

last. After a fatiguing journey, in the face of a severe snow storm, we reached our destination on the 23rd, and entered immediately on our charge.

It being deemed necessary, from the extent of labor we purposed to overtake, my excellent colleague agreed with me as to the propriety of disjoining, after the first Sabbath, our respective services. For this reason my report is necessarily a brief account only of my own individual labors.

I preached at the following places on the days specified, viz.: at

River Inhabitants,	March 24
" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 25
River Dennis,	" 27
Middle River,	" 31
" " " " " " " " " " " "	April 1
Baddeck Cove,	" 5
Little Baddeck,	" 7
" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 8
Baddeck Cove,	" 9
Munro's Point,	" 11
St. Ann's,	" 14
Boularderie Island,	" 19
" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 21
" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 22
St. Ann's,	" 28
North River,	" 30
Big Baddeck,	May 2
Middle River,	" 5
Boularderie Island,	" 9
" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 12
" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 15
Little Baddeck,	" 19
Lochlomond,	" 26
Grand River,	" 27

The attendance at these diets of worship always equalled, and generally exceeded, my anticipations. Taking into account the severity of the weather and the state of the roads at that season of the year, together with the mistaken ideas, in certain quarters, entertained of our mission, the meetings were well attended. One pleasing feature must not be overlooked, viz., the free admission into all the Churches granted me whithersoever I went, indicating a marked improvement in brotherly love since my former visit, and justifying the hope of better things to come.

Throughout my whole tour I maintained strict neutrality on all public and local affairs, and confined my attention to preaching the gospel and vindicating the character of the Church of Scotland,—the latter only where I found it necessary to remove ignorance or misrepresentation of her constitution. Nowhere had I solicited adherence to our Church, but I found in some places, notwithstanding, an earnest desire of enjoying her ministry. This was to me, in one respect, a gratifying sign of the times, but not so in another respect, as it vividly reminded me of our numerical weakness, which almost precluded the hope that our Synod could adequately meet

the wishes of those people for some time to come. This painful apprehension has recently been, to a certain extent, removed, by the return of one of the ministers of the island to our connection—one who has labored long and faithfully there, and is intimately acquainted with our people, among whom he is highly respected. I allude to the Rev. Mr. Gunn of Broad Cove.

From Middle River and Baddeck I have received a call, signed by upwards of sixty heads of families—a respectable number, when it is considered that until my visit, they had seldom or never had an opportunity of hearing, since the disruption, a minister of the Church of Scotland. This is a highly instructive fact, and is, perhaps, unprecedented. In Nova Scotia, during the most destitute period of the history of the Church, there was, even among the Gaelic population, always a faithful and laborious minister, besides several deputations, and a succession of missionaries from Scotland. We frequently applaud the constancy of the attachment of these to their Church, though she had never forsaken them. But those people, for many a long year quite forsaken, give now, at the very dawn of hope, a practical expression to their still lingering attachment.

Although circumstances over which I have no control prevent my accepting the call addressed to me, I trust that the Church at large will see it her duty to extend to Cape Breton her sympathy and substantial aid. A more hospitable class of people I never met, and as to intelligence and prosperity, our friends there are considerably above par. I feel it my duty to give this public testimony to their worth, because of the misrepresentations which I have witnessed in quarters where I should least expect to find them.

As there is now every prospect of having one minister there in full communion with our Church, as he is already in heart and spirit, laboring in her interest, it is to be hoped that he will not be left single-handed in the extensive mission which he has voluntarily undertaken.

I might enlarge on the prospects of our Church in Cape Breton, but I forbear for two reasons: First—because there is now in the field, one whose long acquaintance with the condition of all classes there, is a more reliable source of information than the limited knowledge of a mere visitor; and secondly—because I prefer to speculations, fully developed facts; and let these speak for me.

With profound gratitude to the Head of the Church, for the Divine countenance and protection extended to my colleague and myself, and with lasting affection to all friends whom it would be invidious to discriminate where so many showed marks of respect and kindness, I returned with my respected friend, Mr. Cameron, on the 31st of May.

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