

the good seed, was at this time sown. Transient preachers are sometimes, not much regarded; but it is because, frequently they bring no character with them, have no regular standing in the Church, and are destitute of talents and education fitted to command respect. But wherever these requisites are met with, they are generally welcomed by religious people, even now; and much more readily were they welcomed, when preachers were fewer in these provinces than they are at present. Arrows shot at a venture by such men, have not seldom stuck fast and produced salutary effects. In many places the texts and homely remarks which Mr M. employed on this tour, are remembered till this day. *That* cannot be bad preaching, which rivets itself so firmly in the memory. It may not have polish, but it must have point.

Of Antigonish, Mr M. writes: "On the 8th (June) I arrived at Antigonish, where I remained four days, preached five sermons and baptised fifteen children. On the Lord's day, I had upwards of one hundred hearers, and several of them were Papists. Many of the people in this place, are longing for the means of grace. A missionary stationed here, might be of essential service. Here are upwards of thirty Protestant families and many Papists; and a number of families are coming from New England to settle here. At twenty miles distant, there is a considerable town called Manchester, where a missionary might occasionally visit. Thus by the preaching of the glorious gospel in this place, it is probable a stop would be put to the daily increase of the Romish religion."—Similar remarks he makes with regard to Merigomish.—After this he came to Pictou Harbour. "There, he says, I preached three times to a numerous congregation. In Pictou there are two Scotch ministers, who are much esteemed by their people, and are active and zealous in spreading, in many of the villages around them, and upon the Island of St John, the savour of Jesus' precious name. I staid two days and a night with Mr Ross. He appears to be a Christian of a Catholic spirit, and a well wisher to the prosperity of Zion. The place I preached in is eight miles from his parish. It was in Mr Lowden's store or loft that he preached. The first notices, he takes of River John, are the following: "Tuesday, July 3d, Left Pictou Harbour and rode seven miles, where I remained all night. In the morning I set off with a guide to conduct me through the woods to River John, which is about ten miles distant from where I lodged.—Thursday, July 5th, Preached at River John to about forty attentive hearers.—Friday, July 6th, Preached to the same auditory, baptized eight children, and afterwards rode up to Tatamagouche, where I preached on the Lord's day. I had about one hundred and fifty hearers and baptised one child. The people at River John and Tatamagouche, are mostly French Protestants. They understand English well, but are perishing for lack of knowledge, having no man to guide them." This was the first time he visited River John. Little did he imagine then, that this was the place where he was to spend the greater part of his life. To us the future is generally wrapt up in darkness, and it is well that it is so. Nevertheless, God is still working out for us his gracious designs. The people in New Carlisle were failing to give him adequate support, and the Lord was now opening another door of usefulness.

After leaving Tatamagouche, he went to Amherst, preaching at several stations, as he passed along. At Amherst he was kindly received. He preached there on three several occasions. The first day, he had fifty hearers; the second, one hundred and fifty; and the third, in the court-house, upwards of three hundred; among whom were "not a few French Papists."