

this arrangement, Mr. McKay alone proceeding by River Inhabitants, &c., while I accompanied Mr. Pollok to Grand River. Here we were joined by Mr. Gunn, who had travelled over a hundred miles, to discharge his duties as missionary in that quarter. Here also it was arranged that on the approaching Sabbath, I should preach at Framboise, while my brethren preached in the Church at Loch Lomond. After remaining at St. E'Sprit for the night, and meeting with several warm hearted friends, whose kindness I shall long remember, I proceeded on the morning following, (Saturday) over those roads so graphically described, on a late occasion, by our missionary, and in the course of the afternoon arrived at Framboise. Here I preached thrice on Sabbath, and again on Monday forenoon. After Divine service on the latter day, at the earnest request of some of my hearers, I was induced to explain to the people, the present position of the Church of Scotland, particularly with respect to the question of patronage. And once for all, I would here briefly indicate the position which I (in common I believe with my brethren), occupied with respect to Church questions. We felt that the grand object of the deputation was to preach the Gospel, and not any particular Church, that we were sent by Presbytery to labor, not so much on the scaffolding and outworks of the Temple, as on the inner and more sacred parts, in one word, to preach Christ, and not even the Church of Scotland, much beloved by us all, though she be. Yet when our friends who never left her communion, friends who in the midst of every discouragement, firmly adhered to her, with unflinching faithfulness, asked for any such explanation, we cheerfully gave it, and felt more than a thousand fold rewarded by the evident satisfaction, with which such an explanation was received, when they could feel that, notwithstanding all that they had been accustomed to hear, the Church of Scotland was still worthy of their affections. Framboise is situated on the east coast of the Island, contains a population of about 60 families, almost all Highlanders, genuine, warm-hearted and hospitable. Here they, in a great measure, live as did themselves and their ancestors in the Island of Harris—partly by fishing and partly by farming. The locality is pleasant, and the people most interesting.

On Monday evening I proceeded to Lochlomond a distance of about 12 miles, over a new and sparsely settled country, and consequently over the very worst kind of roads. On Tuesday I preached at Lochlomond, notice having been given on Sabbath. The congregation was not quite so large owing to the hurry of the harvest season as it otherwise would have been, but much larger than I could have expected. Here again by special request I stated the Church question and made such explanations as I thought necessary. The people here as at Framboise are almost all Highlanders and their immediate descend-

ants, and not a few of them much attached to the Church of their Fathers. The district is very populous—the scenery especially around the lake beautiful, and the people by habits of industry and sobriety rapidly growing in comfort. My sojourn among them was very short, but I carry with me very pleasant recollections alike of people and place. Having made arrangements before parting with Mr. McKay, to join him at the end of the week at Whycomagh. I was obliged to leave early next morning, and so deny myself the pleasure of preaching at Ferguson's Lake which I certainly would have done, as there is there a large number of families who have always adhered to the Church of Scotland.

On Saturday evening I arrived at Whycomagh, after passing through St. Peter's, Grant Anns, East Bay, Rivers Inhabitants, and Denny, seeing friends at each place, but not preaching in the mean time at any of the stations—all my time being necessary to enable me to keep my engagement with Mr. McKay.

On Sabbath I preached at Middle River. Here the congregation was large. For some time past this congregation has been without any regular supply of Gospel ordinances. The late much lamented Mr. Farquharson was their last pastor. A large portion of the people are firmly attached to the Church of Scotland and much delighted at the arrival of the deputation from Pictou Presbytery. At the request of the people I intimated services on the following Thursday, and on Monday morning proceeding along with Mr. McDougall of Whycomagh to Baddeck.

Middle River is about 18 miles from Whycomagh, and one of the most flourishing districts in that portion of the Island. The people here as in the other Scotch quarters of the Island are chiefly Highlanders, The alluvial deposits along by the River leaves the soil very fertile. The farmers generally own large tracts of land and are in very comfortable circumstance. The scenery resembles that of a Highland glen with its bold outline of hills, its wayward-warding river with its beautifully green sward along by its banks. The people are most anxious to secure a regular supply of Gospel ordinances and to have settled among them one who will break to them "the bread of life." I hope the time is not far distant when their wish shall be realized, and this most interesting district and kind and intelligent people rejoice in the fact that the sanctuary is no longer closed nor the Sabbath silent. I shall always cherish the most agreeable recollection of my visit to Middle River, and of those friends whose hospitality I there enjoyed.

On Monday I arrived at Baddeck. Happening to be present during the session of the Circuit Court in Victoria. I had there the pleasure of receiving calls from parties scattered through various portions of the County all wishing for services, but many necessarily