

The sphere of our operations is gradually widening and deepening in interest. We are sometimes ready to conclude that the progress is slow, and the results unequal to the labour expended. But a brief retrospect dissipates the wrongful conclusion. Scarcely four score years have rolled round since the indefatigable Dr. McGregor landed on the shores of Nova Scotia. What a moral wilderness lay before the zealous, brave-hearted missionary! Strong must have been his faith, if he could have predicted a tithe of what our eyes behold, and our ears hear, of the present position of the Presbyterian church of the Lower Provinces! Well may we, in contemplating the change which has taken place since his time, appropriate the language of the Psalmist:—"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The H. M. Board has been a valuable auxiliary in effecting, by the divine blessing, this moral transformation.

But we are far, very far, from being satisfied with what has been already accomplished. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," doubtless. And we have strong faith in the ability and willingness of our more influential congregations, to aid us in taking possession of the unoccupied territory.

In conclusion, the Board have to report that acting under authority of last Synod, they resolved to give their Secretary an allowance of £5 per annum, for expenses.

By order of the Board,  
T. CUMMING, Sec'y.

*Abstract of H. M. Expenditure, for the year ending 25th June, 1866.*

Gaelic Catechists.....	£43	0	0
" Bursary.....	10	0	0
Supplements.....	251	1	8
Church Building, Souris, P.E.I....	13	0	0
Deputations to C. B.....	19	0	0
Mabou.....	16	10	0
Bridgewater.....	11	5	0
Lunenburg.....	6	15	0
Yarmouth.....	7	0	0
Mengher's Grant.....	28	1	7½
Oldham.....	1	10	0
Wentworth.....	9	6	4½
Pby. of Pictou (Isaac's Har. &c.).....	12	3	6
" Truro.....	17	19	10½
" P. E. Island.....	14	5	0
Postages of Secretary.....	1	18	10½
Total.....	£599	16	11

## REPORT OF MISSION TO CAPE BRETON.

REPORT OF REV. D. B. BLAIR.

The deputies appointed at last Synod to visit Cape Breton not having gone together, it will be necessary for each of them to give a separate account of his own labours in that place. Accordingly, I may inform the Synod that in obedience to their instructions I proceeded to the Presbytery of Richmond and Victoria, after the first week of August, and arrived at Whycocomah in time to preach there on the second Sabbath of that month.

On the third Sabbath I preached at a station called the Little Narrows, and afterwards visited Middle River, where I preached to Mr. McKenzie's congregation from a tent in the open field, as the people had been turned out of their place of worship by the adherents of the Scottish establishment who took possession of the house, and were determined, right or wrong, to keep it, inasmuch as not to allow the use of it to our people, even when not occupied by themselves. I was sorry to find matters in such a condition, and strongly advised and urged upon the congregation to proceed with a new place of worship, giving them to understand at the same time, that they might expect some assistance from the other congregations of the church, if they were to make an appeal to them.

On the following Sabbath I preached again at Whycocomah and took a collection for the Home Mission, of £8; for the same object I had taken a collection at Little Narrows of £2 6s. 3d., and also at Lake Ainslie of £1,—in all £11 6s. 3d. Here it may be proper to state that besides making these collections in Cape Breton, my expenses while there cost the Synod nothing, inasmuch as the ladies of the sewing circle in connection with Knox church, Pictou, generously presented me, through their pastor, with the sum of £5, for the purpose of defraying my expenses.

While in Cape Breton my labours were chiefly confined to Whycocomah and its vicinity. In my conferences with the people I learned that in the settlement of Whycocomah alone there are 240 families who are able and willing to raise a stipend of £130 for the support of the ministry, besides providing a manse and glebe. In the settlement of Little Narrows there are 130 families, able to raise a sum of £90 or £100 annually, for the support of ordinances; they have also a glebe of 100 acres on which they intend to build a manse, as soon as possible, for it is their expectation and wish to have a minister of their own, not in connection with Whycocomah. Indeed there is here a large and extensive field of labour and work, enough