

glimpse of the wild whirling dance of the storm, as, with a moan and a bound, it flew past and away. The miles passed slowly by, and imagine our dismay when, in coming in sight of the sea, we found that a continuation of the journey with our sleigh was impossible. Through the kindness of a friend, we were furnished with a waggon; and if we were cold in the sleigh, we were ten times colder in the waggon. By this time the snow-storm had abated, but the frost had increased, and I need mention nothing more than the fact that we had to turn our faces right against a frosty north-west gale blowing down the bleak Gulf Shore, to give an idea of our *feelings*. On we went, half-perished, over rough roads frozen as hard as granite, till we arrived at Mr. Grant's house, where we at once received the kind welcome which one never fails to receive from the Kirk Elder.

Sunday morning was clear and pleasant, but the frosty gale of the previous day had not abated in the least. The result was as may be imagined—an exceedingly small congregation. There is need here, as in Roger's Hill, for an energetic clergyman to take charge of the people, and work them up into a state of activity; and the sooner one is procured the better.

After spending the greater part of the week enjoying the hospitality of the Manse at River John, I proceeded to West B. River John, to do duty on the following Sunday. The day being fine, the attendance was very good. The great drawback to my usefulness in this parish consists in my inability to conduct Divine service in the Gaelic language. On Monday I held a meeting for prayer, which was not numerously attended. As my next appointment was at Earltown, I concluded that I would remain during the week and visit some sick people. After spending a day in this way, I understood that there was little or no support given to the *Record*,—a state of matters which should not exist in any congregation of the church; for where there is no desire to *know* what the church is doing, there can be very little *love* for the church. So I asked one or two of the good people to accompany me to call upon those who had not been in the habit of receiving a copy. I spent two very pleasant days in this work, and succeeded in getting up a club, numbering at least four times its former numbers. By this time, however, the end of the week was drawing on, so that I had to take to the road again, and Saturday morning found me in comfortable quarters breathing the theological atmosphere of Earltown. On Sunday I had a crowded church, and, what is still more pleasant, I had, to all appearance, an attentive audience. This being one of the vacation Sundays in the U. P. Divinity Hall, Halifax, one of the students was sent through to preach, and was desirous of doing duty either forenoon or afternoon. But as I was responsible for the services at canonical hours during this day, I thought that he had better do duty in the evening. To this suggestion he readily acceded, and preached in Gaelic at half-past six.

I intended to have done something for the increase of the circulation of the *Record* in Earltown, but pressing circumstances called me away, so that I could do nothing more than urge the matter from the pulpit, which, on enquiry, I find to have taken very little effect.

After having spent a very happy New Year with my relatives and friends, I again resumed my work. On the first Sunday of the year I preached in New Glasgow—the Rev. Mr. Pollok taking my appointment at Barney's River, and the Sunday thereafter I preached at Lochaber. In my present appointment at the last mentioned place, I procured two consecutive days, so that I could exchange on one of them with a Gaelic-speaking clergyman. This, by the kindness of Rev. Mr. Stewart, of McLennan's Mountain, I was able to accomplish; so that on Sunday, 17th January, there was a service in Gaelic—I supplying Mr. Stewart's place at Sutherland's River. Thereafter there were two exchanges for Barney's River, with Rev. Mr. Thompson of Richmond and N. W. Arm. On the 7th February, I preached again at Roger's Hill. The attendance, owing