

not prosecute my journey till two days afterwards, as the stage for Mabou had left early in the week; but on the third day I met with a friend, Mr Blanchard of Port Hood, who kindly conveyed me to his house, and with whom I remained every night. On the day following, being Saturday, I left by stage for Mabou, where I was kindly received by Mr John Murray. Immediately on my arrival in this settlement word was circulated that I was to preach to the people of the place on Sabbath. The time for giving to them information respecting my appointment being short, we had scarcely a full meeting; but the number of attendance was much larger than I expected it to be. After sermon I intimated to the congregation, that the Rev. Mr Bayne was appointed by your Presbytery to preach to them on the next Sabbath in that month, to moderate in a call on the Tuesday following, and to dispense the Lord's supper on the next Sabbath in August. I was glad to learn that things were in a favorable state in this congregation. On Tuesday, the 11th July, I proceeded to Whycooagh in company with one of the people of Mabou, who conveyed me thither, and there I had the gratification of being kindly received by Mr Lauchlan McDonald, in whose house I remained two days. On Thursday I proceeded by boat to Baddeck. The day was delightful, the sun shining in his brightness, and by a gentle breeze we sailed pleasantly on our course, till 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when we reached Baddeck. There I was kindly received by Thomas McKeen, with whom I have lodged since my arrival in this place. I preached here on Sabbath the 16th. As minister of the Free Church preached here on the same day, our meeting in the morning was not large, but in the afternoon we had a greater number of people of attendance, and our audience seemed to be interested in the solemn services of the day. During the course of the week I visited several families in this place, who seem to be favorable to our cause, and they gave me a cordial welcome. On Sabbath 23rd I preached at Baddeck in the morning, and at Big Bay in the afternoon; our audience at both places was full and attentive, and I am fully convinced, with several heads here, that there is an encourag-

ing field opening to our church in this and other settlements around; and I feel it a great privilege to be enabled to labor in such a new and promising field. O that we could sow in tears, that when time for trying the work comes, much of the seed now sown might be found in the planing of the Lord, the incorruptible seed which liveth and abideth for ever! We are now deprived of the Court House in which our people formerly met for religious worship, and it is necessary for us to meet in the school-room, which cannot conveniently contain the number of persons assembled for the worship of God. We have, thus, difficulties to contend with, which we did not anticipate; but how consoling is the consideration that He, in whose work we are engaged, is too wise to err, and that He can bend to his purpose things seemingly adverse.

I left Baddeck for St. Anns on the 25th July, and reached there on the evening of the same day. I preached in this place on the Sabbath following, but as a minister of the Free Church had made an appointment of preaching there on the same day, he officiated in the morning, and I in the afternoon. Our audience was large, and I met with some of the people afterwards who assured me that they were glad to see a minister of our church among them. I am convinced that were the people of St. Anns to receive an occasional supply of sermon from our church, many of them would connect themselves with us. A number of them seem to favor our cause, and would I believe connect themselves with our body, in preference to any other. On the Monday I proceeded by a boat accompanied with six men who were engaged in the fishing trade, to Ingonish. The day seemed to be favorable when we left; but we did not proceed far, when a heavy sea was rolling, and a strong wind blew right ahead. At the same time the rain descended in torrents. We did not reach the place of our destination, till late at night. From St. Anns to Ingonish the eye is entertained with beautiful landscapes, the bank being in many places bold and steep. Farms lie pretty close the greater part of the way, and the settlers are chiefly from the Highlands of Scotland; but are as yet without a settled ministry. I preached at Ingon-