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LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,
That th' earth thy way, and nations all may know thy saving grace.—Ps. lxxvii. 1, 2.

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Home Missions.

To the Rev. the Presbytery of Pictou, the following report of missionary labor performed by the undersigned is respectfully submitted:

According to appointment I proceeded to Cape Breton, and preached at Mabou the 2nd Sabbath of September. On the following week I went to Baddeck and labored four Sabbaths in succession in that place. The attendance I was informed was very good, much larger than it had been formerly. The earnest attention given to the preaching of the gospel was very gratifying. I found a very good spirit existing among the adherents of our own Church. I was much pleased to observe the proper christian feeling subsisting between the adherents of our own and the Free Church notwithstanding all that has been written. Indeed the feeling which the controversy excited abroad, except in a very few instances, was not experienced there.—A very considerable number of those who attended regularly on my ministrations during my stay in Baddeck were adherents of the Free Church. I have been informed by persons there that the labors of our missionaries have been productive of much good in that locality. I administered the ordinance of Baptism during my stay in Baddeck.

Leaving Baddeck I returned to Mabou, and preached there three Sabbaths. I did not preach at Port Hood according to appointment. I proceeded there

for that purpose, but owing to peculiar circumstances I deemed it more prudent to return and give the day to Mabou.—In this congregation I found matters in a very satisfactory state. During the last summer they have built a very handsome Church, which is completely finished outside and the floor laid. During my stay there a congregational meeting was held, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of going forward to finish their Church, at which I was requested to preach. Though the meeting was small, owing to the state of the weather and other causes, yet it was pervaded by a most excellent spirit. It was unanimously resolved to finish their Church. A subscription list was opened at the meeting, which was largely signed, and the necessary arrangements made for completing the work. The Church when completed will cost £500 or £600. The conduct of this congregation is deserving of the highest commendation. It is a very small congregation, and has been severely tried by the removal of its pastor just as his labors began to be fully appreciated and their fruits began to appear. Though cast down under these adverse circumstances, yet they were not discouraged; but exercising a firm faith in an over-ruling Providence, and trusting that the Great Head of the Church would provide for them, they have gone vigorously forward in the erection of their new and elegant place of worship. This is displaying a proper spirit; not sitting down