

and Dilmont, as well as Mr. Shaw who has now attained his 86th year. Every thing was conducted during the entire services with the greatest outward propriety and order. And if the external appearance of the people be a criterion and an index of their minds, we might truly say they indeed felt that this was truly a "spiritual feast," "a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." On the Monday following, we had another service which I conducted; the attendance was respectable. At the conclusion of the service, a meeting of the members took place, to form an active committee to collect subscriptions for the maintenance of religious services here. A committee of eight was chosen—a Secretary, a Treasurer and six collectors; the result of these labors will be shown by the Secretary's letter to the Presbytery. I may here observe, that at the close of the services on the communion Sabbath, I intimated to the people my intention of forming an adult class for intending communicants, to be held an hour preceding divine worship. On the Sabbath I officiated at Little River, and that on Sabbath the 16th and 30th Oct., I would enroll such as offered themselves. I was led to do this from a fact which so forcibly struck my mind in looking over the communicants seated at the Lord's table, that my eye could not light upon a young person of either sex—all the communicants that day consisted of the aged, heads of families and others over the meridian of life. Feeling, then, that it was a most important part of ministerial duty that he who was thus instructed, should feed the "Lambs of the flock"—"give milk to babes" as well as strong meat to the aged, thus I was led to undertake such a work. I hope I may be enabled to do my duty, and take a thorough oversight of the youth as long as I am connected with this prosperous congregation. I was made to understand by many members, that this gave very great satisfaction to all the people—that no minister who came there, ever mentioned that such a class was at all necessary: so that I anticipate a numerous class.

I left Musquodoboit on the 30th September to preach at Truro on the 2nd Oct. When I was here last, I was requested by some of our members, who came to Truro, to worship, to preach and dispense the ordinance of Baptism where they reside on the North River, about 8 miles out of the town, and then in the afternoon to conduct public worship in Truro, to this I cordially consented.

Such were our arrangements on the 11th of September, for Sabbath the 2nd October, when to my amazement, I was waited on late on Saturday evening by a member who informed me, that to-morrow my services would not be required at the North River, as on that day, the communion was to be dispensed at Earlstown, to be conducted by ministers of our church in the Presbytery of Pictou; and that the residents at North River had always been in the habit of joining the communion there. There was no alternative for me, but as usual

to preach twice, morning and afternoon in Truro, and go next Sabbath to the North River. I anticipated therefore, a very small meeting of our friends in the morning, but they had got information that I was to preach, and the attendance was better than I expected. At 3 o'clock I preached again, and the Hall was crowded to the door and passages, many standing without. I at no time in Truro conducted worship to a larger, more respectable and attentive audience, than was assembled at this meeting. It was most exhilarating to my feelings, and gratifying to the members in anticipation of a prospect, however distant, of a congregation being formed here.

I went up to the North River on the morning of Sabbath the 9th inst., and preached in the little church, unitedly possessed by Presbyterians and Wesleyans. I also dispensed the ordinance of baptism. The attendance fair. In returning to Truro, we were caught in a deluge of rain, which continued for the whole afternoon. In the Hall, I officiated again to a large meeting; a few had to go to the gallery, which this day was opened for their reception.

During this week, I meet with the Rev. John Martin, on his return from a mission of preaching the word to the people of Londonderry. He very kindly devoted with me a whole day to visitation. Mr. McKay gave us a waggon to visit any of the members residing in the country, of which we gladly availed ourselves. All were glad of the prospect of forming a congregation in Truro. We were led to understand, that members for a building committee were nominated at a meeting held this week in Mr. Gunn's; and that it was resolved that subscriptions should be canvassed for, and that a house 60 feet by 45 should be erected. We also learned that as many stones as will be necessary for the foundation, and lumber to cover the erection had been offered by two persons. Before I left Truro, I urged upon Mr. McKay to send a statement to the Presbytery of Halifax at its meeting, on Wednesday 2nd November.

After my return from Truro, I went to preach at the Grant, I had a very large meeting, very attentive and interested. After being hospitably entertained by Mr. Dumbreck, one of our warmest and most liberal supporters there, I made my way toward the Little River. I got there about 3 o'clock, and to my small astonishment, with difficulty I could get to the preaching desk, the place being crowded to the door. This was the first time that ever I preached here in an afternoon, and I imagined that our meeting would be small. As this day was named to enroll adult pupils, 24 of both sexes presented themselves.

On Sabbath the 23rd inst., I went and preached a full service in the Middle Settlement, Musquodoboit; assembled in its spacious church, was a very large meeting. Especial attention was given to both of my services. I preached again at the Little River, and