

of Mr Miller's resignation, which is herewith laid on their table, and also that the Presbytery approve of the terms proposed by the congregation for his retirement.

The members of the deputation from all their enquiries were convinced, that there is here a good field for the exertions of a zealous minister, and there are many districts around, where there is the most urgent need of Missionary labour. The people of Mahou are not able to support a minister themselves, but might readily raise half the sum requisite for that purpose. Your deputation were happy to find, that several of the members are prepared to contribute liberally toward the support of the gospel. In particular they feel it but justice to notice the liberality of one member of the congregation, who offered that if a young man were sent there, he would give him his board and washing free.

The plan which the deputation would propose would be, as soon as possible to have a minister stationed at Mahou, to preach between that place and Port Hood half his time, and the remaining portion of his time to be employed in Missionary labour. They think that a station might be taken up at the Gut of Canso, and the Missionary might occasionally visit Guysborough. Again toward the Northward are many settlements urgently needing ministerial supply. In fact throughout the whole of Cape Breton the fields are white unto the harvest. Such an employment would require a young man of robust constitution and active habits. But to such a person willing to spend and be spent for Christ, the situation would in the opinion of the Deputation be an inviting one. A considerable portion of the amount required to make up the remaining portion of a minister's salary, might be raised in such settlements, but as this source of income would be somewhat uncertain, it would be necessary to guarantee the amount from the Missionary funds of the Church.

Should these proceedings be approved of by the Presbytery, a new burden will devolve upon its members. The members of the Deputation would take the liberty of urging upon their brethren the propriety of making some sacrifices even of personal comfort, for the sake of the destitute in this and other sections of the Church. It has been their lot to visit sections of our country, where the gospel is little better known than in Heathen lands. On the

other hand, many of our congregations enjoy the ordinances of religion constantly, some of them with scarcely an interruption during the whole year. Such should consider who it is that maketh them to differ, and should regard the state of those not so favoured. If they refuse can they expect the blessing of the Most High upon the privileges they enjoy. May not the great Head of the Church punish their selfishness by a blighted ministry, or even by removing their candlestick out of its place. It may be said that there is danger to congregations by the absence of their pastors. But should we not beware of trusting to man for success and for the prosperity of our congregations? May not all these dangers arise, when we are present with our flocks? And when we leave them to do the work of the Great Head of the Church, can we not in faith commit them to his care? Experience they believe justifies such confidence, and they think it might be found, that in those places where the ministers and congregations have cheerfully responded to the calls upon them, for the labours of their pastors out of their own congregations, they have been blessed accordingly. They trust however that it is not necessary to urge this upon the Presbytery, as they hope their brethren will be also "forward to do" what is in their power in this matter; and they are persuaded, that even with the resources at the command of the Presbytery, they may by proper zeal do much to forward the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, in the wide field open and opening to us in Cape Breton.

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Pictou 26th June 1850.

The Report of the Deputation was received by the Presbytery, and their conduct approved. At the same time, Mr Miller's demission of his charge was laid upon the table of the Presbytery, and also a series of resolutions adopted by the congregation in reference to it. Mr Miller having been heard, and the congregation having intimated, that they would raise no opposition to the acceptance of his resignation, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to accept of it, and to dissolve the pastoral connexion between Mr Miller and the congregation of Mahou and Port Hood. The Rev. Geo. Walker