

Adam. In another family, I asked a little girl who the Son of God was? She replied, I do not know. I asked, who was it lived in this world and suffered a very cruel death? She did not know. I told her it was Jesus Christ. She said she had never heard anything about him. In another family, I asked a little boy, nine years of age, Who made him? He said God. I asked, Do you know where God lives? He replied no. Do you think he lives in the woods? He said yes, I think so. In another family visited, I found a number of children in the house, but only one child among them all could read. They did not know there was such a being as a God. Had never heard of Jesus Christ; knew nothing of the plan of salvation; were entirely ignorant of the truths of the gospel; had no Bible, only a Testament in the house. During the past season several young men were drowned belonging to this settlement; and my visits always happened at the time of these solemn dispensations of God's providence, and, hence, afforded me an opportune season, by the help of the Spirit, of making impressions upon their minds. On Sabbath, I always obtained a large audience. The people were remarkably attentive, listened with eagerness, and sometimes were deeply moved, and always invited me back again. There is much work to be done here, and some of the people express a desire that some supply should be granted them, in order that the dry bones may be revived and the ignorant enlightened.

"Farther on we come to another settlement of considerable extent, M. J. In this settlement we have the same lamentable state of affairs that exists in other communities along the eastern shore. Their seems to be but a feeble spark of vital godliness among the people. The young receive no religious instruction; the men are engaged in visiting and sailing their vessels on the the Sabbath, whilst the women are found baking bread. No Sabbath or day school exists. Active measures, however, are immediately to be taken to erect a school-house, which, when finished, will be thrown open to any labourers of our church. We trust this is the dawning of brighter days to this long neglected and destitute locality.

"I have thus, during the past summer, travelled over a circuit of 60 miles in extent, held two diets of worship each Sabbath, twenty-four week day meetings, and travelled by coach, boats, and on foot, hundreds of miles. I have also visited a large number of families, reading the word of God and exhorting them, besides twelve day schools, and addressed the children, and circulated a large number of tracts among the people in every community. In all the settlements and families visited, I was lis-

tened to attentively, received every mark of kindness, and often requested to renew my visits. I have also endeavoured to impress upon the parents the duty of imparting religious instruction to their children; and with a view of aiding them in this matter, I have succeeded in establishing agents and obtaining subscribers to small religious papers in every community. Your Presbytery, however, must see how inadequate the supply, and how onerous the labours devolving upon one man in so large an extent of country. The destitute circumstances of these people demand that they should be fed with the bread of life. We must, however, for a time labour under disadvantages, suffer many discouragements, and involve considerable outlay. The piety of the people is at a very low ebb. Intemperance abounds; and for a number of years they have received a supply of gospel ordinances from clergymen of the church of England, some of whom seem to have been men possessed of but little vital godliness, and receiving their salaries from the British Government, or some of the great English Societies, they were not dependent upon the people for support. Hence the people have not been called upon to contribute to the support of the Gospel, and must be educated in this. Providence however has opened up our way in a remarkable manner. In every community there are some Presbyterians, and many others who were once in connection with our Church, but left us in consequence of receiving no supply. Hence they have claims upon us which should not be overlooked. Many souls are perishing for lack of knowledge, and their appears to be some awakening among the people. The Eastern Shore also bids fair to become a Gold producing country. Specimens of gold-bearing quartz rock have been discovered, and many young men at no far distant day, may be found flocking there, delving for hidden treasures. If our Church occupies the ground, and supplies them with the Pearl of great price, it will confer a lasting boon upon all succeeding generations, and do much to promote the cause of Christ in these destitute localities. May the time speedily come round when these poor benighted people shall know the joyful sound, when every island, cove, and settlement shall become enlightened, darkness removed, and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole earth, as the waters cover the channels of the sea."