

whom we expected would be willing to make great sacrifices for the dissemination of the truth. We were not disappointed in the state of their affections to exercise self denial for the good cause, but, before satisfactory arrangements could be made, others on whom we depended, became doubtful of our success or impatient of delay and all our plans came near proving abortive. Reluctantly, at last, we called upon brethren Garraty, Crawford and Hughes to take the field. I say reluctantly; for the two former were needed in their respective field, of labor and the last named was becoming favorably known to the brethren. They, however, for the general good, responded to our call. After, therefore, nine months negotiation, these brethren have taken the field. We had fondly hoped that some two or three new laborers—that is, new to this latitude, would have taken hold with us. Not that our old hands were worn out, or had become disheartened, but, we needed them and as many more: and we were anxious to have an interchange of labours; that out of the treasury of truth, many things new and old might be spread before the people. We are yet in hope that before the year closes brethren Thomas V. Berry, Geo. E. Barnaby and others will listen to the calls of the brethren and throw themselves into the field. The harvest is great and *faithful*, laborers few, *very few*.

I ought, in the early part of my narrative, to have informed the reader that the brethren who met the congregation at St. John, in person and by letter, desired us to take charge of the business, correspondence, &c. A committee of *seven* was appointed and have endeavored to attend to the duties assigned them. This document must be accepted by the brethren as an abstract of their committee's first report.

*Brother W. F. Hughes* was requested to make the little congregation at Milltown his centre of operations. He entered upon his work about the 1st of December. Soon after he immersed one. He is encouraged to hope that there will soon be quite an ingathering. He has not yet so greatly extended his labors as he will, doubtless, after this. May the little one become a thousand; and from them may the word of the Lord sound out in all that region.

*Brother Donald Crawford* entered upon his year's labors with the commencement of 1853. We were anxious that he should spend the first, if not the greater part of the year, in Nova Scotia. Several congregations made this request, when they consented to co-operation with us. We hope and pray that he may enjoy the hearty and zealous assistance of the entire brotherhood. His efforts, thus far