

societies to my own people—With this proposal they complied—So at present we have two Societies in operation, which have agreed to remit this season for the support of the Academy the sum of £14. As this in a manner is a new congregation, I am induced to suppose that it will be gratifying to the members of your Society to know something concerning it.

This place lies West from Pictou, on the shore of the gulf of St. Lawrence at the distance of about thirty miles—It is situated in a very central part of the country, and possesses several local advantages—It is adapted for the fishing trade, for the exportation of timber, and for agriculture—When the French possessed this Colony they had various settlements in this place; but after their departure from the country, their improvements were neglected, and now they are scarcely visible—The people who succeeded the French, originally came from Switzerland, but unhappily they brought little knowledge or industry along with them—Many causes have contributed to retard the improvement of the place, but recently some of these have been removed, and so it is confidently expected that the face of the country in a very few years will assume a more pleasing aspect—Of late years, a new settlement has been formed in the vicinity of this place, which is known by the name of New Annan. This settlement forms a part of the congregation—It consists of about thirty families—The people of this settlement principally came from Dumfriesshire—Many of them are noted for their intelligence and industry—The whole of this congregation extends from North to South 16 miles, from East to West 12 miles—Throughout the congregation there are four places of worship and the number of souls within its bounds is nearly 800—Every individual within the bounds of this congregation is a dissenter, and to the exception of five or six persons, they are all presbyterians—There are a few persons throughout the congregation who understand the Gaelic language, and so twice or thrice in the course of the year I preach to these persons a Gaelic Sermon.

It is now upwards of half a century, since the principles of the Secession Church in Scotland were first inculcated in this Province—Though the Fathers of our church in endeavouring to plant the standard of the cross in this country have met with opposition, and though they have had to contend with many difficulties,