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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.

REPORT OF MISSION TO CAPE SABLE ISLAND, &c.

TATAMAGOUCHE, June 18, 1856.

To the Rev. the Presbytery of Halifax,—

The undersigned missionary reports as follows:—

That on the 21st March, when on his way to spend a Sabbath in Pugwash among the Presbyterians in that locality, where he delivered three sermons, he received from the Rev G. Patterson a communication, announcing his appointment to the Presbytery of Halifax: instructing him to repair to Shelburne, the appointed scene of his labours. That on the succeeding Monday he left Pugwash by Stage and reached Halifax on the 25th. That, being detained two days in the metropolis, he attended the weekly fellowship meeting held in the Church of the Rev Peter G. McGregor, and, among other exercises, delivered an address. Left Halifax on the 28th by Stage, arrived at Shelburne on the evening of the following day. Whilst passing through the varied localities of the Western shores he much regrets that he had not an opportunity to preach Christ to the dense population of these districts. What rich and inviting fields for the labours of sound, energetic and judicious missionaries! Oh! that years ago the Synod had assumed an aggressive character, had invaded these shores. The seeds of divine truth would have

now germinated: enthusiasm would have less predominancy: the truth would have been more generally known: the order, the beauty, the excellencies of Presbyterianism would be seen: a harvest of precious souls would have been gathered. There are warm emotions in the Church: may they be kindled toward the iron-bound shores of Nova Scotia. Were a suitable missionary appointed, were time given for evangelistic labours, surely much good would be effected.

The undersigned, having reached the scene of his labours, placed himself in immediate communication with the Rev George Clark. In his absence preached twice in the Church at Shelburne on the last Sabbath of March. Left Shelburne by Stage on 2nd April, arrived at Cape Island on the following day.— Was kindly received and hospitably entertained by the family of William Cunningham, Esq., who are entitled to the immediate notice and gratitude of the Church. They have cordially and gratuitously entertained all the missionaries that have visited the Island. Since the commencement of the missionary operations of the Rev George Clark in this Island this family have displayed a commendable zeal for the advancement of Presbyterianism. Mr Cunningham has given a prominent and a commanding site for a Church. A substantial and commodious building has been commenced. Mrs Cunningham, senr., has very much interested herself in the erection