

aged person at St. Anns. It was a special season, the Lord by His Spirit was indeed present. There were, probably, one thousand people sitting on the banks of the River, many of whom came to mock, but throughout the whole assemblage, solemn attention was paid, while I preached from the commission as recorded in the gospel by Matthew. The Lord grant to hasten the day of general awakening among the people.

April 4th, 1871.—Since writing to you last, I baptized one at Baddeck River. He was an aged man and his conversion was very remarkable. He could not read and consequently was dependant upon the few passages of God's word, which he had committed to memory.

Every passage he said seemed to him a volume. He truly felt the power of God's word.

This whole Island calls loudly for evangelical labor, but the mines the loudest. This is also the most important. Individuals here brought under the influence of the gospel, return to their homes throughout the Island, and carry with them an influence for *truth*.

I am persuaded more and more that any effort made by the church of Christ on behalf of this Island will not be regretted.

Whoever makes the greatest *sacrifice* now, will be the most *honoured* in time to come. God calls upon us to proceed and possess the land.

Rev. Joseph F. Kempton spent 8 weeks at Margaree and Mabou. Preached 16 sermons, attended 11 Prayer and Conference Meetings, visited 49 families, Baptized 4, Restored 1 to church fellowship, travelled 308 miles. Collected \$58.07½.

Bro. Kempton labored under the direction of the Board for some years, first at Cow Bay, afterwards at the above mentioned places, and with much success.

Believing that God had called him to another field of labor, where the cause was self supporting, the Board reluctantly relinquished his services, and Bro. K. is now laboring successfully with the church at Lakeville, Kings Co.

Rev. E. C. Spinney is still engaged in Home Mission work at Cow Bay Mines and vicinity. Reports for 42½ weeks have been received. Preached 123 sermons, attended 170 Prayer and Conference Meetings, made 277 family visits, Baptized 11, distributed 2000 pages of tracts, travelled 1500 miles. Collected \$229.45.

Extracts from letters.

June 21st, 1870.—“The cause is steadily increasing amidst all opposition. The words of Chillingworth ‘The Bible the Bible only is the religion of Protestants’ are being more needed now than formerly. We have been endeavouring to show what constitutes Christian baptism,