

good conduct." The usual difficulties in colonial missions were encountered by this indefatigable pioneer, and as yet having no building set apart for public worship, and "the town being intersected by deep and dangerous rivers," he officiated in private houses, by which, he tells us, "that the people were obliged." In 1772 he reported the number of communicants in Newport at nine.

After a service of twelve years in this mission, Mr. Bennet was appointed as an itinerant in Nova-Scotia. His place was filled by the Rev. William Ellis, who was sent to the Province by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. Difficulties beset him both in reaching his destination and in his appointment when he reached it. The small-pox broke out in the ship on board which he was a passenger, and when they arrived at Boston—whither the master steered instead of Halifax—the inhabitants would not take them into their houses, but shrank back from them as if they bore the plague about their persons. Without provisions or apparel, Mr. Ellis and his wife were about seeking a place of rest for the night under cover of the street walls, when an old woman took compassion upon them, and, not having the fear of infection, fed and sheltered them. After some weeks' delay,