

of the services of your missionary monthly; but owing to present circumstances that cannot be granted.

I am fully of the opinion that were there a resident minister at Little River, whose entire services were devoted to Musquodoboit, he would find in Antrim Settlement a numerous and attached congregation. This Settlement is only distant (with a good road, viz., the Halifax road,) about eight miles from Little River Church. And I am fully convinced that if there was a church on the Halifax road, which adjoins this Settlement, to the erection of which its inhabitants would willingly contribute, a very flourishing congregation could be established. On this leading thoroughfare to the city of Halifax there is a large and increasing population. The nearest place of worship, and the only one, is Gay's River Presbyterian Church, the road to which is very rough, and in the winter season almost impassable. A church suitable to the population here might be erected for £130. Here, then, there is a large population without the means of grace, and very few of whom, also, have the means of carrying themselves there, even though they were desirous.

On Sabbath the 7th October I found myself in Truro, and there conducted public worship to respectable congregations, both morning and afternoon. On Sabbath the 28th inst. I preached in the Grant in the morning, and at Little River in the afternoon. The attendance in both places was an average one.

Thus have I implemented the appointments given me by the Presbytery, and ere I conclude this my fourth Report of my missionary labors within its bounds, I may be permitted to observe that the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Musquodoboit, has now been organized. It has now a Kirk Session and Deacon's Court, which meet quarterly for the transaction of business connected with the congregation and its allied mission stations. I have hitherto abstained from a regular ministerial visitation of the families in this district, till I saw my way clear as to the formation of a Kirk Session. But now since that object has been gained, I have for some weeks past devoted two days per week to this most important of all ministerial duty, being accompanied with the elder of the district visited. Although pastoral visitation is most fatiguing to the body, more especially in a settlement whose inhabitants are widely scattered, yet it is of the first and last importance always, but more especially in a newly formed congregation, as that of St. Andrew's Church Musquodoboit. I have mapped out the whole settlement into three districts, in each of which, most fortunately, one of our members of Session resides. I have already nearly visited and catechised the younger branches of all the families of two or three districts; and I have made it my object to visit every family in these districts, whether they be Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, &c., or whether they attend on my ministry or not. And I am happy to say that I have invariably received a cordial reception by all.

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