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upon them to continue steadfast in their Protestant profession, as he knew that they were surrounded by Papists on all hands. At that time there were not any Protestant settlers on the south side of the Bras d'Or Lake, from West Bay to Sydney, a distance of eighty miles, the whole shore being occupied by Romanists; while the north side of the Lake, where are now the settlements of Malagawatch, River Dennis, and Whycogo-magh, is described as a terra incognita. Unless there were a Church of England minister at Sydney, there was not a Protestant minister on the Island. Immediately after preaching he left West Bay on his return home, being anxious to get a passage from the Strait in a vessel, which he expected to pass through on her way to Pictou. On his departure, John MacLeod, one of his old acquaintances, offered to accompany him to the Strait, but (Rev. MacGregor) would not allow him. After MacLeod had accompanied him a mile or two the Doctor proceeded alone, and on foot; his only guides being the blaze and a pocket-compass. The whole time spent on this mission we know not, but he speaks in one of his letters of "six Sabbaths, and some week-day sermons, being all the Calvinistic gospel that ever Cape Breton enjoyed," by which we presume he describes his own two visits. In another place he speaks of having on this visit met persons over twenty years of age that had never heard a sermon. This must have been at Mabou, which had been settled for a longer period than the other places visited.

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