

second Sabbath preached twice in the church, in the evening at the house of the Hon. William McKeen: announced by the consent of the Session a congregational meeting on the following Monday. On the subsequent evening a respectable and an efficient meeting was convened, when prompt and suitable arrangements were made for the erection of a new church. The undersigned is gratified to report, that the congregation of Mabou are not overwhelmed by the loss which they have sustained in the removal of their young minister: he is happy to bear testimony to the unanimity, to the spirit, to the energy, and to the liberality which they display on the present occasion. May the Great Head of the Church protect this people—may he in due time supply the congregation with the constant ministrations of the gospel.

Agreeably to the request of the Clerk of the Presbytery, the undersigned left Mabou on the 11th Nov. and reached Baddeck on the 13th. There he remained *eight* weeks, being accommodated at the house of Mr Thomas A. McKeen, who is entitled to the gratitude of the church. Was welcomed on his return to that new section of the church, and found congregational matters in a progressive and encouraging state. The congregation had been organized. A church had been formed. Fourteen persons were admitted to the communion of the church. Two men had been chosen to the office of the Eldership. Trustees were chosen for the management of church property and congregational affairs: suitable preparations were made for the conducting of public worship in the new church during the winter, and arrangements are in progress for the completion of the edifice next summer. The undersigned regrets that he was unable to extend his labours as far as he wished. However, he preached generally twice on the Sabbath, repeatedly visited all the families belonging to the congregation: held a prayer meeting once a week when practicable, and always delivered an address. Though the audiences were comparatively small, yet they were respectable, attentive, and gradually on the increase. The undersigned deems it his duty to bear testimony to the spirit, the good feeling, and the unanimity of this "little flock." To obtain the regular ministrations of the gospel they have made considerable exertions: now they rejoice to perceive

that the operations of our missionaries have a salutary influence on the community. They require the fostering care, the due attention, and the open encouragement of the Presbytery. Through the Divine blessing, it is anticipated that difficulties in Baddeck will diminish—that the congregation will grow—that many souls eventually will be brought to the Saviour.

While the undersigned was prosecuting his labours at Baddeck, he was instructed by the Clerk of the Presbytery to ordain the two men who had been chosen to the office of the eldership.—He immediately communicated with these persons, and made prompt arrangements for the ordination. He regrets to report that circumstances intervened to delay the ordination. Having had a long and a minute conversation with the parties, he found that Stiles Ingram, Esq., in the interim deemed himself insufficiently informed on the duties of the eldership, and requested that the ordination should be postponed. Mr Thomas A. McKeen expressed no reluctance to his immediate ordination, but he rather preferred that both should be ordained at the same time. The undersigned made all the explanation to Mr Ingram that he deemed expedient, but he judged it inadvisable to press the matter. Should the Presbytery in the ensuing summer send an ordained missionary to Baddeck, it is expected that Mr Ingram will then have studied the subject, and be prepared to receive ordination. As the congregation expect that the Lord's Supper will be dispensed among them next season, the ordination of the elders is a matter that would be improper to overlook, and unwise to delay.

The undersigned having spent *eight* weeks at Baddeck, was requested to prolong his visit. With this request he did not feel himself at liberty to comply. In the course of the following week he proceeded to Margaree river, and there officiated in the Congregational church on Sabbath morning, also in the village school-house in the evening, also, in a private house on Monday evening. The audiences in all the places were large and attentive, and seemingly impressed with the word of God. In that locality the people are numerous: the spiritual destitution is great: but the community is sadly divided and disorganised. Parties will not unite, and there is no one party that is able to sustain a gospel mi-