

*To the Rev. the Presbytery of Truro:—*

According to appointment I preached on the last Sabbath of May at Westchester Mountain. The audience seemed to be small, though it was as large as could be expected in that place. On the following Monday I received 16s 5d, which was the amount of the collection taken on the Sabbath.

On Monday night, the 29th May, I took the stage to Amherst, thence to Sackville, where I expected to meet the steamboat for St. John. Having arrived at Sackville, I learned that the steamboat was not to be there that day, and I took a private conveyance to Dorchester, where I was again disappointed in meeting the steamboat. From Dorchester I took the stage to the Bend of Pettitcodiac, and from the Bend to St. John, where I arrived on Wednesday at 12 o'clock. I was thus three days and two nights without any rest. The following morning I took the steamboat for Fredericton, where I met Mr. Smith, who was also on a mission to Harvey. We hired a horse and carriage to take us to the Harvey Settlement the following morning. I was not long at Harvey until I ascertained that considerable feeling prevails between the two parties, and I endeavored as far as I could not to interfere nor take any part in their local strifes. I preached there the following Sabbath, which was the first Sabbath of June. The audience was large and very attentive. The house in which I preached was a small log house, which had formerly been a dwelling house. The roof was covered with bark, but still there were a number of holes in it, which, if the weather had been wet, would have rendered it very uncomfortable. We were highly favored, however, as regards fair weather. During the fourteen Sabbaths that I was in Harvey, there was only one shower of rain during the time of preaching. This log meeting house has neither pulpit nor pews. Their seats were temporary, or made to suit the purpose for a few weeks. The house was thus very uncomfortable, both for the people and preacher. I however felt satisfied in it because the people seemed to enjoy and appreciate the exercises in which they were engaged. Their singing was de-

lightful, and the congregation seemed to engage in it with their whole heart. During the time that I was there the audience would average one hundred and sixty or one hundred and seventy, though sometimes there would be nearly two hundred.

The first few weeks that I was at Harvey, the people were very much agitated with the loss of their meeting house. They felt aggrieved when they reflected upon the fact, that they built, finished, and paid for, a house in which to assemble to worship God, and that they had been fraudulently deprived of it; that it was occupied by a people who neither built nor paid for it, and who defrauded them of their rights; and that they and their ministers had to occupy such a place as the "old log house." I did what I could in my private conversation with the people to soothe their minds, and to turn their thoughts from the meeting house of which they had been deprived, to the erection of the new church. When the new church was about to be contracted for, attempts were made to prostrate their designs, but these, like all the other attempts to destroy their cause proved abortive, and were overruled for their good. They succeeded in having the house contracted for, and since that time the people seem to be settled, determined, and happy. Their thoughts are drawn from the house which they lost, and consequently from their grievances to the erection of the new church. They have already commenced its erection, and they are to have preaching in it next Fall. They have followed, as far as they could, the directions of the Presbytery. The deed of the site of the new church is given to the congregation in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. They are thus determined to have their property safe, and to prevent such fraud as that with which they had already to contend.

The people of Harvey are a sober, moral, industrious, intelligent people, and manifest the effects of an early religious training. They are extremely kind. They manifest genuine kindness, without the distant polish of refined society. Theirs is native kindness, adorned with Christian graces. They