

no attempt has yet been made to occupy the south. Patagonia, the southern extremity, has not yet received any attention at the hands of the South American Missionary Society, and nothing has been done by any branch of the Church to Christianize its inhabitants. The so called Patagonian Mission, the harrowing details of which doubtless many have read, did not extend beyond the island of Terra del Fuego. Patagonia proper is a large tract of country, 800 miles long by 200 broad, and possesses physically one of the finest races of men in the world. They are said to be a well built people, taller than Englishmen, which is somewhat remarkable when we consider the habits of the people, their mode of living, the food on which they subsist, and unhealthy climate. They belong to the Red Indian race, are of a prepossessing appearance, but exceedingly intemperate in their habits. Of course there is little civilization among them and not much capacity for improvement. A captive who spent four months in Patagonia, tells us that they have no religious ideas whatever, and are living in abject heathenism. A Frenchman, however, who spent some time among the northern tribes, tells us that at certain seasons of the year they have some religious feasts and ceremonies in honour of the spirits, good and evil. This extensive territory contains a population of nearly 400,000, and yet no missionary of the cross has ever lived and laboured among them. No messenger has ever been there to tell the sweet story of Jesus and his love. The whole territory is a barren waste, inhabited by a race going down to perdition with no one to raise a warning voice. Surely there is much in the case of the poor Patagonians to excite our pity and compassion, and draw forth our prayers in their behalf. And perhaps, when Union becomes a fixed fact, the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in extending her missionary operations, may turn her attention to her southern neighbours for whom as yet little has been done. In the mean time, when fields are presented to our view, and especially such necessitous ones as Patagonia, let it incite our zeal and stir us

up to greater effort in the mission enterprise. Heathendom comprises a far greater territory than Trinidad and the New Hebrides, demanding attention.

REVIVAL AT ANTIGONISH.

As we have most satisfactory evidence of a work of grace in progress in Antigonish, in the blessed effects of which our own congregation there under charge of Rev. Mr. Goodfellow, is sharing largely, we present the following statements from a letter from Rev. E. A. McCurdy, written Jan. 22nd, while on a visit to aid Mr. Goodfellow in his work.

BRIEF REVIEW.

It appears that for some months, a spirit of inquiry has been abroad among the people. Mr. Goodfellow states that when engaged in pastoral visitation, during the late and early winter, he discovered more earnestness than he ever observed before; that he felt himself much encouraged and quickened in his work.

About seven weeks ago, the Bishop commenced a series of prayer meetings, which continued night after night, which resulted in much good to their own people. During the week of prayer united meetings were held at which the attendance was large, the interest deep, and the service solemn. At the close of the week the people were unanimous and hearty for the continuance of the meetings. Since that time the interest has been steadily deepening and the work has rapidly extended. When I reached Antigonish on Wednesday evening I found that it was the theme of everybody's conversation. The prayer meeting which was from 7 to 9 o'clock was

MEETING FOR INQUIRERS

was in progress. Some 12 to 14 persons asked the prayers of the congregation, and remained to be conversed with. The inquirers are from all classes, young, middle aged, the dissipated and the educated and the uneducated. Some who have been sceptical, have been brought to a point of decision, and are earnestly seeking peace in Christ. Almost the first service that I was called to perform, was to address a meeting of converts held yesterday afternoon. It was an onerous task to speak to some twenty or eighty converts, almost all of whom confessed to have found the Saviour within a few days, at such a critical stage of their Christian experience, but it was