

many good books be a cause of thankfulness, and a stimulus to all christian people, to aid cheerfully by their means and sympathy, a work that of necessity must effect for good the reading and rising generation.

BIBLE DESTITUTION.

I met with five cases of Bible destitution. These I supplied free of charge. All but one, an orphan boy, represented families in poor circumstances. One, a married woman, told me her husband couldn't read but that she could read herself, but had no Bible nor money to buy one. On my giving her one she expressed herself highly satisfied, and promised to read it to her husband as opportunities offered.

PICTOU ISLAND.

I visited Pictou Island in September. I went over by sail-boat on a Saturday evening with Mr. Hogg, who took me to his house where I was very kindly treated. On Sunday evening I addressed the Sabbath School. Monday morning I started with Mr. McDonald who drove me, with his horse and carriage, to the different houses on the island. There are about 25 families living there who are nearly if not all of Scotch descent. They are famed for their hospitality, and I found them nothing behind their reputation in that respect. They have a good day school and keep Sunday School regularly during the summer months, but they have no regular preaching, having no stationed minister, and are not within easy reach of the mainland. Monday night I held a prayer meeting in the school house which was well attended. On Tuesday I got a chance of a return passage to Pictou, and bade farewell to the islanders who treated me with the utmost kindness, particularly Mr. McDonald who would take no pay for his horse and carriage that he drove me with, nor for entertainment for myself for two nights.

CLERGYMEN.

I am under great obligations to clergymen who materially help me in my work and favor me with a large share of patronage. In this connection permit me to make favorable mention of the Rev. R. Cumming, Westville; Rev. A. McLean, Hopewell; Rev. Dr. McLeod, Vale Colliery; Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick, Saltspring; Rev. Mr. Lord, Merigomish; Rev. Mr. Fraser, Roger's Hill; Rev. Mr. Murray, New Glasgow; Rev. Mr. McCurdy, New Glasgow, and last though not least the Rev. C. A. Melville, Hopewell, who is the largest purchaser of the Society's books of any in my circuit. He is ever ready to advocate its claims and bring it into favorable notice. I forward you to-day a donation from his congregation collected for the Society.

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