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[The following Report of Missionary Labor, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou, by Mr Grant, was laid before that Presbytery, at its last meeting.]

To the Rev. the Presbytery of Pictou :

On the first and third Sabbaths of May I supplied the congregation of Prince Street Church, Pictou, preaching twice on these occasions, at the usual hours of public worship, and attending conscientiously to a number of cases of sickness and affliction.

On the 2nd Sabbath of May, I preached in Gaelic and English at Mr James Elliott's, Toney River. Here the attendance would number about 250, and though the day was cold, and the accommodations indifferent, nothing could be more satisfactory than the marked attention, with which they listened to the message declared to them, and the patience exercised by them, both in their individual and collective capacity, throughout the entire services of the day. On the evening of the same day, I preached 5 miles further on towards Cape John, to a numerous and attentive audience. In the former of these places, the services were conducted in Mr Elliott's Barn, which the proprietor had prepared and furnished for the occasion. In the latter place the services were conducted in a schoolhouse, and it was filled to suffocation.

Monday afternoon, May 12th.—According to intimation given on the preceding Sabbath by the Rev. Mr Waddell, I preached in the Presbyterian Church, River John, to an audience of about 60.

I also addressed a meeting of the River John Temperance Society in the evening—the Rev Mr Waddell president of the Society in the chair.

Tuesday forenoon May 13th.—I again attended a meeting of the shore people held at Mr Elliott's, Toney River, agreeably to intimation given by myself on the previous Sabbath. On this occasion there were present besides myself, the Rev Messrs Herdman and Waddell. The services of the day were commenced by a Gaelic sermon by me. This was succeeded by an English sermon by Mr Herdman; and the whole concluded by an address from Mr Waddell. In this address, the evils and disadvantages of spiritual destitution were forcibly described. On the evening of this day I attended and preached at a missionary meeting held at Mr Cassidy's, on the River John Road,—Mr Waddell delivering a missionary address, after which a collection was taken in behalf of the Foreign Mission. These services being concluded, I returned to Pictou in company with Mr Herdman.

In addition to this summary, it may not be improper to remark, that the extensive settlement extending from Carriboo to Cape John presents a promising field for missionary exertion; the population consisting, with very few exceptions, of Presbyterians, cannot be much short of 400; and they are scattered abroad, "like sheep without a shepherd:" at one time, they had a place of worship, but two years ago it was burned down, and as yet it has not been replaced by another.—