

about thirty-six years. He died, A.D., 1840. A few years previous to his death he was succeeded by his son-in-law, the Rev. George Struthers. He, and the Rev. Mr. Morrison, late of Bermuda, were the first Missionaries sent out by the Lay Association of the Church of Scotland. They arrived in this country in the year 1827. Mr. Morrison proceeded to Dartmouth, N.S., and Mr. Struthers to Horton. A few years previous to Mr. Forsyth's death, Mr. S. went to Demarara; but, receiving an invitation from the Congregation in Cornwallis, he returned to this country and ministered here until his death, which occurred on the 19th March, 1857. The mortal remains both of Mr. S. and of his predecessor lie buried in our old church yard, and their ashes mingle with the dust of our forefathers, who for nearly a century past have worshiped in the edifice erected by the original Puritans.

The aspect of Presbyterianism in Cornwallis is upon the whole encouraging. There are now four Presbyterian ministers having settled charges within the Township—three belonging to our own Synod, and one to the Reformed Presbyterian body. Our adherents in this county have made praise-worthy efforts in the way of Church building, as well as for the support of the Gospel both at home and abroad. Within a period of seven or eight years, three handsome Church edifices have been built—at Kentville, Canard, and Lakeville—which are now nearly free of debt; and the one at Waterville has been finished and comfortably seated.

Although our number in Cornwallis is yet small, we have reason to feel thankful at the progress which has been already made; and we trust and pray that a rich blessing may accompany the preaching of the Gospel by the Lord's Ministering Servants, and that you, our Pastor, may be long spared to break among us the Bread of Eternal Life is the fervent wish of your attached Congregation.

I remain, &c.,

JOHN S. NEWCOMB.

To the Rev. Wm. Forlong.

[REPLY.]

CORNWALLIS, March 18, 1864.

Dear Sir,

I have acceded to your request that I should publish my Sermon on the Transfiguration. I have done so however somewhat reluctantly, as I had not the remotest idea of exhibiting it in print when I composed it. You must not be disappointed therefore, if when on reading it, you do not find it a *finished* production; and I hope general readers also will bear this in mind, and think less of the composition than of the Divine truths it inculcates.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM FORLONG.

Mr. John Newcomb, Elder.