

distant, and can seldom meet with their brethren in town, even in the summer season. They form branches of the mother church, and meet for prayer, praise, &c, and reading an evangelical sermon, on the Sabbath, in the different parts of the country where they are respectively situated.* There are six or seven meetings of this kind throughout the isles; and they are like so many lamps, in some of the dark and desolate corners of the country, 'holding forth the word of life.' Besides the church in Lerwick, there is another small congregational church in *Bister*, consisting of from 6 to 40 members, under the pastoral care of Mr. Tulloch, who has laboured in that quarter, under many privations and great difficulties, for many years with a patience and perseverance worthy of the good cause, and of which few of our brethren in Scotland are aware.

ISLE OF MAN.

We have already adverted to the proceedings of the Home Missionary Society of England and intend soon to state, at some length, its mode of operation, which appears to be attended with a great degree of success. The missionaries collected, at first, the peasantry in barns, or in private dwellings if those which are convenient can be obtained, and from

* In many new settlements in this country, the example of the Shetlanders might be followed with great advantage to the settlers. Whilst the first buds of Society are rising among the woods, the inhabitants must be at considerable distance from any place of public worship, we would therefore recommend to them to assemble on the Lord's day, in a private house, for the purpose of praying, reading the Scriptures, and reading an evangelical sermon. All this might be accomplished by the example and influence of one pious person in a neighbourhood.—Should this remark attract the notice of any of our subscribers in the neighbourhood of new settlements, we hope they will lose no time in commencing the work of the Lord. Ed.

this humble beginning are frequently enabled by the contributions of the benevolent, to erect a commodious chapel. A missionary of this Society in the Isle of Man, writes—

"At *Sutby* the congregations are truly encouraging. The place is always crowded, when the weather is at all favourable, and numbers are frequently unable to gain admittance. I am sure I speak within compass, when I say, that I have seen 300 of the peasantry within and without the door. At *Lary*, which has been considered one of the darkest spots in the island, the school room continues to be filled with a decent and attentive audience. At *Peel* I still occupy the court house. The high bailiff was lately present; and after service, very kindly told me, that he was glad it could be put to so good a purpose. The clergyman of the town, upon whom I often call, accommodates me with seats, and some branches of his family always attend, while the clerk of the adjoining parish leads the singing!! You will not find greater liberality than this in any part of England. I wish as much could be found in every magistrate, clergyman, and clerk. At *Ramsay*, the congregations are as numerous and as respectable as ever. When I last wrote, I informed you, that a piece of ground had been purchased for a new chapel. I am happy to say, that arrangements have been made for commencing the work as soon as possible; though I fear it will not be completed so soon as the necessities of the case require. Your supply of books has enabled me to commence a Sabbath School; and I shall very shortly stand in need of more efficient aid.

SANDWICH MISSION.

It is pleasing to see instances of kind and liberal feeling wherever or by whomsoever exhibited. The