

not say our prospect there is encouraging; but along what is called the *Gulf Shore* it appears to me exceedingly so; all, with the blessing of God, that seems to be requisite to at least some in-gathering of precious souls, are faithful and somewhat constant labour and visitations.

In Pictou Town, where I remained the larger proportion of my time, I had a congregation to address, variable in numbers and interest, at first large, but afterwards averaging from 60 to 100. In this congregation are some candid enquirers after the truth, and at least two or three have, I trust, found the Saviour within the last few months, but the cross required to be taken, in order to their joining us, seems to them great, and, although in the main convinced that such is their duty, they are slow in coming to our Prayer meetings which have been hitherto held in private houses, new ones have come in from time to time, some to take part with us in prayer and exhortation, others evidently to get a blessing to their souls; and although the attendance has never been large, we have in these meetings some seasons of especial tenderness and interest, as also in our Monthly Conference meetings of the little church. Our Sabbath School in town continues small, but is of a growingly interesting character.

Mrs. C. has gathered around her a large and very interesting Bible Class. We have in attendance in all from thirty to thirty-five scholars, and through the generosity and diligence of some friends in Amherst, have been materially helped towards a valuable library. Now we have not the pleasure of reporting at the present time any baptisms, either in the town or County, one candidate, however, waits at River John to follow her Lord in that ordinance, and unite with us in Church fellowship. We humbly, and with some confidence, hope also that a few others have almost made a similar decision.

It would doubtless be greatly for the benefit of the cause of Christ, had we a suitable place of worship in our own possession in this county; we hope when the proper time appears to have come for erecting one or two such houses, aid from brethren abroad will be forthcoming.

In conclusion let me entreat the Board and our Churches generally, *not to give up labour in Pictou County. Send whomsoever you may choose; but send, oh send, some one or two labourers from this time forward into that region.* There is lamentable need, there is abundant encouragement, if not in