

fathers. They have not their church as their coats which they put on and take off as suits them, but they remain in strict adherence to the mother Church and despise any such thing as divisive courses in matters of religion. They have a splendid church in the centre of the settlement which can hold about six hundred people, well finished both inside and outside. This edifice is an ornament to the place and a credit to the people. There is likewise a nice church at the Falls, altogether not quite so large as the one at Earltown. It is well finished and shows the zeal of the people. My service was equally divided between these two churches for the summer. I preached both Gaelic and English to each of these congregations. On Sabbath evenings I generally visited the Sabbath Schools which are conducted in the school houses. The parish being so large and scattered it was impossible to have all the children in the church. In some districts there did not seem to be interest enough taken in the important work of training the young but this I believe is on account of the absence of a settled pastor. Of the Sabbath Schools in the parish I would make particular mention of the one at the village as a school in which both pupils and teachers seem to be interested. Besides the schools which were before in operation I organized a new school at the Falls and appointed men which are capable of teaching it. On Mondays I always conducted a Prayer Meeting in the church, at which some of the old men always took part. Besides this I lectured on two or three occasions in the school house at the "corner" I may here state that I examined two of the week schools. The one at the "corner" which is under the excellent instruction of Miss Stevens and one of the schools at the Falls, taught by Miss McKay.

My visiting was more behind than any other part of my work. There are many families in the place that I could not go to see but this I may ascribe to four reasons.

1. Because my time in the place was short.

2. Because I was idle for a while by sickness.

3. Because I had no means of conveyance of my own.

4. Because I had been very often away from the place.

During the summer there were four elders ordained for Earltown and one for the Falls.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the Falls on Sabbath, August 25th, at which there was present a large gathering of the people. Rev. Mr. Stewart took charge of the Gaelic and Rev. Mr. Dunn of the English.

Besides my labours between Earltown and the Falls I also preached at Roger's Hill, Cape John, East River, Pietou Island, West Branch River John, River John Village and Loch Lomond, C. B.

Roger's Hill and Cape John are the sections of the Rev. Mr. Fraser's parish. Both these congregations are in a flourishing condition—this is due chiefly to the indefatigable labours and judicious management of their worthy pastor.

St. Paul's congregation, East River, although somewhat small, show great zeal in supporting the cause of religion and their high appreciation of their minister's service.

In Pietou Island there are about twenty three families and although they have no one laboring among them yet, they are all loyal adherents to the Church of Scotland.

The congregation at West Branch, River John, comprises about eighty families. Their church is old but I understand they are about to build a new one pretty soon. Although the congregation at River John is also somewhat small, yet it is in good working order, and their pastor seems to be doing good work among them. The congregation at Loch Lomond, C. B., has been vacant for the last two summers with the exception of occasional services they receive from Rev. Donald Sutherland of Gabarus. Mr. Sutherland's attainments as a scholar his ability as a public speaker and his faithfulness to the Church of Scotland render him dear to the people.

Before concluding my report let me allude to the kindness I received from the people of Earltown and the Falls. Although I had often to travel a considerable distance yet they never allowed