

tions of Zion who have never seen our young Missionaries who still remember them, with affectionate and prayerful interest :—

GLENELG, Nov. 20th.

"I think that Mr. Chiniquay's appeal to christians in his letter to the *Witness* in behalf of this *Mission*, should call forth earnest prayers from every true christian for the enlightenment of those that are kept in ignorance by *priestcraft*. And not only for their prayers, but for their *contributions*, whether they be counted by cents or dollars, to aid those that have devoted themselves to that work. And may God's blessing attend their labour." Accept my dollar.

A FRIEND.

A TRIP TO GRAND FALLS, &c.

BY REV. WM. STUART,

Chairman of Acadia Mission Committee.

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To carry out the Committee's instructions, as given at its last meeting in St. Stephens, your convener has devoted the last week of August to visiting Grand Falls, with a special view to hastening on the long delayed Church building operations there; and besides this to inspect, so far as possible, the progress made in the main objects of the Mission.

Having completed the Prince William tour as elsewhere reported, on Monday the 25th we were kindly driven home by a ministerial brother hailing from that quarter. The disinterested nature of the attention speedily appeared. Tuesday opened with a scent of orange blossoms in the air. It turned out that the talented young reverend aforesaid, and a dear little lady celestial of our own congregation proposed walking the long path together. So we tarried just long enough to start them off hand in hand in peace—(they are the first of their respective Churches, so far as we know, thus directly lent to the Lord's service,)—and then we set out by rail for the Up-river regions. At Woodstock a day was lost in consequence of His Excellency the Governor-General, together with his *tail*, as a Highlander would say,—his *valetaille*, that is,—having monopolized the means of conveyance. In consideration of the enforced delay, a free passage was handsomely given me on Thursday by "Colonel" Newcomb. Through these various hindrances three days only were left me for a duty whose right discharge would have taken as many weeks, for I had already arranged to spend the fortnight following in the Tobique district. Friday was employed visiting parties in the village, getting the Building Committee together,

and concerting measures for instant action. In the evening a meeting was held at Squire Hammond's, when it came out that the chief difficulty in the way of the Committee was that none of them were satisfied that the Free Church reserve either in point of size or location, would suit as a site for the proposed Mission Church. Efforts had been made to secure another lot more suitable, but without success, as owners were holding up in view of the probable rise in the value of land when the R. du 1. oup R. R., shall have been pushed through. Our lot had been used as a garden, but the holder intimated his readiness to give up possession, or else to pay a fair price to the Church for it—\$200 or \$250 as I understood.

SITE AND PLAN OF CHURCH.

It was casually mentioned that there was one site, the largest and most eligible in the place, if only it could be made available, a Church reserve granted to the Kirk Synod of New Brunswick; and regrets were general that the divisions of Presbyterians should lock up from use a property so desirable. I was glad to be able to assure our friends, only one of whom belongs to our body, that Union was an all but accomplished fact; and that therefore I was satisfied an application made in the next quarter would meet with a favorable response. The Committee thereupon resolved to petition the Presbytery of St. John in connexion with the Synod of the Maritime Provinces to grant or procure them permission to build on the said lot, and your delegate was appointed to take charge of the matter. In due course I communicated the Committee's request to the parties concerned, and with the most gratifying success, as is shewn in the extract minute, had before our own Court, of the Sister Presbytery's procedure in the case.

The question of the building plans was next taken up. Mr. Dunham's first plan having been rejected as too expensive, a second and plainer design, estimated cost \$2000, had after considerable delay been forwarded. The necessity of having a bell-tower, which had not been provided for in the plan, was much insisted on by the local Committee, but it was felt that the resources of the Mission would not warrant the additional outlay. As a compromise I proposed a light gable-belfry. With this emendation the design was accepted, and the working plans sent for. The Secretary was directed to advertise for tenders for the foundation-work, and for the framing, covering in, and shingling of the building the fall. Contracts have since been entered into to have the stone foundation completed by Oct. 20th, at a cost of \$310; and the wood-work, as above, by Decr. 1st, at a