

My time, of late, has been much occupied in visiting the sick. The attendance at Church is very fair in summer, but in winter the service is not so well attended. The Church at Tabusintac is inconveniently located. It stands on a neck of land, between two rivers, at an extreme end of the district. The people are moving towards the erection of another Church. A site has been fixed upon near the public road, and the building will, probably, be begun in the Spring. It is intended also to remove the Manse.

These undertakings will, of course, incur a good deal of expense, and we will have to apply for aid to our wealthier neighbours, whom I have found very generous in supporting every good cause. Senator Muirhead, of Chatham, and the Hon. R. Hutchison, of Douglastown, both members of the Church, have promised us help. Unfortunately, there is no leading man in Tabusintac. Some years ago, a Scotchman of the name of McLeod, who held a position rather above the others, and whose daughter Mr. Murray, who was formerly a minister here, married, took a leading part. But Mr. McLeod was dead, and the family had left Tabusintac, before I arrived.

In my last communication to you, it was stated that there were a few adherents of the late Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Prince Edward Island, in this district. The principal man amongst them, and who has acted as a preacher, was, lately, present at Church, and had the intention—I was told—of becoming a minister. He was put on the Committee for making arrangements about building the Church.

In reference to the education of the young, there has been a great improvement in this district since I sent you an account of my labours. The free and unsectarian School Bill has given facilities, in this respect, that have been largely taken advantage of by the people. Perhaps no district in the Province derives more benefit from that Bill than Tabusintac, where there are now four schools. Formerly one school only could, with difficulty, be supported during the year. There will be, I trust, a gain rather than otherwise in the religious education of youth.

During the summer months, we have as many Sabbath Schools, including my Bible Class, as there are day schools. By these means, and by attention to the duty of household instruction, and by a stricter supervision of the young, on the part of the minister, all the advantages gained by a Bible Class, and by repeating some questions of the Shorter Catechism at school, will, I hope, be more than counterbalanced. I have endeavoured to impress upon the people the increased necessity of attending to the religious instruction of their children, taking occasion, frequently, to refer to the subject from the pulpit, and to urge it upon parents when their children are baptized. Not long ago, a discourse was given expressly on the subject, first at the Church, and then at a meeting in an outlying district. I have not seen it my duty to advise the people to stand out against the union of the Churches which is soon to take place, and which, I hope, will advance the cause of truth in this country. The Free Church at home might learn a lesson from her Colonial daughter, who is so anxious to unite with the Church of Scotland here. It may be permitted me, as a student of the respected Dr. Chalmers, to say, that had not the Free Church resiled from the principles that were held by him, she, also, would be anxious to unite with the Parent Church, who now enjoys more than Dr. Chalmers contended for.

There has been no unusual work of revival amongst us; yet I trust the blessing of the Holy Spirit is attending the ordinary means of grace, without whose influence they will be of no avail.

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ST. JAMES', CHARLOTTETOWN.—We are glad to learn that the people of this congregation have raised the salary of their minister, the Rev. T. Duncan, from \$1000 to \$1400—the augmentation to date from April last, the beginning of their financial year, making it equal to a gift of \$300 for the past year. This is one good step, which we hope to see followed at no distant date by all our congregations on P. E. Island. Living there has become much more expensive, we understand, within the last few years, and, unless the salaries of c...ministers