

is such a way of working, apostolic and thorough, that God ever blesses with solid and lasting success. We could, therefore, on the testimony of God's promise, expect to find the issue of such thorough work, as Mr. Patterson tells us: "The effects of his labor soon began to appear. The people generally began to awake to the subject of religion, many were found turning to the Lord, and a great change in their religious habits passed over the whole population. Family worship, and family religious instruction, became almost universal, and people flocked from all quarters to attend on the preaching of the word, young women even walking in summer from the West to the East River, a distance of ten miles or more, for that purpose."

Here was, therefore, a genuine and deep revival of religion, and that through the ordinary means of grace; the effects of which continue all over Nova Scotia till this day in many of its families and in some of its pulpits. Great is the power of the old-fashioned mode of preaching the gospel—"publicly, and from house to house,"—high in the esteem of God are the ordinary means of grace—"Moses and the prophets,"—and sure is the reward of pains, perseverance, and thoroughness in the kingdom of grace as well as in the kingdom of nature. We regret our limited space forbids us to write of Duncan Ross and Thomas McCulloch, the worthy successors of James McGregor in the work of God.

In the course of nine more years a century will have passed since James McGregor arrived in Pictou, and since Messrs. Smith, Cock, and Graham, along with him, organized in Truro (1786) the first Presbytery in British North America. In ninety-one years the tiny rivulet has become a great river: the Presbytery of three ministers, with Mr. McGregor invited to sit as a corresponding member, has become a General Assembly with its constituency extending from Halifax to the valley of the Saskatchewan, having under its care some twelve hundred churches, having in its service some six hundred ministers, and conducting missions in China, India, and the South Sea Islands, with five or six colleges for the training of its ministers. It is good for the young ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to have thus brought before them, as Mr. Patter-