

Lord looked over the treasury, and saw a poor widow casting in two mites. The very poorest person can shew his loyalty to the Queen, and the poorest can shew their loyalty to the King of Heaven. Small rills and streams united from a river. The cable is made of rope-yarn, twine and fibres of hemp small as threads of silk; and thus combined they hold the ship which outrides the storm. The insects in the South Seas are very small creatures; yet they build the coral reefs greater than the Pyramids of Egypt and all the works of man. Your people are much better to do than the peasantry of the mother country who so liberally support the cause of missions. The only mark of nobility which I saw at the Parish Kirk, in early life, was the carriage of the Hon. Peter Maitland, and the coachman, by whipping up his horses, made them plunge and scatter the jingle from their heels. In a district of Pictou, you may see on the Sabbath morning fifty or sixty wagons at the Church door, some of them with long springs, with harness silver-mounted, and farmers' wives and daughters plumed or feathered like the family of a country Squire. People who enjoy the full light of religious institutions, must feel sympathy for nations in darkness. "The dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty." Paganism is sin personified, the devil deified, and hell as a religious establishment. We daily pray for the enlargement of Christ's kingdom. We ought to do something to promote it. When we pray give us our daily bread, we do not mean that God shall feed us with miracles, but that he would countenance our honest endeavors to get bread. When we pray "Thy kingdom come," we bind and oblige ourselves by the expression to use all honest means in our power to promote the interests of that kingdom.

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### The Deputation to Cape Breton.

MY DEAR EDITOR:

As many of your readers will naturally wish to know something of the state of the Church of Scotland in Cape Breton, will you allow me, as a member of the Deputation appointed by Synod to visit that most interesting Island, to make a few statements for their information? In the meantime, I will strive to confine my remarks wholly to the affairs of the Church, and what the Deputation did or endeavored to do in the Island. In some future No., with your permission, I may ask our mutual friends to accompany me through some of those places we visited, and in which we preached—through scenery the finest we have ever seen in America, and among friends as warm-hearted and friendly as any even in the Scottish Highlands.

The Deputation was appointed at last meeting of Synod, "to proceed to Cape Breton, preach and assist Mr. Gunn and Mr. Brodie in dispensing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with power to hold meetings of Presbytery, if found necessary—said Deputation to consist of Messrs. McMillan, McGregor and McKay."

According to the above injunction, we left Pictou in the last week of July and proceeded to Cape Breton, some by water and some by land, and met at the Strait. Here, according to previous arrangement, we separated—Messrs. McKay and McMillan, accompanied by Mr. Gunn, going to Grand River and Loch Lomond and through Richmond to Sydney; and Mr. Brodie and the other member of the Deputation proceeding through River Inhabitants on to Victoria and Inverness. It had been arranged that one of us would preach at Broad Cove, and the other at Lake Ainslie, on the last Sabbath in July. Accordingly, Mr. Brodie proceeded to Broad Cove, and I to Lake Ainslie, where, on Sabbath morning, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. McKenzie, minister of the "Union Church" in that place, and divided the day with him,—Mr. McKenzie preaching in the forenoon, and I in the afternoon, to a large and attentive congregation. Here the communion at Broad Cove was intimated to be held on the Sabbath following, and that at Middle River on the next Sabbath. Divine service was also intimated for Lake Ainslie on the following Thursday, which was held as a day of humiliation preparatory to the communion at Broad Cove. On that day, Mr. Brodie preached at the former place, and I at the latter. The attendance at Broad Cove Church was much larger than I had expected to find it, and certainly the people were most orderly and attentive. Friday was, as usual, held as a "Ceist" day, and those of the elders and others who were called upon to speak, gave very pleasing evidence of an intelligent comprehension of the sublime plan of human Redemption, and the operations of the Spirit in the heart and soul of the believer. The Church was quite full throughout the whole proceedings of the day. On Saturday, the services were conducted in both languages,—the English congregation worshipping in the Church, and the Gaelic in the open air. The people of Broad Cove and surrounding districts being chiefly Highlanders, the great majority of the worshippers attended the Gaelic services. The Church, however, although not full, was ordinarily well attended considering the season of the year and the comparatively small number of English speaking people in that section of the Church. On Sabbath, the services commenced in both languages at the usual hour. The people began to assemble early. Before ten o'clock, many had already seated themselves around the tent and taken their seats in the house of prayer. Many old men and women were