

o'clock, 700 had gathered together for the thanksgiving service, and again on that day I did not leave the pulpit till 3 P. M. Very extraordinary, I am aware, all this will sound to people who think it quite reasonable to give five or six hours any day or night to a party, and as much time before to prepare for it, or who will travel hundreds of miles and sit on an exposed stand for hours to see a boat race. Yes, there are some very extraordinary things to be seen about men and women who say that they believe that they have immortal souls, and who call themselves Christians, but whether the angels do not see what is ordinary with us to be the most extraordinary is surely a question.

Well, to go on, Mr. McColl began on Sunday with a Gaelic, and I followed with an English sermon. Then came eight tables to be served, Gaelic and English alternating. On Monday morning I began, and, while preaching, Mr. Duncan from Charlottetown came in. Every face wore a gladdened expression as he came in, and so I soon made way for him. After these services were over, the Sacrament of Baptism was dispensed, and certainly I never before baptized so many on the same day. There were 18 or 20 thus received into the church. I then told the people that though no intimation had been given, still, that if any had money with them, and wished to send a present to Mr. Goodwill, I would take charge of it. An elder at once stationed himself at each door with a plate, and about £4 P. E. I. cy., was collected. Then followed a talk with the elders on various matters, in the course of which I learned the only thing that displeased me in DeSable, viz.: that they were considerably in arrears to their minister. I told them plainly that men of the world would call that dishonest, and that Christians should be surely more careful of their good name, of their own obligations and their honour. The elders in each district will, I trust, see to this;—for, as far as I could judge, they are not only men of piety, but men of sense.

Next day—Tuesday—a true Highlander drove me westward 15 miles through a beautiful country to Cape Traverse, the point where the mails cross to Nova Scotia in the winter. We have

a little church here beautifully situated, and, as it was given out the day before at DeSable that I would preach in it on Tuesday evening, I had to halt for the night. The church was filled with a fine looking body of people, to whom I preached on the growth and manifestation of spiritual life. No where did I see a finer country or receive a heartier welcome than at Cape Traverse. Such a district united with another English-speaking section should have a minister for themselves. It would be a fine field. The people are intelligent and wealthy, and there is a good salt of pious men and women among them. But if they have not a minister resident among them for at least half the time, I fear their families will scatter, and that religion will suffer.

Next day, John Bell, who is well known in the Synod, having been representative elder when it met in Halifax, drove me 18 miles further west to Summerside, and several others from Cape Traverse accompanied us that they might hear another sermon. I preached in Summerside in Mr. Frame's Church that Wednesday evening on Foreign Missions, and received \$8 for Mr. Goodwill, between \$5 and \$6 having also been given at Cape Traverse; and at midnight took the steamer for New Brunswick.

So ended my eight days on "the tight little Island"—as pleasant a visit as I ever made anywhere, for my own soul was revived, and I trust that many others were benefitted.

G. M. G.

Letter to the Editor.

MR. EDITOR :

I read, in the published Report of the Home Mission Board for the past year, the following:—

"The Board has repeatedly urged Wallace and Pugwash, and McLellan's Mountain, to take the same position, or, at any rate, that the Presbytery should supplement them from its own funds. This has not been accomplished yet, but we hope by next Synod that it shall, as the Board very decidedly considers it ought to be. It is disheartening to the whole church when a congregation that once had two ministers,