

At a meeting of the Board, September 7th, it was resolved, on recommendation of Rev. Wm. Burton, that Rev. D. McQuillen, of Mira Bay, C. B., receive £20 from the Board for one year. This grant was deemed needful, in order to his support, and to enable him to visit several destitute places adjoining his field of labor. He reports having collected 20s., and obtained subscriptions to the amount of £11.

On September 7th the Board agreed to engage Rev. H. Ross as our missionary on Cape Breton, for 6 months, commencing December 15th, 1857. Under date February 9th, he writes, "Our meetings are well attended and interesting. Let me tell you of one case,—an old man of 93 years, who after the services got up and told us about the goodness of God in giving his Son to die for him, and bringing him out of all his trouble. He said, 'I want now in my old age to do something to aid his cause. I feel very thankful to the friends in Nova Scotia for sending us the gospel, and here is my mite to help on the good work.'" This he did two evenings, with great feeling, and a good effect on the people."

On May 20th, the missionary further writes, "I have labored to the best of my ability among the people. I cannot tell of those whom I have baptized; but I hope that good has been done. We have the meeting house in St. Ann's half of the time. About 600 will attend our meetings in this place. At Baddeck a good feeling is commencing. Two very interesting young men prayed at our last meeting there. One old professor was so choked with tears that he could not pray. In this place, which is ten miles from St. Ann's, we expect to build a meeting house. At both places we have a Sabbath School; the one at St. Ann's—distant from Schooner Pond 60 miles—is in a very healthy state. I have preached 60 sermons, and delivered 154 lectures. The amount collected from the people in behalf of your Board is £10. I have also received 20s. from the Margaree church, by Wm. Hartt, which please charge to me. I shall not be able to attend the Association this year. The Lord be with you."

By request of this Board, Rev. Benjamin Scott commenced a three months mission in Eastern Hants', on September 24th, Subsequently, in accordance with the representations of Brother Scott, the Board resolved to continue the mission for one year from that date. At the end of 3 months, brother S. reports having preached 42 sermons, made 161 pastoral visits,