

Home Missions.

MISSIONARY TOUR IN CUMBERLAND, BY THEREDS. W. McCULLOCH & J. WATSON.

According to appointment of the Presbytery of Truro at Noel, Mr. McCulloch proceeded in October on a missionary tour to Parrsborough. On Wednesday, the 16th, he arrived at Cross Roads, the village in Parrsboro', where the Presbyterian meeting house is built, after travelling through Economy, Five Islands, and along the shore. The Congregation of Parrsboro' were aware, that Mr. McCulloch was to preach on the 3rd sabbath of Oct. there; but they were not aware, till two hours before his arrival, that the Lord's supper was to be dispensed. The letter conveying intimation to this effect had been delayed in the Post office, and not forwarded to Mr. Gibson, the elder at Cross Roads, till Wednesday afternoon. All things, however, were timely put in preparation, and the ordinance was celebrated "decently and in order."

A fast day was observed on Thursday. Mr. McCulloch preached in the Presbyterian Meeting house. On account of the short notice, the congregation was not so numerous as usual. Friday, Mr. McCulloch set apart for conversing with those intending to become communicants for the first time. Three appeared and were approved of by the Session on Saturday.—In all probability a greater number would have been forward, had not the intimation been so short. With the consciences of these three, Mr. McCulloch dealt faithfully and tenderly. They gave him great satisfaction, and high hopes are entertained of them all, that they will be not only consistent but efficient members of the church of Christ. This part of Mr. McCulloch's duty has left an impression that will not soon be effaced. On Saturday worship was observed in the Methodist chapel.

The Methodists came forward and offered the use of their chapel not only on the week days of communion, but also upon Sabbath, although it was the day appointed on which one of their own preachers was to officiate, the preacher repairing to another district and giving place to Mr. McCulloch. It was a great boon to the Presbyterians. The morning was raw and cold, and somewhat wet, and their own

house is scarcely proof against the weather. This is not the first time such kindness has been manifested by our Methodist friends, and we are certain, it will not be lost on our Presbyterian brethren. Public worship, accordingly, was held on Sabbath in the Methodist chapel. On this day the house was completely filled. The services were all solemn and impressive. The discourses and addresses were listened to with the most profound attention; and to use the language of one present "Every one not only thought but felt that the Saviour was with them." Twenty seven sat down at the communion table. This is a smaller number than formerly; but the diminution can be easily accounted for, without supposing the Congregation to be retrograding. Several families have removed to the Joggins, but only for a time; three or four members were sick, and two of the eldest and most revered of the number are dead—one of them an elder of long standing, both in the old country and in this Province, a truly worthy man. After preaching on Monday, Mr. McCulloch returned homeward. Of this Sabbath it may well be said—"It is a day to be held in long and grateful remembrance."

Mr. Watson proceeded on his tour the day Mr. McCulloch left Parrsboro', but by a different route. On Tuesday evening (Oct. 22.) he reached Maccan and preached in Mr. McCabe's school-house, near Furlong's Bridge. The object of Mr. Watson in visiting this station was, if possible to excite the Presbyterians to build a meeting house of their own there. The school house was well filled. From 70 to 100 might be present. After sermon Mr. Watson stated very plainly to the people the object of his mission. As no movement had as yet been made, and as the meeting seemed to be taken, as it were, unawares, they craved some time to consider. After a little conversation, it was unanimously agreed that a meeting of the Presbyterians in Maccan should take place on the Friday following—that Mr. Watson should again preach in the same place on Monday evening—and that after sermon that evening, the result of their meeting should be communicated to him. Mr. Watson after visiting a family or two proceeded on his way to Parrsboro', where he preached on Sabbath, 27th, in the Metho