

congregation still continues highly to appreciate, and is regular in the observance of Sabbath-day services. The marked attention of its members to duties, either in their families or their dealings with the world, I have every reason to believe, is in unison with their profession as members of a Christian Church. There are now, in this Church, three Sabbath services each month, and the dispensation of the holy communion of the Lord's Supper once a year. The Kirk-session, at one of its recent quarterly meetings, unanimously resolved to have a semi-annual dispensing of the Sacrament; and I understand that this was at the suggestion of a number of the members of the congregation, which shews, on their part, a high-toned Christian feeling. During last winter, I had great pleasure in dispensing this healing ordinance of the Church to forty-nine communicants, all of whom gladly embraced the opportunity of again obeying their dying Saviour's command, "Do this in remembrance of me;" and I have since learned that many others would have observed the same (for there are 80 communicants on the roll), had it not been for the inclemency of the weather, and another local circumstance over which they had no control. The whole of the services of that communion, both preparatory and on a "high communion Sabbath," were decorously and solemnly observed by an attentive and numerous audience; everything connected therewith was done in proper and scriptural order, the office-bearers performing the functions of their sacred office reverentially and modestly. It is earnestly to be hoped that the faith of many a participator that day was confirmed, their love animated, their zeal increased, their resolutions ratified, and their prayers answered. And it is my fervent prayer that, to minister, elders and communicants, yea even to many spectators, it may have been a season of "refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

The Sabbath School has been carried on with its former efficiency and success, though the attendance and numbers of scholars have not been so good as on some previous years, the decrease being in the male classes. I have been ably assisted, in its duties, by the school-mistress, Miss McLaughlan, and Mr. James H. Wallace; the numbers on the roll were 45, and the average attendance 40. I have circulated 200 copies of the *Child's Paper*, besides many Tracts and Reward Hymn Cards, together with three dozen of the Shorter Catechisms. The library, I am sorry to report, has had no addition of new books. The monthly missionary and prayer meetings have, in general, been largely attended, and their exercises have been eagerly observed, especially by the young and middle-aged; while the missionary intelligence, I trust, has afforded much instruction and grounds of rejoicing to Christians, as to the advance of the Redeemer's cause in the lands of heathenism and idolatry.

*New Antrim Station.*—I am happy to report that this congregation is in a vigorous condition. The attendance, in general, is gratifying. Divine services are held here on two Sabbaths of each month; and it is no uncommon thing for the school-room, where we worship, to be inconveniently crowded. It is truly satisfactory to observe the attendance of the young and the aged, as well as encouraging is the attention given by the congregation during divine service. There is a Sabbath class held on the Sabbaths that I officiate, an hour previous to commencement of divine service, which is most effectively conducted by the school-mistress, Miss Nyman, who deserves great credit for the way in which she imparts to her young pupils Bible information. May her labors in this part of the vineyard be crowned with success! To the scholars I have given the *Child's Paper*, and other tokens of my approval of their attendance, attention and progress in religious knowledge; though their number be limited, yet it is pleasing to reflect that this may be the earnest of a good spiritual harvest. The number of families in this district is thirty, and, with a few exceptions, all are Presbyterians. The people have been urged upon, again and again, of the great necessity there is of erecting a Mission House, where they and their children might, more conveniently than in the school house, worship the God that daily blesses them with all their mercies. The answer, however, is, "We are too poor;" certainly, they, like many more settlements, are not overburdened with wealth, but, were their hearts in the right place, I am confident they would shortly set about a matter so necessary, and affecting their best interests, both for time and eternity. A site, admirably suited for such a building, with a grave-yard, has, I am informed, been gratuitously offered, by two of our earnest and zealous adherents of the Mission. May I then hope, though this may be the day of small things with them now, that the Lord, in due time, by His grace, would so dispose them to set about a work, which would be an honor to them, a credit to the settlement, and a great boon to their children's children. It affords me, indeed, great pleasure to minister in holy things in this station—a good attendance and an attentive audience. In my visitations, I have been received with great cordiality by all the families.

*Upper Musquodoboit Station.*—This station is only of recent existence; I may truly say that ground was only broken in the month of August last. A few of our adherents, dwelling there, did, as often as convenient, worship, and join the communion at Little River, for a number of years back (they having to travel a distance of upwards of 20 miles). During which time, application, both by letter and person, was frequently addressed to the Kirk-Session of the Church at Little River, for Sabbath services. And while the Session greatly sympathised in their eager desire