

not as much joy in heaven over a repenting sinner here, as anywhere on the face of the globe?

PRESBYTERIANISM IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

THIRD ARTICLE.

The subject expands before us, and the more we write the more we feel that we have not written enough to do justice to the whole of this noble theme. We now propose to repair as far as we can the omissions in the former articles and to furnish some further information with respect to recent developments in New Brunswick.

ANOTHER PIONEER.

We find that we have passed in silence over one of the most worthy of the early champions of Presbyterianism in N. Brunswick, the Rev. John McLean, A. M., formerly of Richibucto. Mr. McLean was a native of the West River of Pictou. He was a student in the first class that was trained for the ministry by the late Rev. Dr. McCulloch, in the town of Pictou, and having visited Great Britain, after the close of his preparatory course, he was ordained to the charge of the congregation of Richibucto, in 1826. His soul was burning with zeal in his Master's cause, and longings for the salvation of perishing men.—Great spiritual destitution prevailed everywhere around him. His health was not vigorous nor his physical frame strong. His arduous and unremitting labors soon proved too much for him. Indeed, it is difficult now to realize the fatigues and exposure endured by the gospel preacher in that region, even at this comparatively recent period. The roads in many places were only bridle paths cut through the forests, and broad rivers and bays had to be crossed in log canoes. The following extract from Mr. McLean's journal will best illustrate the state of things:—

"Aug. 16, 1827. Left Richibucto for Miramichi at 2 o'clock, P.M., on horseback, passed through a continuation of small settlements of French Roman Catholics for six miles, and crossed three rivers or arms of the bay in the usual mode of ferrying here, which is as follows. two wood or log

canoes are floated side by side; across the top or gunwales of these a number of boards are laid, and upon these boards the horse and passengers are stationed till the whole is paddled over, frequently by a French woman and her child."

A person passing over the same country to day can scarcely realize that such was the state of things only forty years ago; yet there are scores of living witnesses who can test the accuracy of the picture drawn by that truthful pen.

Six miles further on that journey he was obliged to leave his horse, as he found that he could get on better on foot. These journeys were undertaken in order to bring the gospel to distant settlements. In his own charge things were not so bad, but even then journeys could be performed only in the saddle or on foot. The consequent fatigue coupled with abundant and pain-taking pulpit duties soon broke him down. Pulmonary consumption set in and after a short respite from ministerial labours, during which he realized a temporary improvement he was constrained in 1833 to desist his charge. He returned to his native Province where he lingered in gradually declining health till January 1837. His course was brief but brilliant and earnest, and he has left both in New Brunswick and in Nova Scotia, a fragrant memory which can pass away only with the History of our beloved Presbyterianism.

It must be very gratifying to his widow who still survives to know that the congregation in which his brief but able, faithful and fearless ministry was exercised, and among whom his affections lingered to the last, has greatly profited by the privilege they enjoyed, and have long since taken their place in the first-class of Presbyterian congregations in the lower provinces.—He has sown,—worthy successors have gathered and are still gathering the fruits—and in the day of Christ "he that sowed and they that reap shall rejoice together."

OTHER VISITORS.

Some missionary labours were performed in New Brunswick by the late Rev. Mr. Waddel of Truro, about the year 1816, previously to the formation of the first