

back woods retreat. Next morning, bright and early, we were on the road, and at eight o'clock we found ourselves at home. Thus ended my "day's work in Truro."

I have gone over these points so as to give the readers of the *Record* an idea of what the ministers of Truro and similar congregations have to undergo every day of the year. Labour and exposure are the everyday companions of such men. It is therefore the duty of every churchman to think of the same, and rejoice that good active young men are in the field, and to pray for more labourers in the vineyard of the Son of God. It is also the duty of those among whom these men labour to "esteem them very highly," and to help them on in their good work by every means in their power.

Hoping to have the pleasure of another exchange shortly, which shall be as pleasant as the one now described, I remain, &c., C.

### LETTER FROM MR. ROBERTSON.

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*Rev. John Campbell, St. Andrew's, Halifax:*

REV. AND MOST DEAR SIR,—Since last issue of our *Record*, I have passed from Halifax to Windsor, crossed in a sailing packet to Parrsboro', accompanied by three members of St. Matthew's, and lectured in Parrsboro' to a large number of personal friends, and received a collection for our Mission of six dollars.

When fourteen years of age, I went to Parrsboro' as clerk in the store of H. R. McKenzie, and remained with him till 1859. In this way I became intimately acquainted with the good people of that place. From Parrsboro' I proceeded up the shore to Five Islands and Economy, and thence to Great Village, Londonderry, where I lectured on Friday evening to Rev. Mr. Wylie's congregation, and on Sabbath addressed the Sabbath School. From Londonderry I passed on to Truro and Halifax, thence to Pictou town and Merigonish. On Wednesday, 17th August, I proceeded to Charlottetown, P. E. I., and Saturday, 20th, to DeSable. On Sabbath, 21st, I was present at Rev. James McColl's communion. About 1800 people assembled, the Church holding only about 1000. The services were most solemn, though perhaps quite long enough, extending from 11 A. M. to 6 P. M.; but when we take into account that inasmuch as there was no service outside, two discourses were preached inside, after which eight tables were addressed by Rev. Mr. McColl, minister of the congregation, and Rev. Mr. Stewart of McLennan's Mountain, and 415 communicants sat down, it will be easily seen the whole service could not be made much shorter than it was. I sat down with twenty-four elders at 11 A. M. and rose at 6 P. M., feeling neither weary or disappointed. On Monday I addressed the congregation on Foreign Missions, and received a collection of £4 7s. 3d. P. E. I. currency. Throughout I had marked attention. The contributions during the communion amounted to £27 P. E. I. currency. Mr. Walker, who sat down with me at the Lord's table, is now in eternity. "In the midst of life we are in death."

Mr. Editor, here are over 3000 adherents of the Church of Scotland, followers of the late Rev. Mr. McDonald, and only one man to go in and out among them. Sir, should this be so? They are hard-working and honest folk; they live in the garden of British North America, and are quite able to support four ministers comfortably. Are they to be left thus?

Proceeding from DeSable I went through Charlottetown to Belfast, where I addressed Rev. Alex. McLean's people, and received a collection for our Mission. On Wednesday Mr. McLean drove me to Orwell Head (another branch of his congregation), where I addressed a large meeting and received also a