

and was now, for the first time, brought under the more special influences of the Mission. His attention to the subject of religion was first awakened by reading "Baxter's Call," lent him by Mr. Carpenter, and eventually he found peace in believing. This young man (Mr. Thomas Robinson) afterwards became a missionary in the same field where he himself became a "new man in Christ Jesus."

During this winter Mr. Carpenter's health became very much impaired. A throat difficulty seized him towards spring which made preaching very difficult, and quite impossible at times. Unfavorable symptoms continued to increase, and were further aggravated by an event which, at the time, threatened the entire destruction of the house at Caribou Island, which, however, was mercifully averted by God's providence. The family had just moved out from winter quarters. The first night after their arrival, flames were seen, at dead of night, bursting out near the chimney in Miss Brodie's room. The alarm was given and the missionaries hastened to save the building. Without waiting to dress, they rushed out of doors with bare feet to a cove near the house, when the tide was fortunately at the moment high, and there obtained water to dash upon the flames. "The stairs," said Mr. Carpenter, "had begun to burn when my wife with her infant child passed down it through the clouds of smoke. We, however, succeeded in quenching it. If its discovery had been delayed a few moments longer; if the tide had not been at its height; if other circumstances had not favored, we should have been houseless on a lonely island, on a stormy night, and our mission house, built with so much trouble and expense, would have been a heap of ashes." The origin of the fire must have been from burning seal at the base of a fire-board, protected everywhere except at one corner by sheet-iron. The flames caught at this corner and ran up the partitions. Soon after this Miss Brodie, who had some time previously applied to the