

and trust in some measure we have succeeded. Many who were previously blind as to the Scriptural teaching on this point now see. Error is rapidly being supplanted by the glorious truth of the Word of God.

Our meetings are interesting and well attended. The Sabbath Schools are engaging the attention of almost all, both old and young.

February 20th, 1871.—Since my last our church edifice at Cow Bay Mines has been completed, and opened for divine worship. So far as numbers are concerned; our most sanguine expectations have already been realized. On different occasions the House has been comfortably filled. There seems to be a great door opened for us which we hope will prove effectual.

March 29th.—The Lord is doing great things for us whereof we are glad. Christians have been and still are being revived. Some who had wandered very far from the fold, have come back with weeping. Sinners are awakening to a sense of their state before God. A few are awaiting baptism.

The *Christian Messenger* of 19th April published the following from Bro. Spinney. "Yesterday was a great day at Homeville, eight happy converts were buried with Christ in baptism and received into the fellowship of the Church. Others are anxious. Pray for us.

Rev. Jno. Shaw labored nine weeks and two days in the following places, Strait of Canso, West Bay, North Shore, Grand Ance, Kempt Road, Little Bras d'Or, North Sydney, South side North West Arm, the Bar, South Sydney, South Bar, Homeville, Cow Bay Mines, Glass Bay and Boularderie Island.

Preached 33 sermons, visited families, read the scriptures, remarked on the portions read, and prayed with them as often as I possible and conveniently could. Collected in aid of the Mission \$81.64.

Congregations in general large and attentive, and in some instances broken down under the Word. Cape Breton is a great field already white to harvest. Among the Gaelic population in particular the Lord is working mightily, not through preaching exclusively, yet preaching (sermonizing) not excepted. The people meet themselves in private houses, read the Scriptures, exhort and pray together.

From Grand Mira to Sydney Mines, shore and backland settlement the work is going on. There may be some chaff and it is likely there is, but without a doubt the Lord of the harvest is gathering his wheat into the garner, and that through such means as he pleases, whether reading the Scriptures, exhortation, Ministerial or lay preaching (as people call it), "The word of the Lord is not bound."