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Notes and Observations on a Missionary Visit to Cape Canso, in the months of November and December 1851.

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Having made an Official Report of my Mission to the Presbytery by whom I was appointed, I send, for more general information, the following notes and observations, trusting that they will not be unacceptable to the readers of our Register.

Cape Canso forms the South-East extremity of our Province, and wears the same rugged aspect which characterises almost the whole of the Southern shore. In the approach to it from the water, there is nothing promising in the eye of the agriculturist; the shores consisting of a continuous bed of granite, and the rising ground behind, with partial favorable exceptions, covered with brushwood, indicating no deepness of earth. But all men have not farms, neither do they need them. This place seems to have been made for the fisherman. Its rugged shores, numerous islands, and infinity of small harbors, illustrate its admirable adaptation to his laborious employment, and the neat and tasteful appearance of many of the dwellings of its inhabitants, indicates that he has pursued it with advantage, both to him-

self and to those with whom he exchanges his commodities. The almost entire desertion of the finny tribes from these shores, during the past season, has afflicted these people, in a way similar to that which has been felt elsewhere in years past by the failure of our harvest. Such of them as were allowed the Mackerel Bounty to the deep sea fishery, were tolerably successful. The accounts which they give me of the business, as carried on by the Americans, were truly deplorable. A common maxim among them is, that in three fathoms of water there is no Sabbath; many of them habitually fish on that holy day, and account it the best in the seven for that purpose. Many of them were notoriously wicked, and in the opinion of my informants, there was nothing wonderful in the fact, that extraordinary means should be employed to convince them that "verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth." They were themselves exposed to the great storm, but escaped without damage. The villages which occupy the northern shore of the Cape, are known by the general name Canso, which extends its patronizing influence over a wide region around. The Township is geographically named: *Wad-*