

nally and externally. Such meetings as I myself attended brought out facts the most encouraging. Too much cannot be said in praise of those who take charge of such meetings—it were invidious to particularize but it is comfortable to believe that God will yet remember such (Mal. iii. 16-17 ; also Ps. cxvi, 5-6.) Time and space is presently too limited to permit of any such details, as otherwise I should have been only too glad to have communicated. With office bearers of the church and others I have done not inconsiderable visiting, and twice within one week my services were put in requisition at funerals. My frequent and necessarily lengthened visits to other sections of the county have, however rendered it simply impossible to overtake the entire visitation of this exceptionally large parish. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated here on the first Sabbath of the present month, when several communicants were added to the fold. It is believed the prayer-meetings were, under God, largely instrumental in bringing about the conversion of these persons, a circumstance most encouraging to those in charge of such. The Rev. Mr. McMillan (Moderator), and Rev. J. W. Fraser, were the officiating ministers. Several hundreds were unable to obtain admission into either of the churches (both of which were open) so great was the crowd that gathered on the occasion.

Besides Saltspings I visited and addressed congregations at Gairloch and Earltown. At Gairloch the people have a most commodious church, but no minister, and this has been the case I understand for some time back. There was no application to Presbytery for service this summer, but this, I was led to believe, arose from unintentional overlook on the part of the office bearers, the ruling elder having been unwell at the time of the Presbytery's meeting. With a very slight effort Gairloch might accomplish wonders, the power,


if dormant, is still latent.


The Earltown people, unlike the Gairloch congregation cannot boast of a church of their own, yet it appeared to me that this they might soon accomplish did they but set about it in right earnest, and "Heaven helps them who help themselves." After addressing them in the Gaelic and English languages successively on the Sabbath, I held a prayer meeting on Monday morning, which was attended mostly by the elderly people. After delivering a couple of addresses at this meeting I bade the good people farewell, and was sorry to see very aged fathers and mothers pick their steps home through the woods with the thermometer creeping up to 90°. Boys and girls who spare their horses and wagons and see their parents drop down through sheer fatigue of travelling to hear God's word, may as well be reminded that the 5th commandment has not yet been rescinded.

I have concluded to call a halt here. In a future letter I will follow up the track. Having said about all that could likely interest you in the meantime, I am, etc.

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 The ground about St. Andrew's Kirk, Pictou, has been ornamented with trees. The same has been done at Roger's Hill. The Manse has been painted, and a year's fuel supplied by a few of the neighbors. The ladies contributed \$25 for furnishing the vestry. This congregation is fast becoming a model one. Long may they flourish. It is rumored that River John people are to give Mr. McCunn a joyous reception when he returns from Scotland.

 Rev'd Mr. McKay, of Stoer, is expected in a few days. Salt Spring will likely secure him, as that congregation is always wide awake.