



THE PRESENT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT LYONS BROOK, N.S.

part, is her very own. The name comes from one of her first settlers, the Rev. James Lyon, who tarried here for a while, beginning with the year 1767 or 1768.

In the early settlement of Pictou, the course of the empire was decidedly *westward*. Thus Lyons Brook, at the first, came pretty near to being at the centre.

On the great highway that used to join Pictou, Truro and Halifax, before the advent of the iron horse, some four miles out from the old shire town, nestling under Scotch and Hardwood Hills and flanked to the west and south by Fitzpatrick and Green Hills, lies the pretty little country village now named Lyons Brook. It is the present home and headquarters of The Logan Tanning Company, the makers of the famous Logan Leather, "Logans, the Leather of Quality." That is the claim, and it is generally admitted that they make good. Along the highway, on either side of this road, are placed the dwellings of the employees of this large establishment, while on the hill country round about, are the farms of many enterprising agriculturists. In all, some 50 or 60 families cluster round this centre.

It is on the west side of the Pictou Harbor, and is in close touch with all the country round about, having good railroad and other conveniences.

Just across the harbor to the right, is Loch Broom, the home of "the Cameron men," and there, too, is the site of the first Presbyterian

church in West Pictou. Following up the course of the West River for 3 or 4 miles, you come to Durham, where one hundred years ago, the first Presbyterian theological college in Nova Scotia was built. At the bridge by the side of the road still stands "The Temperance Inn," where the students lodged during the school sessions. "The traditions" that have been handed down from those days are worthy of a permanent place on the printed page.

Circling around from Durham are The Cross Roads and Rogers Hill, the home of the Mathesons, whose names are written large in the books of the New Hebrides Mission. Skirting past Fitzpatrick Mountain, one of the finest scenic spots in West Pictou, and swinging round eastward are Hardwood and Scotch Hills, the latter the home of the Grants, from among whom came our own Dr. K. J. Grant of the Trinidad Mission. Doctors, lawyers, ministers, teachers,—professional men and women of all sorts, in great numbers, were nurtured here, and have gone out into all parts and have made good.

But in nearly all this Lyons Brook shares the honors with all of West Pictou. One unique honor she shares with no one: it is her very own, and is her crowning joy.

Among those who early settled in her midst was a Mr. James Davidson, an Edinburgh Scot. He came out from Scotland in the same vessel in which Rev. Mr. Cock, a forebear of Rev. Daniel Cock, our missionary to