

Mr. Alexander writes as follows of the Mission generally :

In taking a retrospect of the past year, we have reason to be thankful to the Great Head of the Church for the goodness he has made to pass before us, and which has stimulated us afresh to persevere in the furtherance of the blessed gospel amongst the people of our charge. It affords us great pleasure and satisfaction in being able to state for the information of the Association in Halifax, as well as the Parent Committee, that during the past year 41 individuals have been confirmed by the Bishop, and 12 new members added to the list of communicants. At the two several visits of our Diocesan in 1852 and 1855, eighty-nine have partaken of the Holy Communion, from his hands, out of 107; several being at those seasons infirm and unable to attend where Divine Services were held. During the time of preparing Candidates for Confirmation last spring and summer, I experienced refreshing seasons,—having to go from house to house in some parts of my Mission, and gather the Candidates together in little groups; in others affording me a good opportunity of pressing the truths of the Gospel more closely home to the hearts and consciences of both the aged and the young. And I have reason to hope that in several parts of the Mission, our Communion is in a growing state, not only in numbers but in grace. While attending the Candidates preparatory to Confirmation, I travelled about 300 miles to meet them at different places. The word preached has, I believe, in several cases been attended with the Divine blessing.

While visiting lately among our people along the Shore, I could perceive emotions of joy and gratitude in many, in contemplating the blessings which have flowed to them through the Colonial Church and School and its kindred Society. Very many once destitute persons and families have been furnished with the word of life, who would otherwise have remained in want. But amongst the many things with which it hath pleased a merciful God to favour the poor fishermen in this section of the Province we must notice (as very many of those do) with grateful hearts the formation of Sunday Schools—a work, the necessity of which but few appeared to see, until the Societies alluded to entered into the pious and great work: the blessing of which in many localities, we are at length in some measure beginning to realize. God be praised! The time was when few could read a chapter in the New Testament; while now there are hundreds who can read passing

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