

Bermuda. Rev. Mr. Thorburn, who has had charge of the congregation of Bermuda for the last 17 years, finding his strength impaired by the debilitating influence of prolonged labour in a warm climate, applied 18 months ago very urgently for an ordained minister, or, failing that, a probationer, to occupy his post for three months, while he sought relaxation and recreation in travel. The Board tried to meet his wishes prior to the Synod of 1870, but owing to the paucity of labourers all efforts failed, till in August Mr. Layton went south, and Mr. Thorburn proceeded north via United States to Ontario. His furlough recruited him, but not to the extent which it probably would have done had it been enjoyed earlier in the season. At the earnest request of Mr. Thorburn and people, Mr. Layton's stay was prolonged for the winter, making in all 8 months, when at the summons of the Board to supply waiting charges at home, he left the sunny southern isle with the good wishes of all, and the regrets of many, having given much satisfaction by his earnestness of purpose and close attention to his Master's work.

Whole amount for travel, board, and minister's fees, £96 18s. 6d., of which the congregation paid £91 10s. 6d., leaving a balance of only £5 7s. 6d.

CAPE NORTH.

Mr. John Murray was labouring at Cape North, when we met in Synod last year. This was Mr. Murray's first employment under the Board. He went north directly from the Divinity Hall after his first year's attendance, but the energy and zeal which he brought with him to his Master's work were attended with the Divine blessing. The people were exemplary from the first in attending ordinances, but soon began to display marked attention to the Word, and deep feeling under it. This continued till the end of his term, when they not only provided financially all that the Synod's Rules required for their Catechist, but gave him good measure pressed down and running over. That the revival of attention to evangelical truth and personal religion was not evanescent may be gathered readily from the subjoined extract from a letter by Angus McLean, which we give both as proof of the good done at Cape North, and as a specimen of the kind of work done by our Gaelic Catechists:—

LETTER TO MR. MURRAY.

CAPE NORTH, C. B., {
3rd Jan., 1871. }

"I may acquaint you first how the Lord dealt with me since you left us. I hope I have found the sign which you have heard me often looking for that the Lord is bless-

ing my endeavours. I can let you know a number who say they got a Saviour to their souls, and that I was the means through which they got him, and that is encouraging me to spend and be spent in His work, to His glory.

I may now inform you how we are conducting the means of grace since you left us. We endeavour to keep our prayer-meeting three times a week in different places; meeting on Sunday in the forenoon as usual, and Sunday-school in the afternoon, and at night prayer-meeting; and to our joy old and young are meeting. We had a prayer-meeting in the Big Intervale since you left, and ten persons confessed the Lord at a Throne of grace that night. I have occasion to praise the Lord, as I find J. McK. a great help to me in my labour.

I have spent two Sabbaths in Bay St. Lawrence since you left. The last Sabbath was Christmas. We met three times that day and Monday till 2 o'clock, and a number there, like the Greeks of old, would like to see Jesus."

The letter closes with an appeal to Mr. Mr. Murray to return, and to the Board to send him. Mr. Murray being our only Gaelic Student, was also applied for by the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond, yet the Board felt constrained to place him again at the disposal of Cape Breton Presbytery which with paternal care sent him without delay to take charge of the secluded flock at Cape North.

REV. W. GRANT'S MISSION.

Our narrative having taken us to Cape Breton, one of the most interesting and important parts of the Dominion, we will occupy a few minutes now, in stating what has been attempted and done in the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond. You need scarcely be told that by death and removal of its members, that Presbytery, once strong in numbers and resources, is so reduced in ministers that the congregations vacant equal those supplied. It seems plain that in these circumstances the members of some other Presbyteries should come to their aid. The Board found a ready response last summer from two members of the Pictou Presbytery, first in August, from Rev. Wm. Grant, and next in September, from Rev. A. Ross.

Mr. Grant visited Lake Ainslie, Little Narrows, Malagawatch, West Bay and St. Peter's, and preached in and out of season. Margaree Harbour, and Big Intervale, were supplied at the time by Mr. K. McKay. Middle River had the advantage of a Gaelic Catechist, Mr. McLean from Scotland, whose arrival was noted in the report of last year. With the exception of Little Narrows which received an occasional visit from Mr. McLean, the places named as re-