

on Sabbath following, he proceeded to Pictou, and thence to Antigonish, where Mrs. Geddie's friends reside.

We are happy to say that Mr. Geddie looks remarkably well. Eighteen years' absence has made but little change on him. When he left Ancitum he was considerably enfeebled, but six months' rest and travelling in more healthy climes have already done much to recruit his vigor. He is now capable of undergoing a moderate amount of labor, and such is his ardent spirit and incessant activity, that he has already commenced the visitation of the churches. He intends spending a few weeks in visiting Prince Edward Island immediately, and will also visit either Cape Breton or the Western parts of the Province before winter. His design is to do as much as he can during the summer in visiting the more distant parts of the Church, and in winter to visit the more central portions, which will require but little travelling. We are happy to assure our readers that all parts of the Church are likely to have a hearing of him before he again leaves our shores, though some may be required to exercise patience for a little time.

Mrs. Geddie shows more of the effects of her toils and the severe illness through which she has on several occasions passed. She will likely require longer time to recruit than he will.

We need not say that a warm welcome awaits them everywhere—not only among the members of our own Church, but among all denominations. Wherever he has yet gone, crowded audiences listen with rapt attention to his preaching of the Word or his simple statements of what God hath wrought on Ancitum.

To those who can look back at the state of things when Mr. Geddie left, it is most interesting to contemplate the changes which have taken place in the Church since his departure; and in particular to observe how the doubts and fears of many in the Church have been rebuked. Then, there were in the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, twenty-six or twenty-seven ministers, including professors. We are not cer-

tain about the number of the Free Church ministers, but two years before only twelve severed the connection with the Established Church of Scotland, and it had then received very few accessions. About forty would be the total number of ministers then in the two bodies. Now we have 86 ordained pastors, besides professors and probationers, making about 100 in all, besides having sent out six missionaries. The number of our ministers has thus in that time considerably more than doubled. In a country where the increase of population is not great, this indicates gratifying progress.

When Mr. Geddie left, a leading objection against the mission was that we had not men to supply our vacancies at home, and that therefore it was wrong to send any away. Mr. Geddie had faith to believe that if the Church would give up some of her men to the service of God, the great head of the Church would more than make up for it, by men for the home work; and he labored, we fear not always successfully, to bring the Church to the same faith. The facts we have adduced show that his faith has been more than realized. We had then no Institution for giving a collegiate education to our young men, and scarcely a theological hall. Now the means of training our young men for the ministry are ample, and our Hall is annually yielding a band of young men for the sacred office.

When Mr. Geddie left it was maintained by many that the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia could not support two missionaries. It was feared by more that the effort made at his departure was spasmodic, arising from sympathy, and that its permanence could not be depended on. Mr. Geddie had faith to believe that the liberality of the Church would increase rather than diminish, and was willing to commit himself to it without fear. Here again his expectations have been more than realized. Never has the Foreign Mission been at a loss for funds. For it the committee have never needed to issue urgent appeals. In fact, ministers have been obliged often to say to the people that the Foreign Mission