

mot, but that appellation is allowed to be in a great measure engrossed by the place so denominated, in the County of Annapolis, insomuch that a letter bearing the address, would almost invariably take a westerly direction. The Cape is the turning point in the navigation of our Northern and Southern waters, and perhaps the far greater proportion of the smaller vessels at least, which pass through the Strait, come too at this place and wait for change of wind. Several vessels lay for days and even weeks in these circumstances wind bound one way, and some another while I remained, and our several audiences on the Sabbath day were sometimes increased by this means. In summer it is sometimes possible to collect more people from on shipboard than on shore, and their visits tell with various effects upon the interests of the place.— After the great storm in September, upwards of one hundred and seventy sail were anchored here, and their simultaneous departure, on a change of wind, was described to me, as of all sights in that sight seeing place, the most animating, interesting and beautiful.

The settlement at the Cape and vicinity embrace about one hundred families, the considerably larger portion of which are Protestants. These last are very much divided in religious sentiment and polity: and they are struggling with difficulties on that account, which at one time they did not feel. For a number of years they generally rallied under the standard of the Congregationalists, but latterly, other societies have been erected in their midst, and the hands of some of them are strong. They are strenuous advocates of religious freedom; and for the privilege of sitting each under his own vine and figtree, they do not hesitate to contribute freely of their substance.

The Congregationalists are at present without a settled pastor, but they are not without vigorous efforts to maintain and promote the cause of religion. They have a new chapel in progress, which reflects upon them a high degree of credit, and as a specimen of female enterprise among them, I may mention that a few ladies have undertaken the responsibility of having it completed. They have at present a considerably large contract upon their hands, and appropriate one evening in the week to their "Bazaar Society," which forms their committee of ways and means. I had the pleasure of meeting with them

at their Christmas Soiree, annually held in aid of some of their benevolent schemes. To the efforts of two of those mothers in Israel especially, the Sabbath School here is indebted for its continuance, for the period of the past thirty years. This School Library has within a short period, been augmented by two Libraries from the American S. S. Union, and one from the London Religious Tract Society.

The Baptist Society is not less energetic. Three eighths of their minister's salary are contributed by two families, and a few of their ladies have assumed the responsibility of the purchase of a mission house and premises, in which their pastor resides. They have already paid one of two installments, and have their regular committee meetings to provide additional funds.

The Wesleyans, a few of whom have recently settled here, are displaying characteristic zeal. One gentleman whose circumstances I was informed are not affluent, furnishes their missionary's board, and, without much prospect of assistance, has guaranteed his salary for the year— Their missionary meeting was held during my stay. I attended it by invitation, and took part in the proceedings. The meeting was interesting, and the subscription quite equalled their expectation.

The Presbyterians are few, and while they had access to the regular dispensation of ordinances with their Congregational brethren, they endeavored as far as possible to harmonise with them; but they always felt the want of the firmness and steadiness of Presbyterian church polity, and of the strong bond of brotherhood which our discipline supplies; and their longings were not diminished by party strifes and proselyting schemes which they sometimes were made to witness. Occasional visits from our missionaries, when laboring in the neighborhood, encouraged and refreshed them, and some of their Congregational friends, in the absence of a minister of their own, have united with them in seeking supply from us. One old lady, who was fellow passenger to this country with our fathers Brown and Ross, and who sat for some time under Mr Ross's early ministry, hailed my coming with peculiar interest, and my visit, I have good reason to believe, was blessed to her and her household. She has drunk deep of the cup of affliction, both personal and domestic. She is living with her second husband, her first having met with a