

of support in the New Testament. We drew up seven articles and called it a "Constitution." We selected a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and also a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and a Committee. Then we received any man as a member who would give us a dollar annually. Our first annual Report lies open before me and I there read our constitution, which was reprinted year after year, with very little alteration and amendment, until within a very few years past. I see no Scriptures referred to for all this pompous worldly machinery, and as I now gaze upon it I feel sad and sick at the sight; because it seems to be a standing testimony to the fact that we did not at the time consider the Scriptures a sufficient guide in carrying the gospel to the Micmacs. And when I call to mind what followed, what plans and contrivances we were driven to *for a piece of bread*, in order to continue our work, I must lay down my pen and betake me to my knees, and humble myself before God, both on my own account and on that of my patrons and friends. Who can wonder that to so great an extent we have "labored in the very fires," and spent our strength for nought!

For a time, and while the novelty of the thing lasted, there was no trouble in obtaining funds. We did not need much, and we got it. Friends would give their money, and what was more, give their time and attention; they would even engage in that most miserable of all drudgeries—*begging*—for the Mission. But I will not mention too many particulars. Would I could forget much that I remember!

OUR PLANS CHANGED.

I have known something of the spiritual life for many years. I *believed* when I was baptised and united myself with the Baptist church at Biltown, Cornwallis, N. S., in 1833, but I was not "sealed" until years after. That it was every believer's privilege and duty to *know* that he is a child of God and united to Christ, in the heavenly places, is a doctrine unknown among the Christians with whom I was then connected, as well as among many others. As I heard a brother lately express it—"Baptists believe in a *converted* membership, but not in a *sealed* membership. We, on the other hand, believe in a converted and also in a sealed membership." "After that ye believed ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."—Ephes. i. 13. "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby