

Attempts, however, have been made, and are at present being made, with a view towards supplying the deficiency. A church erected in the centre would be within 6 or 7 miles of each extreme of this settlement, extending, as already observed, from Carriboo to Cape John, a distance of 12 or 14 miles. From this central position to the church at River John, the distance would also be about 7 miles. I would farther observe, that the inhabitants of this settlement are principally Highlanders, and speak the Gaelic language; and, from their national predilections and associations, the idea of supplying their spiritual destitution by one incapable of preaching to them in that language, would, if attempted, prove abortive.

Thursday evening, May 23d. — I preached in Gaelic and English at Scotch Hill, to an audience of about 80.

On the last Sabbath of May, I preached in Gaelic and English at the Salt Springs, West River, to an audience of about 450, and on two other evenings of the week I preached in private houses in some of the outskirts of the congregation, viz., at Mr Roderick McKenzie's, Gairloch, and Mr William McRae's, upper settlement West River. The attendance would average about 40 at the former of these places, and about 100 at the latter—the services on each occasion being conducted

in Gaelic. With respect to my labors in this district, I have to remark that every time I preached a collection was made to defray the expenses of my mission. The amount of these collections, which have all been handed in to the Treasurer of the Domestic Mission fund, will hereafter appear.

On the first Sabbath of June, I preached in the neat and commodious church at Gairloch, to an audience of about 500.— There the services of the day were alternately conducted in Gaelic and English. Here also a collection was made in aid of our mission fund. The settlement of Gairloch constitutes a section of the Salt Springs congregation. This congregation has, for the last 6 years, been destitute of the labors of a settled pastor.— They however receive an occasional visit from the Rev. Mr McGillivray of McLellan's Mountain, and others. With few exceptions they are firmly attached to the Established Church of Scotland. Their partiality to the church of their fathers, however, did not prevent them, on the present occasion, from cordially reciprocating the friendly intentions of your Rev. Court in sending them a supply of preaching. From my intercourse with them in private, they appeared to be actuated by the most cordial good will towards our church.

Such is a summary of my labors in fulfilment of this mission, including, as has already been remarked, a period of five Sabbaths. During this time I was enabled to preach 18 times, besides taking a part in conducting Sabbath Schools, and addressing Temperance Societies, visiting the sick, &c.

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Foreign Missions.

LETTER FROM MR ARCHIBALD TO HIS MOTHER.
Aneiteum, October 4th, 1850.

MY DEAR MOTHER—

About six months have now passed away since I last wrote you; and knowing that you will be anxious to hear again from us, I have set down to write you. I think when I last wrote we were at Mr G's station. In May last we left that and went round to Epeece, where we firmly lived. We took a native of Rotuma with us. The man came to us some time before, sick with the fever and ague, and

begged us to keep him and feed him, as he was unable to get any food or clothing, or yet a shelter in any other place, out of compassion to him, we gave him a home with us. After we moved round to the other place, he got quite well and began to make himself useful in carrying water, cooking, &c.

After we had been there about 6 weeks, on a Sabbath night, at midnight, we were aroused from sleep by hearing some person screaming. We had no time to consider about it before we heard some persons in the adjoining room, and hurrying