

during his stay at Roseneath, had the whole duties of the parish to perform as minister, which he has done in such a manner as won the esteem and regard of all, and, as a mark of respect, the inhabitants of Roseneath, and summer visitors resident there, have presented him with a valuable gold watch and gold guard-chain, as well as several volumes of excellent works, in acknowledgements of his valuable pulpit services and high private worth. Mr. Rose is the third son of the Rev. Lewis Rose, of this town, and promises to be a zealous, talented preacher of the Gospel. Like his father, he is gifted with more than ordinary talents, fitting both for the high and holy office they occupy as ministers of the Church of Scotland.

Auldbar.

The chapel, rebuilt with so much taste by the late P. Chalmers, Esq., in the romantic glen of Auldbar, was used as a Protestant place of worship for the first time on the evening of Sabbath week. The Rev. Peter Myles, minister of the united parishes of Auldbar and Abercrombie, conducted the service.

Moderator of the General Assembly.

We are authorized to state that the Rev. Dr. John Croubie, of Scone, will be proposed as Moderator of the ensuing General Assembly.—*Edinburgh Evening Post*.

Church of Scotland Endowment Scheme.

We believe that his Grace the Duke of Roxburgh has manifested his interest in this Scheme by contributing towards it the munificent sum of £600.

THE CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Missionary Report to the Presbytery of Pictou.

By the Rev. George Harper, A. M. Preacher of the Gospel, 7th December, 1855.

I may begin by stating that, since the date of last report, I have at length enjoyed the opportunity of visiting almost every vacant station within the bounds of the Presbytery; so that I have now travelled over nearly the whole range of the Missionary field around Pictou. Besides the usual Sabbath-day services, I have frequently also preached upon week days, when requested to do so, or when there appeared a chance of being useful. I have also visited the sick in the different districts, when their cases were made known to me. In addition to the performance of these duties, I have likewise endeavoured, in every way in my power, both publicly and privately, to encourage the people to wait with patience a short time longer, until their spiritual wants can be better supplied than they unfortunately are at present. "When shall we have a Missionary of our own?" is a very common and quite a natural question, with those who

for years have confidently been waiting the arrival of fresh labourers, and who are not even yet disheartened, being fully satisfied of the kindly regard entertained for them by the Colonial Committee of our Church, as well as the desire of our Ministers to render them in the meantime all the assistance in their power. I reminded them of what ought to be highly encouraging both to ministers and to people, namely, that while it is an undoubted fact that our chances of obtaining Missionaries are daily increasing, we may look forward with the highest degree of assurance to the time, now not far distant, when all our waste places shall certainly be supplied. In the course of between three and four years, as I understand, this very desirable object will be attained by the arrival of the young men, now prosecuting their studies so successfully at home, and in Canada with the view of returning to this colony at the end of that time. In them seem to be centered the hopes of the Church in this colony; and it is truly refreshing to think that if in the meantime only two or three additional Missionaries could be found willing to come out, even though one of them had English only, to labour though it were only for a limited period, our beloved Zion might yet flourish in Nova Scotia, and enjoy perhaps a greater measure of prosperity than has yet fallen to her lot in this quarter of the world.

I may state that, since the 30th of September last to the date of this report, embracing a period of two months, I have in all officiated on twenty four different occasions, including services on week days. The following is a list of the times and places; viz.

	No of sermons preached.
Rogershill,	5
West Branch, River John,	2
Cape John,	2
Wallace,	2
Stake Road,	1
Gulf Shore,	1
Up. Settlement, Barney's Riv.	2
Lower Settlement, Do.	1
Lochaber,	2
East River, St. Mary's,	1

I need scarcely say that the above statement includes only the vacant congregations; and I now proceed to enter more into detail.

On the 30th of September, in pursuance of the instructions of Presbytery, I preached at Rogershill, and was pleased to find so respectable an attendance, although I was told that more would have been present on the occasion, if the people had been quite certain of my coming. Staying a day or two in the place, I embraced the opportunity of giving a discourse in a Schoolhouse on Monday evening, the meeting being well attended: and on my way to the town of Pictou I again preached in Rogershill Church on a Wednesday afternoon, but owing to a misunderstanding as to the hour of meeting, many had left before I arrived. I enjoyed a further opportunity of preaching in Rogershill, on the following Wednesday,

in company with the Rev. Alexander MacKay, of Belfast, who at the conclusion of the services, after having himself preached in Gaelic gave an address in that language, in which as I understood he suggested various useful hints, (which I trust the good people will keep in remembrance,) relating to their condition and prospects as a congregation. It would be a pity that so large and respectable a body of people should fall away, for want of a proper understanding of their circumstances. The same remark applies to the congregation of Wallace and Pugwash. The prospects of receiving additional Missionaries being now so much greater, than they were at any former period, it seems clearly to be the duty of these congregations, as well as of others in the same situation with them, to remain firm and united, and instead of showing signs of grumbling and discontent with what no man can in the meantime help, I humbly conceive that there ought to be every desire to occupy the interval in building manses, and in otherwise preparing to receive Missionaries. And I think I may take it upon me to say that this very desirable Consummation—their obtaining Ministers of their own—the Presbytery of Pictou, as well as the Colonial Committee, will do every thing in their power to forward.

On the 7th October. I preached at West Branch, River John, to a large and attentive audience; and on the Sabbath following I visited Cape John, where we have also a considerable number of adherents and a very fine Church, the fruit of Mr. Mackay's exertions. On the following Sabbaths I officiated in St. Andrews Church, Pictou, and in the Church at Gareloch, respectively, to allow the Ministers of these localities to go and baptise children in the districts where I had been preaching not being myself yet ordained.

Thereafter, in the beginning of November, I returned to Wallace, preaching in the village church, on the 4th, in the forenoon, and in the afternoon at the Schoolhouse, Stake Road. On the following Sabbath, when I intended going to Pugwash, it happened to be the Rev. Mr. Dorrrough's day for officiating in our pulpit there, this gentleman, as I formerly mentioned, preaching in our church once a month. In these circumstances, I went to the Gulf shore and preached there in the forenoon and again at Wallace on the same day, in the afternoon. On all these occasions I am glad to say the attendance was very good.

Following up the order of my prosbyterial appointments I found my way to Barney's River, 80 miles from Wallace, preaching at the Upper Settlement on the 18th of the month. The weather being propitious a considerable number attended; and at the conclusion of the second service, I intimated that I should be very happy to preach in the Lower Settlement in the middle of the week. In compliance also with the request of some of the Elders, I at the same time intimated that after divine service on that