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greatest physical strength. The families were large in Cape Breton and in not a few cases whole households' sons and daughters gave themselves to Jesus Christ. There was manifest in this and in one or two subsequent services a remarkable phenomenon. It was seen that about a dozen strong men, when they arose to ask for prayer completely lost their motive power and in some cases fell helplessly over the pews where they were sitting. A number of these at the close of the service had to be carried bodily out of the church and assisted to their homes. Moreover others, who when in the church did not thus manifest a lack of physical control, did lose their motive power when they reached the main road and had to be assisted to their destinations. In these cases the sense of sin was overmastering and they fell to the earth almost as helpless as dead. And during all this glorious operation of the Spirit of God there was a silence that was profound and glorious. Neither before nor after the service were men and women seen visiting or conversing in the usual manner. Not a few of the "seekers" were so dead in earnest over their salvation that for days they abandoned their work on the farms and, with Bible in hand, betook themselves to the woods or quiet pasture lands to meditate and pray. And nightly in the services some of these would announce the glad tidings, that they had "found Christ," or had "come into the light." The latter was the common phrase used to express conversion, and was quite expressive and true to the facts. There was heard at every service these words: "I have come into the light." But the "Foster revival," as it was called, was not confined to Margaree. Several male school teachers, native of the valley, who had been teaching in neighboring settlements, some twelve miles distant, on hearing of the revival came under conviction of sin and were converted without the aid of any preacher, but as a result of prayer and reading the Bible. These new converts held services in their own communities and thus the glad tidings of salvation spread far and wide. Mr. Foster served in the Baptist Church, then in the Congregational Church, then in several other communities • in Big Baddeck, Whycomagh, some twenty-five and forty miles distant, and everywhere he labored many were led to Jesus Christ. From among the converts in Margaree alone it has been said that seventeen young men went forth to study for the ministry. The Baptist Church gave a unanimous call to Mr. Foster to become their pastor and he accepted and remained with us for four years. That was the happiest and most prosperous period in the history of the Church. It was during these meetings that I made the great discovery of God in Christ as my personal Saviour. I shall attempt to describe it without exaggeration. my early life, while I did not talk it, yet I was inclined to be skeptical, though at times I had a feeling that I should like to become a preacher. Prompted by this strange desire, I used to "play church" with my sisters and brothers on Sabbath afternoons, standing on a high chair with the family gathered around me for a congregation. I would announce a hymn, read a Scripture and then make a pretence at preaching. The performance was quite amusing to my audience, yet I did not think of it as funny, nor did I "play R. Foster ! of Preachers' Congratulations



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