

spiritual apathy prevailed to a very large extent. Out of a congregation composed of thirty-two families, there is an average attendance of only about thirty-five on the preaching of God's word. This is about one-fifth of the population who are able and who should be in the House of God on Sabbath.

I commenced my work on the second Sabbath of May, and have been engaged in this field ever since with the exception of two Sabbaths. The 15th of May as directed, I supplied Revd. E. A. McCurdy's pulpit in Clam Harbor. And on the 5th of June I was in the same place at the dispensation of the Lord's Supper.

I have held six meetings in Owl's Head and a Bible Class every fortnight. With the exception of one Roman Catholic family all the people here belong to the Church of England. Notwithstanding this, however, I was very kindly received among them, and our meetings were well attended.

In Ship Harbor I have had public worship every fortnight, and a Bible Class once a week. Here there are eight families, part of which are Presbyterians. From this number there are eight individuals who are members in full standing of our Church.

The most encouraging thing connected with our work in Ship Harbor is the Bible Class. This has been very largely attended. Nearly every young person in the settlement has turned out and met with us to study the Word of God. Some of the members of the Church of England who seem to feel the coldness that prevails in that body in this vicinity, have come to our aid and rendered very valuable assistance in making our class a success.

At the Head of the Harbor I have preached four times. My audience here was made up of members belonging to different denominations, Baptists, Methodists, Universalists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians. Mr. Hill, the proprietor of the mills, and the men in his employ, numbering about twenty-five, have manifested a strong desire to have service continued among them. After our first meeting they applied to me for Bibles with Psalms and Paraphrases. These, by the aid of Mr. McCurdy, I was able to procure, and disposed of twelve copies without difficulty. I may say that I have felt a special interest in this station. Here there are a number of young men gathered from all parts of the country, away from the good influences of home, without a minister to take an interest in their spiritual welfare, and are deserving our earnest attention.

On the last Sabbath of May, Rev. A. B. Dickie preached in Shoal Bay, and I supplied his place at Tangier. Since that time I have had three meetings in Shoal Bay and all well attended. Here there are

only four Presbyterian families, but the largest congregations I have addressed have been in this place. The majority of the people seem willing to come out, and also grateful for our efforts to do them good.

Although there are peculiar difficulties connected with the mission work on the Shore, yet I cannot but feel that with the blessing of God our labours have not been lost. There are many things to discourage yet there are also some indications of progress. People are beginning to see that we are anxious for their spiritual welfare, prejudices that have hitherto existed are gradually growing less, and party spirit that has deprived many of the benefits of our teaching, is becoming removed. I have no doubt, if we persevere, that a good work will yet be accomplished in this field.

Extract from a Letter from Mr. K. McKay.

N. E. MARGAREE, August 3.

Up here at the N. E., or "Big Intervale," they have been actively engaged preparing a place of worship. The outside of a neat little church is now finished, so that we have been able to meet in it the last two or three Sabbaths. Before that we had been meeting in a School House. At the Harbor, some 22 miles from here, they have a small old building which has never been finished. They now speak of pulling it down and building a greater one.

In these two places I have been holding services on alternate Sabbaths since I came. In each place we have a Sabbath School, Bible Class, and Prayer meeting. Gaelic is the language of both stations, and although all or nearly all the young people understand English, nearly all would prefer Gaelic. A number of aged persons have no English, and can derive no benefit from my labours. At present I will only say this is field much requiring cultivation. Much tilling and watering are necessary ere this moral "desert shall blossom as the rose."

Letter from Cape North.

CAPE NORTH, Aug. 16th, 1870.

My Dear Mr. McGregor,—

You will be glad to hear that the Master's work at Cape North is in a very prosperous state. I have met with nothing but success since I came; and here indeed, such success as my weak faith did not at all anticipate when entering on the work.

We have a very flourishing Sabbath School, with twelve teachers, and between 80 and 100 scholars at Cape North proper. We have a young men's Bible Class and also a young ladies' Bible Class. From these classes the teachers are taken for the Sabbath School, and the lessons they teach.