

a fixed pastor, though without success.— Their last call, however, has been accepted, which gives universal gratification; and they are now doing what in them lies for the encouragement and comfort of the minister, if spared to be translated in spring. The people of New London were greatly delighted that his fixed residence was likely to be among them.— The Honourable S. Cunard has most liberally offered land and assistance to build a Manse thereon, whenever it might be convenient. The promise was made when Dr. Begg was in these Colonies. A very conveniently situated Lot can be had in New London, and, of course, application will be made accordingly.— They are beginning to make preparations for the Manse.

There is a neat Church at New London already. The gallery is not quite seated, but the body and the pulpit are finished in a manner that is highly creditable to the spirit and taste of the people. The young men are putting a porch to it, in which is the stair to the gallery. The church is enclosed with a stone wall in front. Indeed I cannot omit saying that it bears a just proportion to their own dwellings. In too many instances, while people's own dwellings demonstrate how much of the Lord's goodness they possess, they also prove how much their heart is set on the carnal enjoyment, rather than on the scriptural disposal of what has been bestowed upon them. Whatever a people may profess to know, believe, feel, and regard in religion,—if they know not the house of God as a glory among them—if they believe not that it has a primary claim upon them—if they feel not lack of duty to it to be a dishonour to the Most High who should be worshipped there, and to be as a witness against themselves, their profession, if not false, is far from scriptural. No tent in the wilderness equalled the tent or tabernacle of the Lord. No house in Jerusalem could bear any comparison with the temple.— Alas! while degrading superstition can rear its splendid temples for “dead idols,” many devout worshippers of the “Lord of Hosts” seem never to think that religion, while hating trumpery, insists on decency and decorum. I trust, however, that a spirit of improvement is on the increase in this respect.

I held four diets of catechising—spent a Sabbath, and baptized thirteen children. The catechetical exercises were quite new to many, and all seemed to be greatly de-

lighted with them. Their intelligence, their teachableness, and the interest which they took in these exercises, gave me the utmost satisfaction. They are exposed to many unfavourable influences; but, so far as public instruction is concerned, the young are most in danger of being drawn away. The aged who have been favoured with religious instruction before coming to the Colonies—especially, if they had any real relish for it—cannot have much relish for what is merely moral, even where it can be said to be doctrinally sound. The inexperienced youth, and such as take no pains to possess correct scriptural views, are apt to be deceived with verbose confidence, from which presumptuous ignorance is all the religion that can be expected. But from all I can judge, if scriptural doctrines were clearly held forth before them, and brought aright to bear upon the head, the heart, and the life, the fruit would be abundant and satisfying.

After leaving New London, I proceeded to Scotch Settlement where I held one diet of catechising, and also preached on the following day. Our time and attention have been more fully directed to this place already, so that all that need be said now is, that they greatly rejoice in the prospect of a stated pastoral superintendence. The hope of future blessings will go far to obliterate past privations. They regret that the fixed residence of the minister is not to be among themselves.— They will co-operate with the people of New London in their preparations. Time did not allow of my visiting De Sable and Long Creek. All these stations are at present joined in one charge to secure a regular share of services; but before an additional labourer can be obtained, his services will be required there. Indeed, I do think that it will not be long before New London and its vicinity will both require the services, and be able to provide for the support of a minister for themselves.

The whole of our field in the Island is equally interesting. When we look back for five years, and compare our field, strength, and prospects then, with what the Lord through his blessing upon the labour bestowed there enables us now to see and to anticipate, we have cause to render thanks for the past, and to take courage for the future. May the Lord keep us from vain glory and contention, and enable us to ply our proper work, and our great business in the world, pro-