

occupations of the people are principally farming and fishing, the latter of which is carried on quite extensively.

The people, as a whole, are very intelligent, and the most of them fairly well educated. Indeed, one would be surprised to find there persons so well-read and well-informed as some of them are. It seems that being so isolated, they spend the most of their much leisure time in the profitable pleasure of reading and improving their minds.

This mission station is now under the control of the Inverness Presbytery. Previous to 1894 it was part of the Cape North congregation and under the Sydney Presbytery. But this was very unsatisfactory to the people as they would have the benefit of divine service only a few times during the year, for the mountains between Cape North and P. Bay rendered the travelling very laborious, and very often impassable during the winter season. The people then applied to the H. M. Board for the services of a catechist during the summer months, and the recognition of the district as a mission station. This request was willingly granted, and Mr. A. J. MacNeill of Orangedale, now a Theological student at Queens, labored there during the summers of '95 and '96 as the first student catechist. Formerly the station was under the Sydney Presbytery, but last year they transferred their allegiance to that of Inverness, which is more satisfactory. There is only one church, but service is conducted in two other places.

The results of the work during the past summer in these stations have been very gratifying indeed, both spiritually and financially. The church membership, which before was only 27, was more than doubled, and for the first time since it became a mission station no aid whatever was drawn from the H. M. Fund, while the people gave quite liberally toward missions. A Christian Endeavor had been organized by Mr. Fisher who labored there during the summer of '97, and another was organized during the past summer. Both are prospering very well indeed,—better than could be anticipated. We feel like praising the Lord for the manifest outpouring of His Spirit upon the people of this station which is destined in the future to be self-supporting and may possibly sometime be worked up into a congregation.

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