

refused on account of our comparatively short stay in the Island. Owing however, to the energy and kind interest taken in the deputation by Mr. Campbell and other friends in Baddeck, timely notice had been given of Divine services in the Temperance Hall on Tuesday, and of a prayer meeting in the house of Mr. Morrison an invalid near the Village, on Wednesday evening. On Thursday I returned to Middle River and again preached and in the evening left for Baddeck on my way to St. Ann's. On Sabbath preached at St. Ann's to a large congregation. The Church here is a very commodious one, built for Mr. McLeod, late of St. Ann's, before his departure for New Zealand. Here I met with friends, not a few, whom I shall long remember. On Monday, left St. Ann's for Munroe's Point, where I held a meeting on Monday night, and on Tuesday returned towards Whycomagh and Lake Ainslie, calling at some places by the way. Being detained in Baddeck for a day through the boat being delayed by a storm, I left for Whycomagh by land at 4 o'clock on Thursday, and arrived at Mr. McDougall's after midnight. Next morning according to previous arrangements I preached at Lake Ainslie to a full house, and returning in the evening held a meeting at Whycomagh. On Saturday, came to River Dennis and met several friends, thence proceeded to River Inhabitants, where I preached to a large congregation on the following Sabbath and on Monday, crossed the Strait on my way homewards.

In my Report, I have confined myself as much as possible to a simple statement of facts, serving to point out the stations at which I preached during my stay in this Island. Of each of these stations, did time and space permit, very much might be said, as they are all most interesting, and many of them peculiarly so. In each of them are those who adhere to the Church of Scotland, in some large numbers, in others comparatively but a few. And sure I am that they shall not be forgotten, but that the Church to which they are united, will do all that in her lies, to strengthen their hands and encourage their hearts. And in case my brief report should fall under the eye of any of my friends in that very beautiful Island, let me take this opportunity of thanking them one and all, at the various places, I had the pleasure of visiting, for their kind reception and hospitable entertainment. I need not specify places and persons in particular; for at Grand River, Framboise and Loch Lomond, Rivers Inhabitants and Dennis, Whycomagh, Middle River, Baddeck and St. Ann's, I found friends in whom I shall always feel a very deep interest, and whom I would wish again to visit. The missionary in Cape Breton travels through some of the finest scenery in America. If he be a Scotchman, those magnificent mountains rising from the shores of the Bras D'Or, or encircling some of those numerous inland

lakes embosomed among the hills, cannot fail in reminding him of "the land of the mountain and the flood." Here, indeed, an artist might find more interesting subjects for his pencil and brush, than in any other portion of America which we have seen. But what is far more interesting to the missionary, here he will find a people eager to hear the glad tidings of salvation from his lips, and we believe not a few among them anxious to lay up the truth in their hearts, that they may practise it in their lives. S. M. G.

WE insert below a portion of a letter addressed to the Canada Presbyterian, by that warm advocate of Union, "Presbuteros." His argument as to the causelessness of the Secession in the colonies in 1843, is both clear and cogent, and we recommend it to the perusal of our readers. We can, by no means, however, go along with him in his views on patronage, in the defence of which, we think, he goes a greater length than almost any minister of our Church at home would be disposed to follow him. He says, "The proprietor built churches for the accommodation of his tenants and dependants, and paid ministers for them. Of course he did not consult them as to what kind of minister he was going to provide, and in these circumstances they could not be expected to be consulted." Now, this we hold, is striking at the very heart and life of Presbyterianism. It is the old moderatism of the Robertsonian School, which, we rejoice to say, is now dead and out of sight, after having wrought a world of mischief in the country of Scotland. What we would ask, would the people say, or how would they do, supposing the Colonial Committee offered to pay the salary of a minister for St. Peter's Road, P. E. I. They had set their heart upon getting their present missionary, but the Committee say,—No, we intend to place the former missionary, Mr. McLaren, over you, and expect you to be very grateful. The effect might be easily imagined, though of course, in making this supposition, it is not to be thought for a moment, that the Church would contemplate such an act, but would be only too glad to see the man settled, who would be likely to do the most good. There is, in fact, no Church in the world, either state or voluntary, in which there is practically less patronage, than the Church of Scotland. In many cases, the patron indeed pays, but the people choose