

adjacencies have been lately formed into a separate charge, and had the benefit last autumn, of the services of Mr Isaac Mackay, from Scotland, who is now finishing his Theological course at Halifax.

From the preceding statement it appears that Cape Breton is making some progress. For the support of the ministry, as well as for the different schemes of the church, all our congregations contribute according to their ability, and some indeed beyond their power. Again and again the Lord hath been pleased to send times of refreshing from His presence, on which occasions many were awakened, and the cry heard, "Men and brethren what shall we do?" The fruit may be seen more or less in all our congregations, exactly the same fruit which usually accompanies revivals of religion in other places,—serious and deep concern, turning from sin to holiness, strong desire for the ordinances of religion, delight in the exercises of worship, love to the brethren, and so forth. Year by year the work progressed. Drops from heaven fell. Souls were arrested. Ministers were strengthened to preach the word, to be instant in season and out of season, and to "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." In almost every part of Cape Breton Gaelic is required. There are, no doubt, some who think that Gaelic preaching should be dispensed with altogether, but assuredly those who think so cannot be looked upon as men of deep discernment, or as men who are deeply imbued with the Spirit of Him who commissioned His servants to preach the gospel to every creature.

It may be necessary to say something of Cape Breton, with reference to the Union, which has been lately effected. By some the whole Island was represented as being utterly opposed to that Union. Parties in Nova Scotia, who, till then, could not conceal their hostility to the Free Church, all at once became wonderfully zealous for its continuance and welfare; and certain newspapers, which admitted into their pages, the vilest slanders, and gave currency to the most unscrupulous calumnies against her and her office bearers, all at once professed an extraordinary love for her, and fervently exhorted all her adherents to separate from the Ministers who had led them into the snare, to stand aloof from the Union altogether, and to appeal to the parent church for supply. Now whence all this new born zeal on the part of the opponents of the Free Church. Did they really suppose that any would give them credit for integrity? Did they think that any adherent of the Church was so weak as to act upon their advice? It is astonishing, and very much to be regretted, that parties cannot stick to the truth, that they take so much pleasure in known misrepresentation, and that they take upon them to speak and write upon subjects with which they appear to be utterly unacquainted. The friends of truth and righteousness, however, will learn, with satisfaction, that all the congregations of Cape Breton are thoroughly in favour of the Union. Neither Satan nor his minions succeeded in their attempts, to sow the seeds of division and discord, in this most interesting field. It has been ascertained beyond any doubt that, throughout the country, the Union is a popular measure. The people know that all the principles for which the Free Church contended are fully secured; that the Free Church of Scotland not only approves of the Union, but also recognizes the *united body* as her *only* representative, in Nova Scotia, and that had any of the ministers or congregations acted upon the advice tendered them, so boldly, by the opponents of the measure, they would have placed themselves in a most unenviable position. From this the Lord in mercy preserved them. To Him they ascribe the glory.