

language was so generally understood, that it has ever since been the only language employed in their religious services, although there are still a few old people, who do not understand it at all, or are so imperfectly acquainted with it as not to appreciate English ministrations. During the time that Mr. F. remained among them, the cause revived, but after a few years he removed to St. Johns, N.F.

He was succeeded by the Rev. W. Duff, who has continued till the present time labouring with great zeal and faithfulness. When he settled there his field of labour was very extensive. The congregation was widely scattered, and the discharge of the duties of his pastoral office over the whole, involved a large amount of physical toil. Alone, and at a distance from any co-presbyter, he toiled on, instant in season and out of season, and he had the pleasure of seeing the work of the Lord prospering in his hand. The people grew in knowledge and their increased attention to religious duties gave evidence of an increase of vital godliness. Soon the necessity of additional ministerial labour was felt, and the Western portion of the congregation having been dis-joined and erected into a separate congregation the Rev. H. D. Steel was in 1856 ordained as pastor over it. About the beginning of the year 1861 Mr. Steel resigned, and his congregation was again divided. In the fall of that year the Rev. John Morton was ordained pastor of Bridgewater, and the Rev. Donald McMillan of Lower LaHave and New Dublin. Thus there are now three ministers settled within the original sphere of Mr. Duff's labours, and it is believed that in a short time still farther divisions will take place, requiring the services of two more ministers. The writer had the pleasure of spending a short time among them during the past summer, and from all that he saw and heard he is convinced that Presbyterianism in Lunenburg is now in a very thriving and prosperous condition.

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After the above was in type we received a letter from Rev. H. D. STEEL, communicating further information, from which we give a few extracts :

Previous to my settlement in Dec. 1855, (in the spring of which year I went to Bridgewater, as a Lecturer from the Free Church) the whole county of Lunenburg, so far as Presbyterianism was concerned, was under the pastoral charge of the Rev. William Duff, who was aided in his labours by the unostentatious efforts of the late devoted Mr. Gow, a native of Scotland, who labored as a Catechist throughout the county for several years. The portion of country forming what was my ministerial charge, was Bridgewater and New Dublin, embracing the whole of the County West of the River LaHave, with a district of county to the East of the same river, but at the back of the county I found the people greatly in need of instruction, especially of a religious nature, owing to the want of Schools and the very inferior kind of instruction imparted. This has in most parts of the county operated greatly against the labors of ministers of the gospel, and has been specially felt by our own Church, as the people, being in a state of ignorance, were exposed to the most erroneous and superstitious views of religion.

Much of my time was occupied when in Lunenburg in holding Bible Classes amongst the young people of my charge, with a view of dissipating erroneous ideas, and imparting the simple doctrines of Scripture. These classes were held on week days throughout the different sections of my charge, as on Sabbaths I usually preached twice and even three times besides travelling a long distance. I have reason to believe that much good resulted from this course of instruction, even to the aged, who generally availed themselves of this opportunity of receiving instruction ; and this awakened a spirit of inquiry both among the young and old. There were not more than 20 or 30 Church members in Western Lunenburg when I was settled over the congregation, and before I gave up that charge there were in all about 110 or 115 members in full communion. It was at my instance that this congregation was formed into two ministerial charges, owing to the length of country to be overtaken—and now as you are aware there is a minister settled over