

As congregations, and as a church, we must remember that we are placed as labourers in God's vast field. He has given us the seed of the word of truth to sow, and He has commanded us to sow beside all waters. Sow we then the seed of word and deed, in the home field, and in the foreign field. Let us not neglect the waste places of these provinces, where the Head of the Church has appointed for us so prominent a position; and let us never forget that "the field is the world." In due time we shall reap if we faint not.

The farmer who sowed abundantly a good seed, in good soil, secured a good and bountiful harvest; and with equal certainty the individuals, the families, congregations, the churches that "sow abundantly," that are open-handed and self-sacrificing in the cause of God, shall reap spiritual blessings in this life and the life to come. Look around you and you will speedily discover striking illustrations of this principle. Be bountiful, therefore, like your Father in heaven; remember the poor—remember the ignorant and the outcast—remember Christ's members who are yet sitting in darkness and eagerly longing for the light. In your thanksgiving for the harvest, aid Christ to secure His glorious harvest of souls.

### CAPE BRETON.

Our Church has twelve regularly organized and settled congregations in the island of Cape Breton, and two or three vacant congregations.

CAPE NORRIS was for several years under a settled ministry, but it is now vacant and greatly in need of missionary labor. It is far away from other congregations, communication is slow and difficult, and ministers cannot visit it without spending much time and enduring much toil. Rev. Abraham McIntosh lately visited the place by appointment of the Cape Breton Presbytery.

ST. ANN'S on the east coast is, we believe, the nearest congregation to Cape North. This large and interesting district is under the pastoral charge of the Rev. A. McIntosh, and is in a peaceful and prosperous condition. Thirteen miles inland from St. Anne is

BADDECK, where the Rev. Kenneth McKenzie ministers. There is in the village a small and neatly finished place of worship, and at a mile's distance from the village rises a large but unfinished building. Some trouble has arisen here in connection with claims made to a small lot of land on behalf of the Scottish Establishment. The lot was reserved for a Presbyterian place of worship. Our congregation built upon it, and now, to their surprise, others put in a claim for the land! Is there not land enough in the world for all our churches? Surely the cause of Christ is not promoted by our trying to disturb and rob each other! The Scottish Establishment will gain no real strength by the injudicious attempts of its friends in Cape Breton at grasping property to which they have not a shadow of moral right. Notwithstanding this "trouble" the good cause is flourishing in Baddeck.

Twelve or fifteen miles westward of Baddeck is the Middle River or Wagamatcook congregation, presided over by Rev. Donald McKenzie. This was the centre of Rev. Alexander Farquharson's evangelistic labours. The place of worship was taken possession of by men claiming to represent the Scottish Establishment, and our congregation have had for nearly two years to worship in private houses or in the open air. This is a serious hardship both to minister and people. We do not believe that any right-thinking friend of the cause of Christ would approve of the violence perpetrated at Middle River by persons who are to all intents and purposes in a state of barbarism; but we learn with equal shame and regret that some men assuming to represent a Christian church, and of whom we would expect better things, have not at least been prompt to denounce the disgraceful things done and still doing here in the name of the Church of Scotland. We seek no quarrel with any church; least of all with a church which approaches our own so nearly in purity of doctrine if not in practice, and we deplore exceedingly the attitude of antagonism towards our church assumed by parties who are under sacred obligations to help us forward in our