

to a recent snow storm, was very small. On Monday there was a Congregational meeting, at which a deputation from the Presbytery was present. On the Wednesday following, I attended the funeral of an old lady who was an attached and consistent adherent of the church, and the funeral was one of the largest I ever saw. I visited her on a former occasion during her illness, and had then every evidence that her end would be what it was—peace.

According to a previous arrangement concurred in by the Presbytery, exchanging with Mr. McCunn, I came once more to River John Manse, and in addition to the enjoyment of Mr. McCunn's hospitality, I accompanied him on some of his parochial work. On one of these journeys we experienced some difficulty. The roads, previously so very good, had become exceedingly bad on account of a rain storm, so that our horse could not proceed through the half melted banks of snow, and hence we concluded to leave him in charge of a good friend, and travel the remaining distance on foot. But the result of our attempt to turn aside was a complete upset into the drain of the road knee-deep in a compound of snow and muddy water. However, we were not stuck, and with some tugging and pulling, we managed to get our sleigh put upon its own legitimate foundation once more, and off we set for the house. Having put our horse in safe keeping, and having received a supply of dry stockings, off we set and accomplished the remainder of the journey without any further mishap.

On Friday I started for West Branch River John, where I arrived to learn of the death of one of our people, whom, on previous occasions, I had visited during his lingering illness, and on Saturday I attended his funeral. On Sunday, the day being fine, and the roads good, the church was crowded, exhibiting, under these favourable circumstances, quite a contrast to the unfavourable circumstances of a former occasion. At the close of the forenoon service I administered the sacrament of baptism.

On the 3rd of March I preached in the new church in Pictou town, Rev. Mr. Herdman taking my appointment in Earltown.

And now, in taking leave of the mission field within the bounds of the Pictou Presbytery, I have to express my intense gratitude to all our people for many kindnesses; but my gratitude is especially due to Adam McKenzie, Esq., of Barney's River, Mr. Archibald McPhee of Lochaber, Mr. William Murray and Mr. John McLean of Roger's Hill, Mr. William Grant of Cape John, Mr. Robert Ross and Mr. Alex. McLean of W. B. River John, and last, though not least, to Mr. Donald Mathieson of Earltown. Long may these, their families and friends, be in their present comfortable and happy circumstances, and long may their kindly hearts incline them to extend their hospitality to the missionary of their church in his weary journeys.

In conclusion, I would suggest that measures ought to be taken at once by our people in Lochaber and Earltown to erect new churches. Never will there be a better opportunity for doing so than the present, as they are now in these places unburdened with the support of a clergyman.

JOHN CAMPBELL.

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### REPORT OF MISSIONARY LABOURS BY REV. F. R. McDONALD.

At the quarterly meeting of the Pictou Presbytery, it was agreed that the placed minister would, as frequently as possible, exchange with the missionaries, and for that reason my report for this quarter is much shorter than otherwise it would have been.

As per appointment I preached on December 6th at Earltown. This was my first visit to the place. On my way to the church I did not expect to see many people assembled, as, only the night previous, there had been a heavy