

services once a fortnight at each place—except in one instance—that exception, being on account of extra labor in Quaco, one Sunday.

This place, Quaco, numbers 2000 to 2200 population, and situated on a beautiful beach of the Bay of Fundy, 30 miles North East of St. John. Teynemouth Creek about 10 miles from this place, South, on the shore. Black River 18 miles, in the same direction.

Upon my arrival, I perceived the destitute condition of the community in regard to Sabbath schools and prayer-meetings, and the general apathy prevailing among the people concerning the young. I found one Sunday school here—with 30 or 35 scholars—with no Bible class—two or three teachers—no system, and well nigh no life in it.

Immediately I began the work of organizing Schools and Bible classes. At present we have in this community—Quaco—two large new Union Sunday Schools, numbering 65 and 143 respectively: Two good Bible classes, and 1 prayer-meeting weekly. A fine Sunday school library, and nearly all the appliances essential to the conducting of said Schools. The old Sunday school is still at work and has gained much from the Union International Lesson System we have adopted.

At Black River we have an excellent Sunday school—where they have had none for 30 years before.

The number of Presbyterian families—not all members of the church, but adhering to Presbyterianism—in this district of 20 miles would probably reach 24 or 27. Then there are quite a number, who do not profess anything concerning religion; but who would doubtless become interested in their soul's welfare did they have the subject presented to them by a true servant of God. This last named want I have endeavoured to meet to some extent; but it requires some one to be here all the time.

To this end—as well as the numerous other ends—I would lay an urgent claim for a minister to be sent here immediately on my departure about the 10th of Sept. This is a very important field. The sheep have been here years without a shepherd—and they have scattered far and wide *spiritually*.

Strong was the Presbyterian body here 25 years ago, from all evidence brought to light, but without a pastor, or even preaching once a month or once in two months, they have gone hither and thither as the winds blew. They can be strong again, I am confident, if looked after. Many are the young men and women now standing with folded hands—and scores of precious lambs in the community to be trained “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

At present—the Baptist denomination predominates. It is the fervent prayer of many, that you will duly consider the claims and *requests* of these people, and that God will enable you to devise means by which the “bread of life” may be broken unto those perishing hungry souls. At least once in two or three weeks, if possible, may they have divine services. And their Sunday schools—now organized and flourishing, be continued by the minister being with them.

The people are very liberal—their subscription lists are at your disposal, by which you can see they more than fully paid me my stipend for four months, so that I am not to call on the general treasury for anything.

It is sincerely hoped, that you will deliberate faithfully on this subject, for the people have almost *unanimously* desired me to say, that they earnestly wish to have a *supply*, if not a regularly stationed minister, and that they will do all in their power to support him.

### Report of Mr. D. C. McIntyre, Cateceist.

#### To the Secretary of Home Mission Board:

Having been appointed to the Mission Stations of Bay View and Bear River, I began services on the first Sunday in May. I found the people of both places very kind and courteous, ready to take a stranger in, and make him feel at home. I boarded at Bay View at the well known Mission house of Mrs. Wm. Turnbull, where I received every possible kindness—and that without expense. The people of Bay View are always glad and willing to attend the services of the sanctuary. It is very encouraging to preach to them the Word of Life as they listen very attentively. The people are industrious—very little drinking. The Sabbath day is respected. Very few places in Nova Scotia where the Sabbath is better kept than in Bay View. That arises from the fact that Presbyterianism was first taught then.

Bear River is an ambitious little place. Manhood is struggling there. Everybody appears to be making an honest living—and what can be said of no other village I saw in Nova Scotia, there are no intoxicating liquors sold—which at once opens the secret of their industry and perseverance.

Our Methodist Brethren very kindly gave us their handsome church to hold our services. Our numbers in Bear River are very small, but on the whole the services were well attended, which made it encouraging work.