

obstacle. This affords, no doubt, considerable encouragement to missionary efforts.

That our clergy labour with much zeal and constancy, admits of no doubt; but their labours appear to me to have too little of the missionary character for the scattered state of the inhabitants; and could any plan be devised for extending their services to the many hitherto destitute places throughout the Province, much good would, no doubt, result from it: preaching stations would be established, at which might be brought together the growing elements of future congregations. The zeal of the people at each of these would, on seeing and experiencing the exertions of our ministers, be stimulated to give countenance and support to their efforts: attachment to the Presbyterian form of church government and doctrine, would be preserved, a spirit of unity and co-operative zeal would be diffused and cherished throughout the whole Presbyterian population, and that ignorance, which is the natural result of religious destitution, would receive an effectual check.

Whatever plan might be adopted for carrying on systematic itinerary preaching, certain preparatory steps would have to be taken, through our Presbyteries. Each Presbytery would require to issue circulars for general distribution within its bounds, for information respecting religious destitution, and what parts of the country would be most suitable and advantageous for preaching stations; or a travelling agent might be employed for this purpose. The information obtained through these circulars would enable the different Presbyteries to form and mature their plans, and adopt measures for carrying them into effect.

Another important, preparatory step would be, the formation of funds for defraying travelling expenses. Though, in many instances, these, perhaps, might be paid by those who would enjoy the advantages of missionary labours; yet it would be wise not to be altogether dependent on their aid.

The following are hasty draughts of *four different plans* which I would recommend.

I shall explain these plans on the supposition that the average number of preaching stations within the limits of each Presbytery, would be fifteen, that being the average number of ministers in each Presbytery.