

Sodom, and perseverance in working for the Lord, till all shall know the truth as it is in Jesus.

Rev. John Shaw visited Cape Breton during the summer of 1871 and spent 9 weeks in Missionary work, and reported as follows :

Oct 9th.—Preached 43 sermons, lectured in families, visited, and attended Prayer meeting as often as I conveniently could. During this time I preached at Hawkesbury, Kempt Road, Grand Ance, Arichat, West Bay, (both sides of it), Boularderie Island, North Sydney, both sides of the Arm, Mira, Holmeville, Cow Bay Mines, and Little Glace Bay.

Withersoever I went I was kindly received. New Testament doctrine is spreading, widening and deepening very fast on this Island. The heaven is in the lump, and it is working, and shall work till the whole lump is leavened. Some of the little barks are among the waves, their pastors have left them, and their cry is, "Lord save us, or we perish," but he who holds the winds and the waves in his hand is in the ship, and in His time and way shall rebuke the winds and the waves, and there shall be a calm. May the Lord hear the cry of his people and grant them peace, comfort and joy. Brethren pray for Cape Breton, and send them help, send without delay.

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Report of 13 weeks mission by Rev. Alfred Chipman in destitute places adjacent to Sydney, performed during the past year, Oct. 25th, 1871: "The larger part of the time I spent as requested by the Board, at Victoria Mines, about nine miles from Sydney, preaching at that place about twenty Sabbath mornings, and visiting families proportionately.

No marked quickening of the few professors of religion residing there can I report positively, although several have expressed themselves as refreshed by our sabbath services, and your missionary has at times certainly enjoyed such attempts to preach Christ to professors as well as non-professors.

Stern to human faith as the expenditure and performance of christian labor in that coal centre appears, it yet seems imperatively desirable that it be continued, and with repeated prayerfulness and persistency of effort, such service also to be accomplished through our Board, both because the place gives promise of an early increase of population, with permanent material prosperity; and because with the exception of a monthly week night service by an Episcopal clergyman, and occasional preaching by Father Richardson, your late appointment has comprised all the ministerial labor there bestowed up to the present date.

I may say that partly in the service of the Board, and in company with other brethren I spent three very interesting sabbaths at Cow Bay, Margaree and Baddeck, on each occasion a quarterly meeting was held, and was either accompanied or followed by truly encouraging results. At the latter place, namely, in the valley of Big Baddeck, the Holy Spirit's presence was very graciously manifest,