


RIVER JOHN.


The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at River John (Rev. Mr. McCunn's) on Sabbath 16th, April. The Rev. Mr. Galbraith assisted, preaching to large and attentive audiences on Saturday and on Sabbath forenoon and afternoon. The scene which presented itself to a stranger there on that lovely Sabbath day was one of peaceful solemnity,—of a faithful and beloved Pastor and his attached flock worshipping the Lord together in the beauty of holiness. Mr. McCunn has indeed much cause for thankfulness and rejoicing in seeing his recent labours so abundantly blessed, the fruits of which are manifest. The old fashioned mode of dispensing the communion is still in vogue at River John, there being a succession of tables with a small number of communicants at each. The number of communicants on this occasion was about 140, Mr. McCunn addressing three tables and Mr. Galbraith one. At the close of the day's solemn services Mr. McCunn addressed his congregation in feeling terms, previous to his departure to Scotland, whither he has gone on a most important Church Mission. Many and cordial were the hand-shakings and good wishes, not a few of the congregation being affected to tears, all showing the strong mutual attachment which exists between Pastor and people and what would have been the manifestation of feeling if the separation were to be permanent, and they were to see their beloved Pastor's face no more. We wish him success in his important mission, and a safe and pleasant voyage back, with his partner, to their home, their family, and their people.

 The next quarterly meeting of the Pictou Presbytery will be held, D.V., in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Wednesday 31st May, at 11 a. m.

CAPE BRETON.—Our friends in Cape Breton will be glad to learn that Mr. McEachern has come back again. He will probably proceed to River Inhabitants about the end of May, to labour there for the summer. We learn that Mr. McLean returns to Broad Cove and Mr. Stewart goes to Loch Lomond. They will all meet with a hearty welcome. Should the Gaelic speaking ministers who are expected from Scotland arrive in time, it is likely that a strong deputation will visit the vacant charges in Cape Breton during the summer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—We would earnestly urge upon all Sunday Schools in country districts to bestir themselves for the summer work. Elders and others—especially wise and well qualified School Teachers could accomplish much. Instead of complaining that parents are careless and will do nothing, if those who have the talent would but make an effort and show themselves worthy of confidence, parents would soon respond and give liberally for the purchase of books. For no one likes to see his children grow up as ignorant and as wicked as himself.

THE RIGHT THING.—The time of the "singing of birds" has come; so also has the time for building your fences and improving your grounds; and we were pleased to see a number of sturdy, willing, enthusiastic men, young and middle aged, at Stellarton manse, encouraging the heart of their worthy pastor by putting the manse grounds into summer shape. A hint is enough for the thoughtful.

 Mr. McEachern has returned from Kingston, and placed his services at the disposal of the Pictou Presbytery. He has been appointed to labour between Salt Springs and Gairloch during the month of May.