

carrying them out in their practice.—Mr M.'s description of St. John's rather astonished us: "After travelling three miles, arrived at the city of St. John's, where I spent most of the day seeking a vessel to carry me to Passamaquoddy. There is a great number of inhabitants in this city, but *only two ministers*; the one a Churchman, and the other a Methodist; and from what I could learn, vital godliness is a great rarity in this place. There is little zeal for the propagation of the gospel among rich or poor, and the religion that is the cheapest is the best." He felt a deep interest in the people of this province, (New Brunswick); and mourned frequently over their sad and destitute condition. To this feeling he gives unrestrained expression in a letter to the Rev John Eyre, Secretary to the London Missionary Society, written about a month before he proceeded on this tour. "The state of the inhabitants of this province, says he, for want of the means of grace, is most deplorable. In all the settlements I have visited, the cry is, "Send us more preachers." All the help I can give them at present is, to commend them to the great Head of the Church, and lay their case before your Society. The whole of the ministers in this province who may be said to preach Christ to the people, are, one Presbyterian and three Methodist ministers; and these are from eighty to one hundred miles distant from each other." Such was New Brunswick so late as 1804. Before closing these extracts we may just state, that on returning, the vessel put in at Londonderry, and Mr M. called upon our good, old, and reverend father, Mr Brown; and here is his memorandum of the visit. "After travelling about four miles, called upon the Rev Mr Brown, Presbyterian minister, to see if any of the ministers of their presbytery, could spare time this fall, to visit the people at St. Andrew's. He told me their Presbytery would meet soon, and he would make it known to them. I remained with him all night. There are five ministers belonging to this Presbytery; four of them have preached several times in Amherst; all of them are beloved by their people, and have been very useful since they came to this country. They expected two ministers from their Synod this summer, for the island of St. John's, but they have not arrived yet." After parting from Mr Brown, Mr M. went across the country to River Philip, and in a day or two was once more with his family and friends in Amherst.

To some, these extracts may not appear very important; but to every reflecting mind they are highly suggestive. Space does not permit us to follow out, at length, the suggestions they originate; but one or two of the more striking may not be unacceptable. What changes do fifty years produce on a young and rising country! Fifty years ago, in Antigonishe there were only thirty Protestant families; *now*, according to our statistical tables, in connexion with our congregation, not to mention other Protestant communions, there are no fewer than one hundred and seventeen families. Fifty years ago, in Pictou Presbytery there were only two "Scotch ministers;" and not one, at least in connexion with us, in the Island of St John's, or Prince Edward's Island; *now*, in the Presbytery of Pictou there are thirteen ministers and two vacant congregations; and in the Presbytery of Prince Edward's Island there are seven ministers, and the hearty promise of a few more, and that speedily. The contrast might be carried out to other points, but this must suffice. Again, if looking back the contrast be so great, let us ponder well what the contrast may be *fifty years hence*. Much will depend on ourselves. If we manifest the same disinterested and untiring zeal which the fathers of our Church displayed, and especially the christian love and brotherly affection which they felt and exhibited; why may we not calculate on