

Road and N. Cardigan. The three remaining ones belong to Montague, viz.: those at Montague Bridge, Victoria Cross and Lower Montague. They are doing a mighty work among the young, by the divine blessing, through the word. Eternity will tell of the rich harvest thereby gathering into eternal life.

Victoria Cross is a new and most hopeful station, which I was providentially called to open up last autumn. I now preach there every alternate Monday evening; and the spiritual fruit is excellent. There, the Almighty is preparing a people for himself; and they are now conducting a prayer meeting among themselves, besides their flourishing Sabbath School.

At Montague Bridge, our people are doing as worthily as usual. They do not make much noise or boast, but they have the deep, steady loyalty and unconquered virtue of their Scottish ancestors. They leave others to boast, but they quietly do their work, and let the fruits bear witness. Last summer, they had rather "hot times" for a while, owing to a discussion on the Baptist question. For a few days an amazing and incredible heat of temper blazed around them and us, and many hard things were spoken, which were very far from being correct. But, endeavouring to keep ourselves calm and cool, speaking the simple truth mildly and frankly, and trusting fearlessly in the Lord's word and Spirit, my reply to our most eager assailants was a gentle statement of facts and a blessing. Well, that hot conflict has passed, and the Almighty has given us a most gracious and unusual increase. Montague Bridge is now one of my most crowded auditories; and you may be sure that I am thankful to God that I was enabled to speak mildly and faithfully amidst the violence of those "hot days!" It is always best to speak the truth in love, and let the Almighty plead our cause. Our Union Sabbath School is doing an excellent work, and so are the Templars, in whose Hall we meet. There, we unitedly kept the "Week of Prayer," in January last, as well as at Georgetown.

At Lower Montague, our enterprising little congregation have finished their new church, and cleared it of debt. It is really a beautiful and tasteful little

edifice, well lighted, warmed and adorned within. It was dedicated for Divine service on the 17th November, 1872, a rather stormy Sabbath, bringing the first snow of the season. Owing to the rough weather, no other clerical aid arrived, and so the whole dedicatory service devolved on ourselves; but the great Master of assemblies was with us; and we were very happy with our devoted people, who, in spite of storm and snow, came thronging over the harbour from Georgetown and from other quarters to gladden our young suburban congregation, and to share their joy in the Lord. For some time previous, I had been preaching statedly in the Wesleyan Chapel there, by special invitation from its trustees; and I would have continued to do so, only, strange to say, the Wesleyans refused our invitation to use our kirk when they came to preach in Georgetown, stating that they intended to gain a congregation and build a chapel for themselves in Georgetown. This exclusive sectarian spirit grieved our people, as it was a breach of the brotherly reciprocity which we had accepted. They therefore completed the new kirk as above, and asked me to relinquish the use of the chapel. I much regret the unbrotherly policy of the Wesleyans, which led to this; but I endeavour to preserve peace on both sides. And indeed we have lost nothing by our efforts in favour of brotherly reciprocity. If others prefer division and sectarian exclusiveness, they may: but we will trust in unity and Christianity, according to the word of God. We believe that the reign of exclusive denominationalism is ending.

In Georgetown itself, some of our people have suffered very severely by fire, by losses at sea and other calamities. Indeed, our little town was in danger of being burned up in one dreadful night of conflagration—Dec. 1st, 1872. It was saved, under Divine Providence, by the united and desperate efforts of its brave inhabitants. Still, in spite of such heavy losses, our congregation is growing more strong and more liberal day by day. Its Sabbath School has increased more than two-fold. The Y. M. C. Association holds a very interesting Bible-Class in the Kirk every Sunday at 3 p. m. Our prayer meetings,