

support, as he has a wife and two young children. The deputation had reached Fredericton at a late hour on the preceding evening, and were obliged to embark with me at once that we might attend to this business on our passage to Gage Town, the only time that I could give to them. Mr. Stirling also accompanied me now, and throughout my visit to New Brunswick, as my chaplain, the Archdeacon being entirely unable to move from Fredericton. We reached Gage Town before noon, and as soon as conveyances could be procured, I set out with the Society's Missionary, Mr. Clarke, his churchwardens, and other gentlemen of the place, for the settlement near the Nerefies road, known formerly as Cootes Hill, and New Jerusalem, but now called Petersville, distant from Gage Town sixteen miles. Upon this occasion I had more than common evidence of the rapid improvement to which I have already alluded. In my first visit to this settlement, ten years ago, the access to it was so difficult that we had to travel twenty-three miles instead of sixteen, and so obscure that Dr. M'Cawley and Mr. Clarke missed their way, and were too late for the service. In the year 1835, I made another visit to it by a road eighteen miles in extent, over which it was just possible for a waggon to pass. The frame of a church was then erected, but I was obliged to confirm in the open air. Upon the present occasion I was enabled to drive ten miles in an hour, upon a road only sixteen miles in extent. I now found a very creditable and convenient church ready for consecration. On many farms the original huts of logs had been superseded by comfortable houses and barns. Surely it is a holy and most useful work in which the Society is occupied, labouring to provide that, under the Heavenly blessing, the spiritual advancement shall at least be equal to the temporal improvement. Hitherto it may be feared that this has hardly been accomplished, for Mr. Clarke has not been able to attend sufficiently to this deserving settlement; but we may humbly hope that the advantage he will derive from the services of an assistant, will soon enable us to rejoice in better things. A large congregation, which nearly filled the building, was assembled. The church was consecrated with much gratification to them and to myself—it was named after St. Peter, as particularly appropriate to the church at Petersville. I preached to a very attentive flock, and urged the duties which now specially bore upon them. I also had an opportunity for speaking to several of those who had borne a prominent part in advancing the church to its completion. All seemed most happy in the hope of having it more frequently opened in future for the public worship of God. We returned to Gage Town at a late hour in the evening, and I was compelled to spend much of the night in writing letters.

Saturday, October 24.—Another very favourable day. We had an early service at Gage Town, but owing chiefly to Mr. Clarke's inability, from illness, to make the necessary preparations, only five persons were ready for confirmation. In addressing these, I had an opportunity for calling others to a due regard for this important institution. As soon as the service was finished, I was engaged with the churchwardens and vestry to secure a fulfilment of their engagement, if the Society shall be pleased to approve of Mr. Campbell's being assistant to Mr. Clarke, when the steamer's signal, as she was approaching from St. John's,