

In one word, it is in perfect consistency with my own experience to declare, that totally unlike several other places which I have visited, in the course of my missionary travels, Williams has never failed to improve upon acquaintance—each successive visit to that interesting township serving still farther to deepen and rivet upon my mind those favourable impressions which my earliest interviews with its inhabitants unconsciously awakened. They are truly deserving of a good minister, and it is my heartfelt prayer that they may soon obtain one.

The township of Lobo, which I have also repeatedly visited, is in like manner, pretty thickly settled, but by persons of various religious denominations; the greater number by far being, as they usually style themselves, Baptists, originally from Argyle, who are divided into two distinct parties, each of which is apparently at least as much opposed to the other, as both seem to be to all other sects of professing Christians. Next to these in point of numbers are the Presbyterians, likewise mostly from Argyle, a very few being from the South of Scotland. The rest are English, Irish and Americans. I have preached at three or four different stations within this township, the families in it belonging to our church being very widely scattered. There is, I find, much less intelligence, generally speaking, among these Argyleshire people than is usually characteristic of Scotchmen. And this circumstance of course renders them much more ready than the generality of their countrymen to become the dupes of fanaticism and absurdity, partially, and only partially, disguised under the specious appearance of superior sanctity. Several valuable exceptions, however, must be admitted in this general description. Nor can it be doubted, were an active, and pious, and moderately talented minister of our church permanently situated in the neighbouring township of London, where there is a number of respectable and intelligent, and several eminently pious Pres-

byterians, that a liberal subscription could be obtained from Lobo, for his support. which, in addition to that which might be expected from London, and from the adjacent parts of Westminster, where likewise there are a great many steady friends of the Kirk, would most probably amount to an adequate maintenance. The total want of religious ordinances, especially as administered in the mode to which, from their earliest years, they had been accustomed, imposed, some years ago, a sort of necessity, as they imagined it, upon several Scotch Presbyterians in this neighbourhood, of connecting themselves, at least for a time, with the secession church. This, however, does by no means apply to the majority of them, who, viewing this matter in a different light, have adhered more firmly to their principles, and who also, from year to year are gradually increasing in numbers, more especially within and near the village of London. It is scarcely necessary to add, that a competent knowledge of Gaelic would be found indispensably necessary, by any one of our ministers who should wish to establish himself in this neighbourhood.

With the exception of a small number of settlers from Argyle, and a still smaller one from other parts of Scotland, there are, at present, very few Scotch families, especially belonging to our church, in the townships of Delaware, Carradoc, and Adelaide, the last of which is as yet very partially settled—the great bulk of the inhabitants in all the three being Americans. These, however, are rapidly selling out, and giving place to other settlers, particularly Scotch, whose numbers, therefore, will, in all probability, in the course of two or three years, be such as to support a minister among them. There is a lamentable want of spiritual instruction in these three townships. Even methodist missionaries, whose zeal and diligence are in most cases so conspicuous, seldom visit them; and, excepting a few Baptist preachers, or as they are usually termed exhorters, the real utility of whose labours is, I be-