

minister in connection with the Church of Scotland to labor in Cape Breton for any time without receiving great encouragement, and seeing great desire among the people to hear the Word. What we want at present in Cape Breton to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our beloved Church there, is, a few Gaelic-speaking ministers, possessed of prudence, and animated with zeal for the cause of Christ.

I had not a smooth sea always to swim in in Cape Breton. I met with strong opposition. I was refused the use of a Church to preach in, though it was to be shut on the Sabbath for which I wanted it. I am thankful to be able to say that that was the only one that I could not get. And what was worse still, as I was told, a barn door was nailed to prevent me entering to preach the gospel. If they did themselves and their cause any good by their misdirected zeal, they did me no harm. I trust, however, that before long they will see the great impropriety of the inconsiderate step they took, and that they will not show such signs of hostility in future.

As this short Report may come under the eye of some who never visited Cape Breton, it may not be out of place to state, very briefly, a few things relative to the physical appearance of the Island:—The scenery is varied, and altogether unsurpassed in grandeur. To a native of the Highlands of Scotland, Cape Breton presents a scene that vividly brings before his mind the land of his birth, and of his happiest days. For the Geologist and Mineralogist, a more interesting and rich field than Cape Breton is difficult to be found. One cannot help being struck with the wild and rugged appearance of the whole Island. The effects of once violent convulsions of nature are manifest enough in Cape Breton. As a field for study to the student of Nature, it cannot fail to delight and edify. Whatever it be that delights him most, he will be sure to fall in with in Cape Breton. When he goes down to the lowest gorges there, and looks around him, and upwards, he instinctively gives utterance to the following expressions: "fearful! wonderful!" When he ascends its conical hills, he is compelled to qualify everything that presents itself to his eye, with the longest adjectives that he can manufacture. One standing on the summit of the hills, and looking around as far as the eye can carry him, thinks that he has before him a mass of all the seas, continents, islands, and mountains in the world. Islands unnumbered are seen peeping their heads through the bosom of the deep. To the invalid, Cape Breton, so far famed of late years for its mineral waters, should be a favorite resort. To a lover of the Gentle Art, its rivers are very inviting, and will be sure to send him home after a few hours' whipping with a heavier burden on his back than his heart can bear.

I should not advise any one that is fond of touring to leave home without a good swollen purse; but if there be any place in the world where one can enjoy himself for weeks and months together without being necessitated to have always his purse in hand, it is Cape Breton. It is not a land that flows with milk and honey, but it overflows with hospitality. A more hospitable set of people than the Cape Bretoners can nowhere be found. One is sure to meet with uniform kindness from the richest to the poorest of them. Of this I can speak from personal experience. And rather than consider it a hardship to be sent on another mission to Cape Breton, I will hail the day of departure with gladness. I beg to thank all whom I troubled there during my two months' stay among them. May they be blessed abundantly in their basket and store! May they have plenty to use, plenty to give to others, and plenty to leave to their heirs behind them! And along with this, may they be rich in faith and love to God and His Christ!

WILLIAM STEWART.

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#### Subscriptions to Dalhousie College.

It is understood that in our Church here about £2000 have been subscribed in the presbytery of Pictou, and nearly £3000 in the presbytery of Halifax to the Dalhousie College fund. The subscriptions in Halifax have been very handsome indeed, and our people there have shown themselves equal to the emergency. A gentleman long resident in Halifax, Wm. Murdoch, Esq., who has left the Province and can therefore have no longer any direct interest in its institutions, has shown great liberality in subscribing £200 to the fund. Mr. Murdoch has thus added one more to the many obligations under which he has laid the Church during his connection with it in this country. It has not transpired what our friends on the Island have contributed, but when their subscriptions have been added to the whole, it will probably appear that the general effort is a complete success. The subscriptions in Pictou and New Glasgow amount respectively to £480 and £450. In the latter place the erection of a Church at Albion Mines and a large and commodious schoolhouse in New Glasgow, have materially lessened the subscriptions.

#### New Church at Albion Mines.

The new church at Albion Mines is about finished, and is a most commodious and comfortable place of worship, accommodating about 550 persons.