

learn the inconsistencies of Protestants and of Church members, and they are very apt pupils in such matters. Why should they be carried any farther? Nay, if the Lord will be pleased to regenerate and save them, He can do it where they are; and what more can be said of the truly pious few who are mixed up with the worldly systems of the day? Certainly they derive no benefit, but much harm, from their connection with formalists and mere worldlings, and all the more because these profess to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE FORMATION OF THE MICMAC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Society was first formed in the autumn of 1849, but was not regularly organized until the following year. It was not started as a Baptist mission, but as a general Protestant mission. The Baptists were unwilling to undertake the support of the Mission, because of the difficulty of raising the needed funds. An appeal was therefore made to all the Protestant denominations in Halifax, and the appeal was generally and generously responded to. Preliminary arrangements were at once entered into, and when the next meeting of the Baptist Association of Nova Scotia was held, through some misconception the idea seemed to prevail that the other denominations would consent to support the Mission as an exclusively Baptist mission, leaving the control to the Baptists. To this however the others would not consent. A good deal of unpleasant public discussion followed, hard things were said, cruel things, and very grievous to be borne, both of the Missionary and of the Baptist friends who acted with him, because of certain concessions that were required and which we were willing mutually to make, no one requiring of another what he could not conscientiously do himself. For a while, as one of our sailor friends expressed it, "the ship was among the breakers," but we got clear of the rocks and sailed on. While the Mission was never supported as a Baptist mission, I have never had any reason to complain of the want of the support and sympathy of the Baptists. It belonged from the first to no denomination in particular; but persons of all denominations and persons of no denomination, patronised it.

HOW CONSTITUTED AND SUPPORTED.

Our Society was formed on totally worldly principles. I cannot now but stand amazed at the fact that our basis had not the shadow