

island. I have been told they have eleven places of worship there, and he is continually attending at one or other, besides celebrating mass and baptism at private houses, visiting the sick and dying, &c. But, with all his good qualities, and I may allow, with truth, that he has many, yet at the same time he must be considered as no proper minister of the gospel of the grace of God, if it be in the Scriptures alone that that gospel is made known in its purity and saving power; for he never recommends the perusal of that word to those who can read it, nor does he wish those who cannot read it to be taught to do so. Recollect what he said about the Indians. It is lamentable, that not long ago the half of the whole population of the island were followers of such a spiritual guide, and even at present, I suppose they amount to one-third or two-fifths. But the late emigrants have been, many of them, of a different faith. I wish I could also add that they were all of a superior practice.

With regard to the Protestant religion, I have already observed, that there was no preacher of it on the island, many years, except the garrison-chaplain. I remember of reading an extract of a letter from that island, I suppose from a preacher, inserted in the London Evangelical Magazine, more than twenty years ago, stating that this preacher had met with individuals there who had not heard a Protestant sermon for thirty years by past. Who this was I never learned, but when I met with Mr. M'Gregor of Pictou, he told me it was not he who sent that communication. But he said, when he first came upon the island, he found persons in the Malpeque Settlement, nineteen years of age, who had not so much as *seen* a Protestant preacher, and were, at the time, unbaptized. All this time the Romanists had nothing to hinder proselytizing to their own faith; and I believe several were gained among the Highlanders,

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