

On the 16th ult., the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at McLennan's Mountain, and on the same day at Pictou. The attendance as usual was large. At Pictou the Gaelic services were held as formerly in the basement of the Church. Once a year from Thursday till Monday is the service conducted there in that language. In the strength of his wilderness meal the prophet went, so we read, "forty days and forty nights," but for twelve calendar months this Gaelic feast suffices: for until the third week of July returns again the stillness of that somewhat comfortable dungeon will be unbroken by the sound of the ancient language.

On the 23rd the communion was held at Cape John. At the sacraments held at Rogers Hill and Cape John which are one charge, we learn that seventeen new communicants were added to the roll. A regular increase of this sort is a most healthy sign. It is better that people should come to make a public profession of faith drawn thereto by God and their own conscience through the ordinary means of grace, than that they should wait indolently until the impetuous current of a season of excitement should drag them forward. For where there is undue excitement there will be unhealthy reaction. Too much reliance is often placed upon such movements, and too little attention paid to the Apostolic precept, "grow in grace." The church should seek for steady growth—should return to a simpler life.

Messrs. Herdman and McEachern assisted at the Cape. A large number from the rivers and mountains assembled here, for besides the services they are attracted by the "salt sea air" and the bountiful hospitality of the Cape John people.

On the 30th the communion was held at West Branch, River John. Mr. McEachern conducted service on Thursday, and assisted with Mr. Fraser on

Thursday at the *ceist*. On that day the church was crowded. Indeed this was to have been expected, for this part of the country is, we had almost said the native place of the *ceist*.

It finds a congenial soil there and nursing fathers. In other places it is too often looked on as a stranger, or an alien, or treated as an orphan: here it flourishes and feels at home. In other parts speakers will, so to speak, merely nibble at it, or at best handle it doubtfully or languidly, and retire seemingly ashamed, or with an air of apology. Here it is different. The speakers display that grace which experience alone can give. With accomplished skill they avoid the errors into which the inexperienced fall. Familiar with theological thought, acquainted with the ripe experience of many of the fathers of the church whose memories they revere and free from that easy flippancy so unbecoming in a *ceist* speaker, with admirable grace they discourse: and while giving offence to no one, they point out errors and dangers of believers, and give expression to the ripe experience of age.

Among so many able and experienced men it may appear invidious to particularize, but we may be pardoned for referring to such veteran speakers as Donald McIntosh and Duncan McBean, Elders.

On Saturday Rev. Mr. Stewart arrived and took charge of the Gaelic services. On Sabbath the worshippers began to arrive at nine o'clock, and by eleven a vast host had assembled. After service on Monday, collecting lists were distributed, in order to collect for the Home Mission. We hope this fine congregation will soon have a settled minister placed over them.

On the same day the sacrament was administered at Barney's River, Mr. Coull assisting. Here also the attendance was large, and the services impressive.