

TO THE MODERATOR OF PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

REV'D SIR :—

I beg leave to submit to you and your readers the following short report of my work during this summer. Arriving in this county from Princeton about the last of April, I accepted appointments from Presbytery and at once engaged in Mission Service. On Sabbath, May 7th, I conducted a meeting at River John, in the forenoon, and another at Cape John in the afternoon. Since that time I have addressed congregations on every Sabbath, always with only one exception, having two services, and on some occasions three. The exception referred to was at Gairloch where I met the Rev. D. Ross, of Canada, who preached in the forenoon in Gaelic, while I afterwards conducted the English service. This was rather a fortunate occurrence as on this occasion a want was supplied which otherwise I could not have rendered. Although the larger part of this congregation can understand English, yet many no doubt prefer the mother tongue, and will of course derive more benefit from a Gaelic service. The people on this day listened to a discourse, which, judging from the excellent manner in which it was delivered, and the unwavering attention of the audience must certainly have been very interesting. Even to me who had barely ascertained the text, Mr Ross having intimated the same in both languages, it was not at all tiresome. There is something exceedingly gratifying in seeing a large congregation listening so eagerly to the word of God while proclaimed in the Sanctuary by one of His servants.

I have been in so many different churches since commencing work in this county and as I have on only one occasion been two consecutive Sabbaths in one place, it is almost impossible to

mention many details about any particular congregation. To fulfil my appointments you are aware that I required a considerable amount of driving every week. As I almost always procured my own conveyance, I could not remain long at each station for the purpose of visiting. Still at some stations I have not left this part of church work unattended to.

As River John has occupied more of my time than any other single congregation I can speak of it more definitely. I had service at this place in the church of the Rev. R. McCunn, on five different Sabbaths, viz., on May 7th, May 28th, June 11th, July 2nd, and July 9th. On four of those Sabbaths I had service in the afternoon at Cape John.

The River John congregation appears to be in a prosperous condition. The attendance on every Sabbath was good. Many of the people are much interested in religion and are evidently growing in the Christian life. The revival which will be long remembered, has left its fruits. I availed myself of the opportunity while at this place, of seeing and conversing with several persons whose conversion I had heard of in the spring of '75. Thomas-like I wished to see and judge for myself. Being intimately acquainted with some of the parties previously, I was highly gratified in noting the change—and I certainly never saw a change more marked, those who not only took no interest in religion, but who for years had followed a course of dissipation and filled with love to Christ, now doing everything they can to point out the way to others. Besides the gathering in of many wanderers there has been a quickening of spiritual life among Christians.

In addition to River John and Cape John I had service in all in nine other churches. On May 15th, I was at the West Branch. The day was cold, rainy and disagreeable. As this congregation