

province, and the beauty of the place seems to have imparted a beauty and nobleness of character to its inhabitants that is most pleasing and refreshing. They are large-hearted and kind in proportion as they are comfortable, and comfortable they are to a degree. The only pity is that they are not more numerous. If their number is small, their liberality is proportionately great, as may be seen from the collection made on Sabbath morning for the Foreign Mission. There were just sixty present in the morning—men, women and children,—and the amount collected was the large sum of \$7. Let larger congregations take a lesson from that. During the week, I visited, along with my friend Mr. McPhee, the greater part of our people on South River, and our reception was most cordial. Visiting I find to be a very pleasant part of my duties, the people are all so kind and delighted to see one, that, instead of being a trouble, it is quite a pleasure.

At many of the stations I held prayer meetings, administered baptism, and visited the sick.

In conclusion, I beg to tender my sincere thanks to all from whom I received so many kind attentions.

F. R. McDONALD.

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## REPORT OF MISSIONARY LABOURS IN CAPE BRETON, BY REV. JAS. W. FRASER,

SUBMITTED TO THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU MARCH 3RD.

HAVING twice visited Loch Lomond and surrounding districts since last meeting of Synod, I have come to the conclusion that it is my duty to bring before the Presbytery the propriety of sending, if possible, a Catechist or Lay Missionary to labour there during summer.

At Lake Uist our congregation are preparing to build a church, if possible, next summer. They are much disappointed at not having been able to build last year, but now hope to have most, if not all, of the material necessary for the outside of the building on the site by the first of May. Having provided the material, with a little outside help they will be able to meet the carpenter's bill. Although few in number (not above twenty-five families), they are preparing lumber by their own labour, and are determined to do their utmost to secure the end in view. They have this year paid liberally, considering their circumstances, towards the support of ordinances in their midst. We have about an equal number of adherents scattered along the coast from St. Esprit to L'Ardoise. They have no church. At Framboise, also, our people are anxious for services.

Now in these districts the circumstances of many of the people are peculiar. Most of them having come from the remote Hebrides, they have not had in their youth the advantages of education possessed by their more fortunate fellow-countrymen from the mainland. Having settled in the woods, they have been, till very lately, without roads, and, to a great extent, without schools. Hence they have laboured under many disadvantages, and it is not surprising that they are behind their neighbours in some respects.

It appears to me in these circumstances that the work required to be done among them is not so much preaching as teaching at the fireside—not so much labouring at the top of the building, as endeavouring to secure a good and sure foundation—visiting each family, and stirring them up to their duty, organizing Sunday Schools, &c. &c., work which can be done only by one resident on the spot. Remember it is distant from fifty to sixty miles from here. I have spoken to many of them about the matter, and all were willing to contribute towards the support of such a Missionary or Catechist, seeing that they have little hope of securing any other just now. If we could secure the services of