

The following are respectfully submitted by the Presbytery of Cape Breton, relative to the church lately built upon the Sydney Mines, as Answers to Queries by the Committee of the General Assembly of the church of Scotland, in regard to Colonial Churches.

1. The church is built upon the Sydney Mines, in the township of Sydney and County of Cape Breton. The ground upon which the church stands has been granted by the Trustees of the General Mining Association, and is within the bounds of the Presbytery of Cape Breton.

2. The population of the Mines is about 650. The number of workmen constantly employed is about 250 ; about 150 of these are Scotchmen, principally colliers and artisans, and for the most part emigrated to this country for the purpose of working in and upon the Mines. They are, with a very few exceptions, Presbyterians, attached to our Church, and have generally contributed towards the building. During the summer months, there are generally from 50 to 60 additional men employed, from different parts of the Island, who are also chiefly Presbyterians.

3. The Presbyterians upon the Mines are for the most part industrious and earning very good wages. A collier can earn from £7 to £10 a month ; a labourer, from 4s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. a day currency. Where they are industrious and temperate, they can save money.

4. About £185 currency have been subscribed and collected towards defraying the expense of the erection.

5. The above sum has been raised by voluntary subscription, and principally by the Presbyterians residing upon the Mines, free from the condition of any return whatever.