

young men in constant attendance, and manifest a more than usual interest in that message which there is reason to hope the Spirit sent home to not a few of them. These young men, many of whom have since (by the exigencies of their callings) been removed elsewhere, co-operated with the young women in rendering the musical part of our devotions, I trust, not the less acceptable to Him who calleth upon all his creatures to "praise him." These hallowed and peaceful exercises at the Strait were a solace to myself and will long be remembered.

At the other stations, where there are commodious churches, we held the usual double service (a service which, by the way, implies no interval) and, between the three places, my labors were, as nearly as possible, divided equally. Beside the regular Sunday services, I conducted Sabbath and week day prayer meetings at Grandanse, Kempt road, River St. Denys, and Lake Horton, including cottage meetings. The record of my visits is one which covers the entire length of my stay, and, short of saying that I was "always on the move," it may be said that the character of my work, in this respect, was incessant. On account of this, that preparation for Sabbath duties, which the peculiarities of my situation and work imperatively demanded, was very much interfered with. It was therefore cause for thankfulness to God that the attendance on our meetings was uniformly encouraging. At Black River and Princeville, the worshippers were often known to have travelled (and, as it sometimes happened, on a Sabbath morning) fifteen or twenty miles; at the former place, it was often with difficulty that the crowd of people could be accommodated. Nor were these your nominal Christians whom a fine day or idle curiosity might bring out—whom a cold day or a shower of rain might keep at home—unaccustomed

to the convenient distances and arrangements familiar to the worshippers in the city, and with opportunities of public worship "few and far between," the worshipper in the country all the better knows how to appreciate such advantages when they offer. This forms an element of pleasure to the worker in the vinyard, and if at any time it could be considered hard work, my work was none the less pleasant: for, behind all, came the satisfaction of believing that it was not altogether "in vain in the Lord." Thus when the Rev'd Messrs. Fraser and Coull of the Pictou Presbytery, dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's supper at Princeville, it was a pleasing feature in the hallowed proceedings to observe eight persons sitting down at the table for the first time. As lending additional interest to the occasion, we noticed a young woman in that number—the youngest person in that district ever known to have thus publicly acknowledged Christ. The interest derived from this circumstance will be the better understood by those acquainted with the notions obtaining in Cape Breton, upon fitness for the Lord's table, and to which the Rev'd Mr. Fraser Campbell made pertinent allusion in a notice of his missionary visit to the Island, appearing in the columns of the RECORD (1872).

The occasion of the Sacrament at Black River was not behind that of Princeville in interest. Here, the Rev. Mr. Forbes, of Hastings, at the close of one of the most impressive communion services held in that section of the country, and in his concluding remarks, expressed the unmingled satisfaction afforded him in so many of God's people merging their minor differences in the common desire to promote the Spirit of Christian fellowship around one table. Of the assembled thousands present, it is believed none could have been found who would not have responded their hearty "Amen" to the hearty sentiment of this aged servant of the Master.