

But, as is the case in almost all Highland congregations, the number of communicants was but small.

A number of the men of the district remained after the conclusion of the service on Monday, to consider what steps could be taken to provide a suitable place of worship. The present Church, which is decreed to the Church of Scotland, is not worth repairing. It was resolved, therefore, to erect a new one on the old-site; and those present at the meeting subscribed, in a few minutes, about £70 towards the building, besides undertaking to provide the timber for it. River Inhabitants, with the surrounding districts, would be a good charge for a settled minister. It is at a convenient distance—about 10 or 12 miles—from River Dennis, West Bay, and Plaster Cove. An energetic minister would gather a large congregation between these places.

The Church which our people worship in at West Bay, is in need of repair. We believe, however, that it will soon be made more comfortable. There were about £50 subscribed last summer for this purpose, and steps were taken to put the building in an efficient state of repair.

At Loch Lomond there is a large body of people attached to our Church. Some of them candidly told us that they would still prefer the Free Church, if it existed there; but as it is no longer to be met with in these Provinces, they turn to the Church of Scotland. At the time of the union, they took the necessary steps, we believe, for preventing their Church property being conveyed to the U. P. Church. They have, therefore, a Church of their own, and they earnestly entreat the Presbytery of Pictou to try to procure a minister of the Church of Scotland for them; and until one be found willing to take charge of them, they are very desirous to get services as often as possible from our ministers.

The field at Cow Bay and Glace Bay is, in a manner, unoccupied. These places are fast rising to importance. As yet, there is no Presbyterian Church in either place; and if we had a suitable minister to send forthwith, there is every prospect of gathering a good congregation there in a short time.

I have thus endeavored to give an idea of the state of our Church in Cape Breton. Our short visit to it was a very pleasant one. It was very refreshing to meet with so many simple, pious Christians. We never witnessed more fixed attention or more fervent devotion than was indicated by the appearance of the congregations we saw there. May the Lord bless their solemn meetings, and add His seal to the instructions there received.

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No man can avoid his own company—so he had better make it as good as possible.

Missionary Labors in Cape Breton.

As we all must feel the benefit of being thoroughly acquainted with the labors performed by our different deputations in the places they are sent to, I think it right that even now, after such a length of time, the labors of the deputation from the Pictou Presbytery to Cape Breton, should be laid before our many friends who have stood so nobly by the old, old standard of Gospel truth, as bequeathed by the noble dead unto us, their sons.

As the different congregations have helped much both in money, and, better far, in sending those whom they "honour in the Lord" to preach His Gospel among their fellow-believers here, it will and must be for mutual good to know that many hearts have joined their united thanks to God for the labors of your ministers. I have frequently and earnestly exclaimed, concerning the friends and adherents of the Church in the County of Pictou: "The Lord reward them all in that day!"

The deputation was appointed at the meeting of Presbytery held at New Glasgow, and on their way to Cape Breton were to assist their "true fellow-laborer" at the Lochaber Sacrament.

Messrs. Brodie and Goodwill met in the neat and beautiful Church erected and well finished at the Albion Mines, where services were conducted by Mr. Brodie,—a large number of both sexes being assembled there after their day's toil was over.

The whole surroundings, the earnest friends of both sexes, the noble exertions of those sons of toil, aided by all who took part in the work, must make that field of usefulness one very desirable, in all respects, to a minister; and as Mr. Philip is now settled there, I have no doubt that his congregation will always enable him to point to all our schemes, and say: "My congregation is chiefly composed of such as are earning their bread with 'honest sweat,' and yet we help and do our part."

After dining with the minister of New Glasgow, we bade him good-bye. We parted from one who is well remembered in Cape Breton, and whose exertions for its Highland population has endeared him to all who came in contact with him whilst there.

All the members of the deputation met at Mr. Adam McKenzie's on Wednesday night. Then the duties assigned to each were arranged, and, after thanks to Him who doeth all things well, we retired, so as to make an early start. The journey was long, and Messrs. Goodwill and Brodie required to be at Lochaber for the services of that day.

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THE Rev. James Murray, lately of Tabusintac, has accepted a call from the congregation of Dalhousie, N. B., and is now fulfilling his duties with much acceptance.