

On Tuesday I left for Merigonish at the request of the Rev. Mr. Grant, to address his people on the subject of missions. Here I had the pleasure again of seeing Mr. Miller, who opened the meeting. There were not many present, because of other events in the neighbourhood. I enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Grant, and had quite a talk with Mr. Miller, who is well read in ecclesiastical lore, before he went home. I should mention that a kind man, McDonald by name, drove me from Sutherland's River to his own place, where we had some refreshments, and then to the church. Mr. Grant gave me eight dollars from his funds for my own use, and conveyed me with his horse and carriage to New Glasgow. I enjoyed his company very much. He is a pious young man, who has the subject of missions much at heart. I then took the cars for Fisher's Grant, where I had a meeting in the evening. There were few present, and the collection amounted only to a couple of dollars. I was guest for the night with Mr. John McKay of Fisher's Grant, and son of Squire McKay of New Glasgow. After a few hours in Pictou, I drove out to Cariboo with Donald Grant, son of Roderick Grant. In the evening I had a meeting at McRae's school house, which was quite full. A collection of a few dollars was given. Both the people of Fisher's Grant and the people of this district had given their contributions in Pictou on Sabbath. After the meeting I returned with my good old friend, Mr. Grant.

On Friday my kind friend, David Sutherland, of Scotch Hill, called for me, and with him I remained resting and refreshing myself until Sabbath. Having thus far detailed my movements in Pictou Presbytery, I will continue the account in my next.

Yours truly,
JOHN GOODWILL.

REPORT OF COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

By the timely arrival of the English mail steamer, we are put in possession of the report of the Colonial Committee, read in the General Assembly on the 21st of May. The report will be gratifying to our readers, as evincing the deep interest of the Committee in the operation of our mission work. It will also be of special importance in connection with the approaching meeting of Synod, where the home and foreign mission cause will receive more than usual attention:—

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces have at length to be congratulated on their accomplishing a union which now happily combines in one supreme court the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The General Assembly will easily appreciate the importance of the step which has thus been taken towards greatly more concentrated and effective synodical action, and a better distribution of her available strength for the great home mission work in the maritime provinces to which the Church is called. It was the pleasing duty of the Colonial Committee to offer these congratulations through their convener. And now they eagerly avail themselves of the opportunity of again, and still more publicly, acknowledging their obligations for the prompt and practical measures adopted by the Synod to secure efficient co-operation with the Colonial Committee. With the Home Mission Board of the Synod, under the singularly able presidency of the Rev. George Grant, of Halifax, the Colonial Committee have had the most satisfactory correspondence. The committee cannot doubt that the appointment of that board, and their vigorous prosecution of the work assigned to them by the Synod, will greatly tend to confirm the confidence which the Church of Scotland has ever reposed in our brethren in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and to increase the cordiality of our co-operation in promoting the religious interests of Scottish Presbyterians in the maritime provinces of British North America. The Colonial Committee, with