

nature; involving, as they necessarily do, much bodily fatigue, and requiring health and strength and determined perseverance, combined with no small share of moral courage and prudence. The number of scholars instructed in the Society's School from 1st January to August were 58; the greatest number in attendance at one time, 40; and the average attendance, 30.

RIVER JOHN, CAPE JOHN, TATAMAGOUCHE, &c.

Mr. M. Burns is the Society's Catechist for the above-named places, and he has been unremitting in his duties during the past year. The Society's General Agent visited the above places in August last, in company with the Rev. C. Elliott, the resident minister of Pictou, preaching at River John and Barraswa to numerous and attractive congregations, who are regularly attended to by Mr. Burns. There is an evident desire among the people of these places to hear the Word; and it is pleasing to learn from them, that in several instances, but for the Society's effort, they would necessarily be left to wander on the dark mountains in forgetfulness of God. The testimony of an aged settler from the West of England, in one of the most neglected of those stations, was very gratifying as to the benefit derived from these humble but zealous and regular services held by Mr. Burns, under the sanction and in the absence of Mr. Elliott.

The following extracts are from Mr. Burns' journals for the past year:

In reviewing my unworthy labours for the past year I feel that I have much to mourn over before God, and at the same time something to be thankful for. I mourn that my heart is not more imbued with the grace and spirit of God. When I look to the example set us by our blessed Lord, I ask, "What am I?" and my soul is humbled to the dust, and from my heart I utter the prayer of the Publican: "God be merciful to me a sinner." I grieve also because I see so little fruit of my labours; still I rely on the words of the Prophet: "who hath despised the