

ordained as Missionary within the bounds of that Presbytery, especially with a view to the congregations at Redbank and Black River. In both these stations, there is a large number of Presbyterians (sixty families in connexion with the Church at Redbank, and eighty in connexion with that at Black River), who have been supplied with occasional services by the Ministers settled at Newcastle and Chatham. There are good churches at both places,—the one at Redbank being about fifteen miles distant from Newcastle, on the Northwest branch of the Miramichi, and that at Black River about the same distance from Chatham. But the Presbytery, having, for some time, felt that the amount of service which the settled ministers could give to these destitute localities was far less than their necessities required, resolved to try what could be done to raise by subscription what could enable them to obtain the services of a missionary, with a special view to these places. Public meetings were accordingly held, at which collectors were appointed, both at Redbank and Black River, and in the congregations of St. James' Church, Newcastle, and St. Andrew's Church, Chatham; and the result was such as to authorize the Presbytery to offer a salary of £100 currency a year, to a missionary, with the hope of getting an additional grant from the General Assembly's Colonial Committee. The Presbytery accordingly, in the beginning of January last, entered into an engagement with the Rev. Frederick Home, to be missionary for one year, and he has, since that time, been labouring especially in these districts, with great acceptance. Application was made to the General Assembly's Colonial Committee, for a grant of £50 sterling, in addition to the salary guaranteed by the Presbytery, which has been granted.

In order that the Rev. Mr. Home might be enabled to fulfil all the duties of the ministerial office in these places, the Presbytery resolved to ordain him to the sacred office of the Ministry, and he, having gone through the various trials usually prescribed to Licentiates before their ordination, to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery, that Reverend Court met in St. James' Church, Newcastle, on Wednesday, 6th June, where, after an eloquent and appropriate discourse by the Rev. Mr. Ogg, Moderator, from 2 Cor. iv. 7—“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us,”—the Rev. Dr. Henderson, Presbytery Clerk, after giving a brief statement of the steps taken by the Presbytery for obtaining a Missionary, put to Mr. Home the questions appointed to be put to preachers previous to their ordination, and, having received satisfactory answers, Mr. Home was set apart to the office of the sacred ministry by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. The Rev. Dr. Henderson then gave a brief address to the Rev. Mr.

Home, and to the congregation. After the dismissal of the congregation, the Presbytery gave to Mr. Home the right hand of fellowship, and his name was added to the Presbytery Roll.

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Prince Edward Island.

Missionary Report.

To the Rev'd. the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, in connexion with the Church of Scotland:

It affords me much pleasure to submit to the Presbytery my first report of missionary labours in the united congregation of St. Columba and St. Andrew. I commenced there in the month of August last, and although the Churches of this charge are situated apart about nine miles, yet I have been enabled to complement my Sabbath engagements most regularly, with the exception of a few Sabbaths during the winter season, when the boisterous state of the weather and bad condition of the roads prevented me from travelling. I have conducted Divine service in both of these Churches every Sabbath,—at 11 o'clock morning, in St. Columba's, and at half-past 3 afternoon, in St. Andrew's.

In connexion with St. Columba's congregation, there is a large Sabbath school, which meets, during the six summer months, in the Church, at an hour and a half previous to the commencement of Divine service. There is a staff of instructors, consisting of three female and three male teachers, by whose effective aid the studies of the respective classes are carefully and successfully carried on. An adult Bible class, composed of both sexes, meets at the same hour and place, which is under my own immediate tuition. A congregational prayer meeting is held at sundown every alternate Wednesday, in the Church, in the exercises of which I am aided by members of the Kirk Session, and other lay members belonging to the congregation. The Sabbath attendance (weather permitting) of Divine service, by the congregation, is generally good, regular, and their attention during the diets of worship affords me great encouragement in “holding forth the Word of Life.” The regularity of attendance—the diligence and application of the Sabbath scholars in their Bible lessons—the carefully committed questions of the Shorter Catechism and the Psalms of David—as well as the prompt answers in the oral examinations—are most gratifying to all the teachers, to whom and to Elder Robertson, the superintendent of the school, the Church is much indebted for their assiduity in this labor of love. “Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.” The small Library connected with the Sabbath School is to be increased by additional volumes of juvenile instruction and interest, for which