

respectable. Many of the older people who would otherwise have attended, found it to be impossible to venture out. On this occasion, at the conclusion of the second service, I spoke a few words of comfort and encouragement to our people, giving them all the information which I possessed with reference to the prospects of receiving additional missionaries.

On the Sabbath following, I visited Cape John. As usual the attendance was very good. The Church is now completed, the seats are comfortable and well-finished, and already the most of the pews have been taken up by the adherents of our Church, who are pretty numerous at Cape John. Here also, before dismissing the congregation, I embraced the opportunity of setting forth our ecclesiastical prospects. In common with all our destitute congregations, it is to be hoped that they will soon receive greater attention and more regular services than at present. I understood that a minister of another Church had been endeavoring to establish a footing here, but without success. Within a brief period, however, there can be little doubt but we shall have young men enough to overtake all our missionary work, and mayhap to enlarge considerably the borders of our Zion in quarters presently unthought of. Had we the means at command, this could easily be done in this locality, as in many others. For example, it is well-known that we have not a few families at and around River John, about eight miles distant, where a church could, very conveniently, be erected; and the two places would form an excellent field for an active missionary. If a suitable person could be found, the necessary funds, I am told, could easily be raised. In the mean time, let our friends in River John think over the matter.

On Friday the 18th, staying, as usual, for a few days at Backmeadows, I gave an evening discourse in the School House there. The meeting was very well attended. As mentioned in previous reports, I regard this as an interesting and important station, and one which ought not to be neglected. Without exception, the people are all true blue Presbyterians of our own and other churches; but they have no connexion whatever with the ancient Corinthians, or their spiritual descendants. Under their able and diligent teacher, who is a member of our church, the children are making great progress in secular and religious knowledge.

Proceeding onward, I visited West Branch, near John, where I preached on the Sabbath following, being the 20th of the month. The day being fine, the church was very well filled, many old people coming from a considerable distance in order to enjoy the much-esteemed privilege of waiting upon the services of the sanctuary. To afford some encouragement, after the second service, I made some remarks on our prospects as a Church, such, as all our friends know, are greatly improved. Our people here have a fortnightly meeting, held on Monday for devotional exercises, which are conducted in

Gaelic. By the older people more especially, it is well attended, and, no doubt, recalls to the memories of not a few the sacred associations connected with the "days of other years."

On the last Sabbath of the month, I preached at Earltown. The weather being very favorable, we had a large attendance, both forenoon and afternoon. As on other occasions, at the conclusion of the service, I spoke a few words of encouragement to the good people, who, I sincerely trust, will soon be better accommodated. In this locality they are almost all, without exception, natives, or descendants of natives, of Sutherlandshire, Scotland; and while I staid among them, it was suggested that, in these circumstances, His Grace the Duke of Sutherland might, if applied to, be willing to give a donation towards building a manse, &c. Believing that, in the relation which the people of Earltown, more, perhaps, than any others, bore to his Lordship, as the ancient clansmen of his house; there could, at least, be nothing wrong in such a step, more especially as his Lordship is well known as the patron of every good work, I forwarded, along with a petition from the Committee, a letter, recommending the same to his favorable notice. I sincerely trust that this application will be attended with success. It would, undoubtedly, be a great encouragement to them to proceed with their contemplated arrangements.

But here I would pause for a little from the "weightier matters" of my report, in order to allow myself the unfeigned pleasure of expressing my obligations for the kindness and hospitality of our people at large, who, on all occasions, showed a readiness to oblige me, and to forward the interests of my mission in every way in their power. It has been asserted by some that the Scottish Highlander, when separated from his native land of mountain and of flood, loses those higher and nobler sentiments for which, at home, he is so distinguished. For my own part, I do not believe this to be the case. In Pictou, at least, and wherever else we have Highland adherents, the ancient feelings of hospitality, regard to their Church, and respect for her ministers, are traits which still survive in all their pristine strength and ardour.

On the first Sabbath of the following month, being the 4th May, I preached in the Village Church, Wallace, in the forenoon, and at the School House, Stake Road, in the afternoon. On both occasions, the attendance was excellent. The School House, in fact, was quite crowded, as it always is when any of our ministers preach. As I have already mentioned, the people in this neighborhood are now accustomed to meet together on the Lord's Day for social worship, when there is not any regular service. I have only to say, further, in regard to the Stake Road, that I think the inside of this School House ought to be finished off without delay. I am willing to subscribe a dollar myself for that purpose.

On the evening of Tuesday the 6th May, I preached in Mr. Robertson's house, Back Settlement, Wallace, when the attendance was very good. Such meetings ought, I think, to be encouraged. It is only those who are really wishing to derive benefit from sacred exercises that attend them. It is to be regretted that the same cannot always be said of those who attend our churches.

On the Sabbath following, I again preached at Wallace in the forenoon, and at the School House, Fox Harbour, in the afternoon. There was a good attendance on both occasions. I would have gone to Pugwash, but our pulpit happened, on that day, to be occupied by the Rev. Mr. Daraugh, who is continuing his esteemed services to our people. In the event, however, of a full supply of labourers, those two places might very well be disjoined. In and around Wallace, with Fox Harbour, and Stake Road, there would be quite enough for one man to do, and as much as any wise man would be willing to undertake. Together with Pugwash, a missionary stationed there, might also have Gulf Shore, Victoria Settlement, and as many other places as he has a mind to.

The Rev. Mr. Pollok intending, if he found an opportunity to go to Lochaber on a missionary visit, I arranged to preach in his church, New Glasgow, on Sabbath the 18th. The day being propitious, the attendance, as it always is, was, on this occasion, excellent. The congregation is very large, and steadily increasing. They are about to enter the new building—a fine, capacious structure, occupying a commanding position, and forming quite an ornament to the place. Nothing could better evince, at once, the marked success of the present incumbent, the liberality of our people, or the firm progress of our cause, than this very handsome, large, and expensive building.

Towards the end of the month, the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass having been commissioned to visit the Synod of our Church, in Canada, I was appointed by the Presbytery to spend sometime on P. E. Island. After a somewhat tedious passage, I arrived at Charlottetown, and preached in St. James', on Sabbath the 25th May. We have here a numerous and attached congregation, and the attendance at both diets of worship was, as usual, very good.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION FOR FEMALE EDUCATION IN INDIA.

The annual meeting of the Scottish Ladies' Association for the advancement of Female Education in India, under the superintendence of the General Assembly's Committee on Foreign Missions, was held yesterday afternoon in Queen Street Hall. His Grace, the Lord High Commissioner, occupied the chair. On and around the platform we observed the Moderator of the Assembly, Rev. Dr. Crombie of Seone; Rev. Drs. Craik of Glasgow, Paul of St. Cuthbert's, Menzies of Hoddam, and Bryce, late of Calcutta; the Rev. Messrs. R. Wodrow Thomson of Ormiston, James Bell of Haddington, J. Elder Cunningham of Perth, John