

fish on the day after I reached there. It was my original intention to remain there over Sabbath, but being informed that a vessel was to sail during the week to Cape North, I resolved to proceed by her thither, and to spend a Sabbath at Ingonish on my return. I left for the Cape on Thursday the 3d August; but our vessel put into Noel's Harbor, where there is a fishing station, at which 60 men were employed. As we remained there over night, I preached in the evening to the people of the place, who seemed to rejoice in having this opportunity of hearing the word of God. On the next day, being Saturday, we reached the Cape. The land during the greater part of the way is rugged, producing little besides stunted trees and shrubs. I preached on the west side of the Cape on Sabbath, and our audience was much larger than I had expected it to be. There were at least 100 persons in attendance, who seemed to listen with attention and apparent seriousness, to the Word of God. This place is agreeably varied with lofty hills and plains, and is intersected by several small rivers. In the settlements on both sides of Cape North there are upwards of 100 families; 60 of these are Presbyterian, and the rest belong to the Roman Catholic Church. The Presbyterian portion of the population have been occasionally supplied with sermon by the Free Church, and I was informed that a minister was expected to come to them soon, and to remain with them for some time. I left those parts for Ingonish on Tuesday the 8th August; but was detained at a place called White Cove, three days, waiting for a passage to Ingonish. I started again on Friday, and reached Ingonish on Saturday morning, and according to appointment I preached there on Sabbath. Our meeting was about 60 persons in number, and I have reason to believe that the day was profitably spent. In this place there are 60 families who depend for subsistence to a great extent, on the fisheries. One half of the population are Roman Catholics, one fourth profess to belong to the Church of England, and one third are Methodists. There are only three or four Presbyterian families. I left Ingonish for Baddeck, by a vessel bound to Sydney, on Thursday the 17th, and being late in the week, I had to travel at night to accomplish my journey. I left Sydney on Friday morning, by a boat going up the Great Bras d'Arms, crossed the island of Boularderie, and reached a place called Big Harbor, late on the evening of Saturday. It was now too late to think of having religious service at Baddeck, from which was distant eight miles, as no information had been given to the people that I was on my way to them. So I preached at Big Harbor on Sabbath, our audience being upward of 100 in number. I reached Baddeck on the afternoon of Monday, where I was chiefly engaged in ministerial labor, since then till the third Sabbath in September. I preached in Baddeck on every Sabbath during that time, and sometimes in the afternoon of Sabbath in the adjacent settlements. In these places we had also service on week days. I visited the greater number of the families of the settlements that seemed to be favorable to our principles, and prayed with them. I regret that things were not such as to warrant me to engage in the organization of a Church there. I met with only six persons who were willing to become members, and I thought this number too small to begin with. The people themselves suggested that a delay should be made in this matter, till some future period. They have commenced the building of a house of worship, but to every appearance will not be fit for divine service before next summer. I preached at Margaree River on the last Sabbath in September, and our meeting was large and attentive. The people of Baddeck are desirous that Margaree River should make a preaching station in connection with themselves, and should the arrangement take place, they indulge the hope of seeing a minister soon settled among them. I have to state that I received from the people of Baddeck the sum of £11 12s. 2d., and from a friend at Margaree, 1s. 3d., to be handed to the Board of Home Missions. In my short Report I beg to be submitted to the consideration of your Presbytery at your next meeting.

I am, Rev. and dear Sir, yours sincerely,
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