

Stewiacke and Preston and five times at Truro,—all within the bounds of this Presbytery. I have also performed during the year Divine service at Kentville, Cornwallis, Londonderry, and Saltsprings, Pietou. When it is known that Sackville is ten miles, Lake Thomas eleven miles, Lawrencetown thirteen miles, and the Hall Settlement twenty-five miles distant from Halifax—that the Musquodoboit settlements are about forty miles, and Truro more than sixty miles from this city, and that the other stations are still more remote—it will be seen at a glance that I have travelled many hundreds of miles, besides preaching and visiting in the discharge of my duty. I have been much encouraged and comforted by the protecting care of Providence, and the attachment of the people when ministering to their spiritual necessities, even under various disadvantageous circumstances, arising from the state of the roads, the inclemency of the weather, and sometimes the want of suitable accommodation for public worship. The kindness and hospitality of our people in these and other settlements, more especially to clergymen, are well known to all who have visited them. The attendance at public worship on the Lord's day, although affected by the state of the roads and weather, amongst a widely-dispersed population is highly encouraging, and the thirst for religious knowledge amongst all classes, especially among the young, is evidently increasing. Sabbath Schools are taught, Bible classes formed, and prayer meetings held in several of the places of worship in which I officiate; and there can be no doubt that much more good would be accomplished in all the districts by the presence and exertions of a resident clergyman.

You have already received most satisfactory reports from your zealous and most efficient Missionary, Mr. Stewart, respecting his ministerial labors in Truro and Musquodoboit, and therefore it is unnecessary that I should add any further intelligence at present from either of these congregations, except to confirm from personal knowledge and to the fullest extent, all the statements he has made. None of the other missions are in such an advanced state as Musquodoboit and Truro, although they are all making more or less progress in their attendance upon religious ordinances and in their efforts to support the Gospel.

Lawrencetown, which has received a large share of my services, is one of the oldest stations within the bounds of the Presbytery—the Church in which we assemble for public worship was erected about thirty years ago—the ordinances of religion were dispensed in it for more than eleven years, by the Rev. James Morrison, one of the first Missionaries from the Glasgow Colonial Society in the year 1827, and a flourishing congregation formed in that place. Although a division has since unhappily taken place, yet the attendance is very encouraging. We have still a number of attached friends, who are exceedingly desirous that public worship should be maintained in the place where they and their fathers have worshipped for so many years.

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