

About thirty years ago the Rev. Charles Elliot was sent by the late Bishop to endeavour to draw together the members of the Church living in Middle Musquodoboit and encourage them to build a Church. In consequence of Mr. Elliot's visit measures were immediately taken to commence one; after some time the inside was completed; the delay arose from the want of means of the members. We had been led to hope that it would then have been consecrated, but were informed that it must be completed inside before that could be done. We afterwards found that it was necessary to enclose the church yard, this was done and then the consecration took place. Previous to this, however, several Clergymen had at different times been sent to perform duty, and most grateful we felt for their services. In the year 1850, the Rev. W. Dixon was the first Clergyman that was stationed between Middle Musquodoboit and Lower Stewiacke, residing at Shubenacadie. The communication between his two churches was by an extremely bad road, and at certain times was impassable, and he could not keep his appointments, and in consequence the congregation was disappointed. Mr. Dixon's ministry was very acceptable to the Musquodoboit congregation for three years, notwithstanding, but by some maneuvering he was driven from the station. He was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Green whose ministry was satisfactory for about two years, and then he returned to England; he resided in Middle Musquodoboit in a house belonging to one of the Parishioners who had pledged himself to the Bishop that it should be the residence of the clergyman until a Parsonage was built, and that a lot of land in the immediate vicinity of the church of Twenty acres, one third of which was cleared, would be appropriated for a site for the Parsonage. In the mean time a residence had been run up at Stewiacke and the Bishop determined to remove the clergyman from Musquodoboit to Stewiacke, and the Rev. Mr. Dunn was stationed there about the year 1856 and remained about one year and a half when he was driven away. His ministry was very satisfactory, though the same inconvenience was experienced as before with Mr. Dixon, from the state of the road; and in consequence on the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Alexander to the Mission at Stewiacke, the congregation of Musquodoboit proposed to the Bishop to provide the £20 annually (that had been paid by the joint Mission) themselves, if he would appoint a Missionary whose duties should be confined to the Musquodoboit Settlements, so as to have one Service every Sunday at the church in Middle Musquodoboit, and at one other place on alternate Sundays, above and below the River, as those places were each on the main new great eastern road, the road being good in Summer and beaten in Winter, the Service could be regularly performed. In reply the Bishop said he had no Missionary at his disposal. As the Missionary was first stationed at Musquodoboit and there were a greater number of Church people there, the congregation conceived that they had the first claim, and from former experience declined being joined to Stewiacke. Having already trespassed too much on your space, I must defer the remainder to another time.

A CHURCHMAN AND ONE OF THE EXCOMMUNICATED.

"From time to time circumstances rendered it desirable that the pastors of neighbouring churches should meet in consultation, agreeably to apostolic precedent. In addition to such occasional synods, the custom of holding regular meetings, twice or at least once a year, was introduced in the latter part of the second century. The origin of these stated synods appears to have been in Greece, where they were recommended by the analogy of the ancient deliberative assemblies, such as that of the Amphictyons, which still existed; and by degrees they were introduced into other countries.

The chief city of each district was regarded as the metropolis or mother city. There the synods met; the Bishop of the place naturally took a lead as president, and he became the representative of his brethren in their communications with other churches."—*History of the Christian Church by the Rev. James Robertson.*

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