

of the floor out of the house. Need I tell you the pleasure I had in getting some biscuits, oatmeal, rice, &c., for the little fellow!

You should have seen the tears of gratitude that trickled down the father's face! I told him, he should not thank me, but the kind young ladies and gentlemen in Halifax, who had sent them to him.

After the reading of the Bible and offering prayer, while tears of penitence and sorrow streamed down the father's face. I left the little fellow feeling very much cheered up because some one had cared for him.

I wish you Christian young people could see these cases we meet with; it would be a source of encouragement to you, to see that your labors of kindness and love, although, perhaps, small in your own eyes, are worth a great deal to those poor families, and besides that are the means of opening the way for the glad tidings of peace to sinners. May the Lord give you tokens of encouragement in your labours of love!

There is another matter I would like to bring before you. There are three places I have come across to the South where there are from 25 to 30 children who could attend school summer and winter. They will furnish a school-house, and help to pay board. A lady teacher would, I think, suit better in these places, as the children are small. In one of these places, a male teacher, who would give religious instructions on Sabbath days, would suit better. Young men who have lately been converted are anxious to receive some education.

The Congregational Church had four or five excellent lady teachers labouring for years on the coast. They were sent here and paid by a few rich men in Montreal. The fruits of their labors are to be seen in many places along the coast.

A lady teacher of their stamp, willing to endure self-sacrifice for the cause of Christ, would be able to do much for the young children. I know of no place where money could be so profitably expended, and be so productive of good results.

I may say that Mr. Fraser and myself are now about to return south, and that I have resolved to stay on the coast all winter. I see there is plenty of work for me to do, and why not then stay and do it?

I remain yours truly,
W. J. McKENZIE.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM MR. MCKENZIE.

ST. FRANCIS HARBOR, LABRADOR,
July 19, 1888.

Dear Mr. McCurdy:

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The coast fisheries have completely failed—some families of 6 or 7 have not caught a fish this season yet and the time is near past for doing anything. They came from Newfoundland with one barrel of flour expecting to get some fish but now they must return without any. It is something

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that prevails and what makes it worse is that they have no prospect of bettering themselves. When fish fails all fails. Some five establishments where coopers, salmon factories, seal fisheries, oil vats, cod fish and herring catching, were all running and making a paying business, now all these are closed and decaying. Large houses, almost mansions, where the agents of the firm used to live in great style, and sometimes the summer residence of the wealthy owner, have only a small part of them now occupied by some family from Newfoundland for the summer season, while the rest of the house is used only as an evidence of what once was.

Mr. Fraser, the colporteur who was on the coast last summer, and I, have rented a boat for the summer at Bonne Esperance, and have come up here visiting all the Protestant families and some Catholics—I suppose 150 or more miles. We came 100 miles below that in a vessel, and as we had to pass by many families we would wish to call at, we, although it meant more danger and hardships, got a boat of our own. We have fared excellently with it so far, being out only in one or two breezes. We nearly had a serious accident one windy day among the ice when a cake pierced her side. We have charts and compass.

I have resolved to stay on the coast all winter, from Bonne Esperance South about 100 miles and a little North of it. I will have no abiding place likely but keep continually on the move, staying a fortnight or so where there are a few families. There are three places on the coast that need very much a teacher. Harrington with fourteen families and 20 children in winter besides many young