

DEPUTATION TO CAPE BRETON.—By appointment of Presbytery the Rev. W. Stewart of McLennan's Mountain and myself conducted the Sacramental services at River Inhabitants on the 17th ult. The attendance on Thursday was small. On Friday the Church was pretty well filled and the usual *Ceist* services were held. On Sabbath a very large body of people assembled, some came from a distance of twenty, thirty or even forty miles. So far as we saw their behaviour was most orderly and their demeanour that of devout worshippers. The number of communicants was not large, and but one or two new communicants presented themselves.

The want of a settled Missionary is much felt at this place. An occasional service in summer is all they receive. For eight months the Church is never unlocked, for they have no one to conduct the service.

Which of our congregations will volunteer to give its minister a month's leave of absence to labour in Cape Breton in summer or autumn?

Through the kindness of Professor Pollok who preached at Rogers Hill in my absence and of the Editor of the RECORD who took Mr. McEachern's place at Cape John, I was enabled to visit Loch Lomond. The congregation here was organized only a few years ago. Numbering scarcely more than a score of families they have built a beautiful Church, a lasting monument of their zeal. They all worked with a will harmoniously so that, as one of themselves said, "it went up as quietly as Solomon's temple."

In summer they have had the services of a Gaelic speaking student-missionary. The labours of these missionaries have been deeply blessed there. It was pathetic to hear one remark with deep feeling that more than one now in glory owed, under God, their religious impression to the fact of that church having

been built. On Friday I preached, and also on Sabbath to a large congregation. In the afternoon I had the pleasure of preaching in the new church on the south side of the lake. This church belongs to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Mr. Stewart who laboured in Pictou congregation last summer preaches in each church on alternate Sabbaths and the arrangement works well.

On Monday I returned to the Strait, a distance of nearly sixty miles. I take this opportunity of acknowledging the great kindness and hospitality shown us on all occasions not forgetting the attention of those who kindly placed three relays of horses at our disposal to enable us to reach the steamer at the strait in time.

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FIRST COMMUNION LESSONS.

This is the title of an admirable little book, suited especially for those who are seeking instruction with the view of coming to the Lord's table for the first time, though we daresay it will be found very helpful to many others. It is by the Rev. Jas. Rankin, Minister of the Parish of Muthill, Perthshire. The first supply of 100 copies has been nearly exhausted in connection with the Communicants classes at River John and Westville. A further supply will be received during the winter. A few copies have been reserved for the sake of any who may be anxious to peruse the book, and may be ordered from the Manse, River John, Price 4 cents. We subjoin an extract.

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