

foot ;” and visited nearly twenty localities already to a greater or less extent brought under the influence of the respective labourers. In closing their interesting report they remark, “Wherever we went, we were exceedingly well received, and were delighted to find a good spirit with regard to the gospel everywhere prevailing. We have every reason to believe that our mission by the Presbytery has been productive of good.” This result might with great propriety, have been stated more positively. The benefit was *very great indeed*, to the stations visited, to the other brethren who needed not a little, in some difficult cases, counsel and encouragement ; while the Presbytery recently constituted, and the Mission Board in Scotland obtained a vast amount of most valuable and reliable information respecting the mission field, as well as in reference to the circumstances and wants of, the country in general.

From this period the increase of stations was very rapid ; but while prosperous and encouraging from the beginning, it is nevertheless true that the Mission had then, and to a considerable extent still has, to contend with some formidable obstacles. In considering “the way in which the Lord our God hath led us,” these must not be overlooked. One of the first experienced, and still greatly felt, is intimately connected with prosperity—indeed, grows out of it. The rapid increase of stations soon occasioned a demand for ministerial supply, far beyond our means. This was aggravated by the disappointment arising from the want of supply of Preachers from Scotland, which at first, we were warmly encouraged to expect. In the full confidence of this, the pioneers of the Mission, did their utmost to “break up the ground,” and pledges being once given to stations, in the way of occasional supply, individual effort had to be still more severely taxed, to maintain a footing where it had been acquired ; and where the great destitution never ceased to appeal touchingly to the sympathies of the already overburdened labourer. The disappointment just alluded to, in regard to aid from Scotland, was occasioned by a variety of circumstances. Soon after the Canadian Mission had been started, that to Jamaica was also undertaken by the Parent Church. Its demands too, became numerous and pressing, and both to the Christian community on whose generosity the cause so much depended, and to Preachers and Students, there was necessarily more of romance associated with the latter field. There was also great difficulty in inducing Preachers to leave their native land. These and like causes so prevailed, that the Canadian Mission was left long to struggle on, weak-handed, and amid thickening obstacles from without, such as the state of the country, political agitation, and commercial depression. Could the Cause have been sustained adequately, and the ground cultivated that was