for by the fact that, as far as the Presbyterians are concerned, the ministerial supply has been heretofore very limited and irregular.—Thus left without a minister and without an elder, (for the two elders once in connexion with the church were unfit for service,) and scattered over a scanty and rocky soil, the thoughts of the people were almost wholly directed to the procuring of a necessary subsistence.—But it is to be hoped that a better day is dawning on Lake Porter. On the first Sabbath after my arrival at Lawrence-town I preached at the Lake, and from that time till the present, every third Sabbath, except on one sacramental occasion. Several have been awakened. Some of these have disappointed my expectations, others are in a hopeful state, and two at least have, I trust, been brought to Jesus. There has been no dispensation of the Communion there this season. There are at least eleven communicants in connexion with this church. I have visited all the people once, and most of them a second time. As I do not reside in the district, there are no regular weekly meetings; but occasionally on visiting, I preach in the evening. The church, though old and

rather inconvenient in its situation, is neatly finished inside. It is devoted to the Protestants of the place, irrespective of denomination. * * * On my return from Lake Porter to Musquodoboit Harbour, I preach in the evening at the head of Cluzsetcook. There are a few families there attached to our cause; and there is reason to believe that God has blessed the instrumentality employed to the conversion of some of their members.

"Musquodoboit Harbour. The inhabitants belonging to this district reside not only on the harbour having this name, but also on both sides of Fepiawick Harbour, and a few on the banks of the River. A large proportion of the people, as is well known, profess to be Wesleyans. It is unnecessary here to detail the steps which led to this diversity of sentiment in a settlement once recognised as wholly Presbyterian. The Wesleyans number 13 families; the Presbyterians 26. There are a few others nominally neutral, who incline to one side or other as influence may be brought to bear upon them. * * *

"Before my engagement with the Presbytery, our people in this place received supply only once in six weeks.—Since that time, they have enjoyed the ordinances of God's house every third Sabbath. All the people have been visited—many of them repeatedly. The Sabbath School has been revived—a weekly prayer meeting, and a weekly Bible-class have also been established.—My labours in this place have not, I trust been altogether in vain. At our last Communion, fifteen Presbyterians sat down *for the first time* in this place. Of these five belonged to the adjoining districts—the remainder to this congregation. Almost all these, and others also, profess to have experienced a change of heart this summer. This congregation now numbers forty-one communicants, which number added to those of Lake Porter and Lawrence-town gives our church in these three districts eighty-three members. The week-day School in this place has been of great benefit to the settlement. It is taught by Mr. Farquhar, who during his residence here has been a steadfast friend to Presbyterianism. The building occupied as a sanctuary is owned by both denominations.

"During the month of June, I visited Clamb Harbour and Pope's Harbour, the former distant about fifteen miles,