

cordially agreed, by the funds of which, in the course of time, along with the prices of Bibles sold, we may be enabled to pay our debt, and then give our mite to the Society. I received the box from the London Society, in April, with a parcel of excellent Tracts, a good number of which I have since disseminated. I disposed of several Bibles at Bridge Port Mines, and brought a number to Myra, to be disposed of by Captain Macniel as he sees necessary; the remainder will be required in the neighbourhood of Sydney. Your box of medicines I have found very useful, and return my sincere thanks for them. One may travel one hundred miles here, and not be able to find a medicine. I intend to carry some of your books, tracts, &c. with me for the people of Boulai de Tré, Myra, &c. when I go to meet Mr. Stewart, particularly the Tracts on the Roman Catholic errors, as our people are more connected with Romanists there than hereabout." We have here a concise account of the moral, spiritual, and temporal condition of these poor islanders; and assuredly the picture powerfully enforces Mr. Farquharson's earnest recommendation that we should persevere strenuously in an effort which a gracious Providence has prospered so far.

In pursuance of Mr. Farquharson's suggestion, as to the desirableness and practicability of establishing the parochial system in Cape Breton, anxious inquiry was made after a suitable missionary, and, with the warm approval of many of the clergymen of Edinburgh, the Rev. John Stewart, of St. George's Sessional School, was nominated by the Glasgow Colonial Society. Mr. Stewart sailed in July, carrying with him, at his own expense, a well-educated and pious young man, from whose services as schoolmaster and catechist, he anticipated much aid,—while this demonstration of his missionary spirit, his having maintained the worship of God daily on board ship, attended by Roman Catholic passengers as well as by the crew, the energy with which he entered on the labours of his mission instantly on his arrival, together with Mr. Farquharson's cordial approval of the assistant sent to him, give to his constituents sanguine hopes that their choice was guided by that Wisdom which cannot err.

Mr. Stewart's peculiar fitness for training schoolmasters, and organizing schools on the best system, is, in a new country, a happy coincidence, and should stimulate the friends of the mission to extend their bounty in supplying school books.

Mr. Stewart had been but three weeks in Cape Breton before going to Pictou for ordination. All he saw confirmed entirely the faithfulness of Mr. Farquharson's report, as to the eagerness of the people to hear the word preached, their deep attention, and fervent desire to secure to their settlements the regular ministration of the gospel ordinances. Mr. Stewart had already been invited to accept the pastoral charge of some of the settlements, but wished to see more of the Island before fixing, and was very doubtful of the ability of those he visited to maintain a clergyman, from their poverty. Mr. Stewart wrote from Pictou, on the 6th October, when about to sail on his return to Cape Breton an ordained minister, the Moderator having prescribed to him the duty of inducting Mr. Farquharson into his pastoral charge.

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