

## CHAPTER XII.

*A considerable number of the inhabitants of Boston petition King Charles the Second, that a Church might be allowed in that City, which is granted. Soon after the rise of this Society, several other towns build Churches, and desire Missionaries might be sent to them. The people of Rhode Island build a Church, and have a Missionary sent them. The people of Providence, Narragansett, Newbury, Marblehead, Bristol, Stradford, desire Missionaries, and build Churches; Missionaries are sent to each town, and the Church people increase. Missionaries sent to Fairfield and Braintree. A new Church is built at Boston; Dr. Cutler appointed Minister. Two Schoolmasters supported. Twelve Churches built in this Government.*

1. A considerable number of the inhabitants of Boston petitioned King Charles II, about the year 1679, that a Church might be allowed in that City, for the exercise of religion according to the Church of England; which was accordingly granted, and the Church called the King's Chapel. This is the first place where the Church of England worship was exercised in New England. The congregation increased very considerably, and His Majesty King William was therefore pleased to settle a salary of one hundred pounds a year, for the support of an assistant to the Minister of that Church; which Royal bounty is still continued.

2. But soon after the establishment of this Society, when the Reverend Mr. Muirson was sent Missionary to Rye in New York Government, the neighboring people in Connecticut Colony in New England became desirous of having the Church of England worship settled among them too. The people of Stradford, about sixty miles distant from Rye, were very zealous, and requested Mr. Muirson to visit them. Mr. Muirson resolved to make them a visit, and Colonel Heathcote, a worthy gentleman, (frequently mentioned in the foregoing sheets,) of a considerable interest in Westchester County, adjoining to Connecticut Colony, was pleased to honor him with his company in this progress; and afterwards wrote the Society the following account of their reception there. "We found that Colony much as we expected, very ignorant of the constitution of our Church, and therefore enemies to it. The towns are furnished with Ministers, chiefly Independents, denying Baptism to the children of all such as are not in full Communion with them; there are many thousands in that Government unbaptized. The Ministers were very uneasy at our coming among them, and abundance of pains were taken to terrify the people from hearing Mr. Muirson. But it availed nothing, for notwithstanding all their endeavors, we had a very great congregation, and indeed infinitely beyond expectation. The people were wonderfully surprised at the order of our Church, expecting to have heard and seen some strange thing, by the accounts