

blessing our feeble efforts in His cause on this Island that we are enabled to report as much, if not more, progress than during any previous year since our settlement. We have now two principal stations, one here at Dillon's Bay on the lee side of the Island and one in Cook's Bay on the windward side. We have 26 teachers (all Erromangans) settled in as many districts, and we have the hope at least of securing entirely new places for one or two more teachers before the close of this year. There are now 55 adult church members on the island and at our communion at this station, July (last month) 50 of these were present. Besides the church members there were 430 church going people present and many of them but a few years ago were deadly enemies. But the gospel brings peace and good will to mankind. We have now (but at a great deal of hard labor to the missionary and the natives), a large and very comfortable mission premises here in Dillon's Bay consisting of two wings containing seven large and three small rooms, besides the church (grass building) 40x28 ft., two small plastered buildings for our natives, a small plastered wash house and a store, or work shop, a fowl house and goat and cow house, made in the native way covered with reeds and grass, and a boathouse.

We are also looking forward with no small pleasure to the return from Sydney of the "Dayspring" with our new church (The Martyr's Memorial Church) frame on board. I shall not begin to put it up until mission vessel sails again for Sydney in December. I suspect it will give me a good deal of work, but as it will be all framed in Sydney it will be all plain sailing so to speak and be a beautiful job, because of what it is a memorial. At last communion I baptized seven adults (three males and four females) and restored two teachers (!) We also were called to notice the death of three teachers, including the high chief of Dillon's Bay, since last communion in September '78.

Self-sacrifice even when misdirected is still self-sacrifice.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PICTOU,  
25th February, 1880.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland was convened here this day, in accordance with previous resolution. The Rev. W. McMillan was unanimously chosen Moderator, and constituted the Synod with prayer. It was moved by the Rev. Geo. Murray and seconded by Rev. Chas. Dunn that Mr. McCunn be appointed Synod Clerk.

The Moderator briefly thanked the Synod for the high honor conferred upon him.

The Synod Roll was then made up as follows:

### 1 PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

Congregations 1 St. Andrew's, Pictou, vacant, Elder W. Jack; 2 Saltsprings, J. Fitzpatrick, B. A., Elder Robert McLeod; 3 Rogers Hill and Cape John, J. W. Fraser, M. A., Elder John McKay; 4 Earlton, etc., D. McKenzie, M. A., Elder Jas. McKay; 5 River John, R. McCunn, M. A., Elder Jno. McKenzie.

### 2 PRESBYTERY OF EGERTON.

Congregations 1 St. Andrew's, New Glasgow, Geo. Murray, M. A., Elder D. McGregor; 2 Stellarton and Westville, Chas. Dunn, M. A., Elder D. Sutherland; 3 St. Paul's, East River, W. McMillan, Elder Samuel Fraser; 4 St. Columba's, W. B. E. R., vacant; 5 Barney's River, A. J. MacKichan, Elder John Campbell; 6 Sutherland's River and V. Colliery, vacant, Elder A. McBean; 7 McLennan's Mt. W. Stewart; 8 Gairloch, vacant, Elder Jas. McLeod.

The *Sederunt* consisted of the following Ministers and Elders, viz., Rev. Messrs. McMillan, Moderator, Fitzpatrick, Fraser, McKenzie, McCunn, Murray, Dunn, MacKichan and Stewart; Messrs. Jack, R. McLeod, Jas. McKay, J. McKenzie, D. Sutherland, S. Fraser and James McLeod, Elders.

The following Home Mission Board was appointed, viz.: Rev. Messrs. Mc-