

of my reception among the people. The school houses on week day evenings, and the Baptist Church at Long Creek, on the two Sabbaths I spent among this interesting people, were almost crowded to suffocation. Our Baptist friends gave the use of their church cheerfully. A collection was made here in aid of the mission. The chief inhabitants are Presbyterians; they are at variance among themselves, and consequently are not able to support gospel ordinances among themselves. They are divided into three parties. The Free Church has built two churches in these districts—both of them in an unfinished state. I believe the existing divisions would soon be forgotten by the people if they had an active missionary who could preach the word of life to them. Such a missionary is much wanted, having his whole heart in the work. There is actually an earnest desire among the people. They feelingly describe their grief for the rising generation. From this settlement there is a heart rending cry, supplicating help from the Church of Christ.

Friday, 31st Jan. Arrived at Belfast. This is an extensive settlement, thickly inhabited by Presbyterians, adherents to the Church of Scotland. They are now without the means of grace—their late pastor Mr McLellan having left them and gone home to Scotland. Upon my giving intimation of the object of my visit, I was told that I could not get the church, without the permission of parties interested in the welfare of the congregation. It was a Saturday; I was a stranger not known to the parties; besides I could not find out their names. No time was to be lost. I got a friend to conduct me to one of the elders. On my arrival at his place I told my errand. He said he had no objection to our church, nor did he object to the house being opened for the gospel. Still he did not find himself at liberty to interfere.—He told me to go to Allan McDougald,

Esq., and see if he were willing to give me permission. He (the elder) thought there would be no objection to my preaching in the church. Drove to the squire's house, who received me kindly, and unhesitatingly gave the church. He told me that he longed to see a more kindly feeling between our church and the Establishment, at least an occasional change of pulpits. I preached on Sabbath in the spacious church of Belfast, and also at their desire on Wednesday. I remained eight days in this settlement, and preached six sermons. A collection was made in aid of our mission on Wednesday.

The present state of this large congregation is anything but satisfactory. There is a want of unanimity among the people, and consequently no effort is made to provide for themselves the regular dispensation of gospel ordinances. I pity their state; none caring for their souls: they are like sheep wandering on the mountains, no shepherd to watch over them or to bring back the wanderers. There is nothing but an ancient name keeping them together. The state of religion is deplorably low in this extensive settlement.—There are some exceptions, and they feel and grieve for it. It is a large missionary field, and the state of the people almost neglected by the church to which they adhere, should stir up our church to give them some missionary supplies. Their church is closed upon the Free Church clergy, who are making inroads upon them at different points. Mr McDonald has many adherents among them. Your missionary was most kindly received among those people, and all with whom he conversed pressed upon him to repeat his visit of mercy. I hope the Lord will bless his efforts among them.

After leaving this interesting settlement, I visited Murray Harbour and White Sands; but as the presbyterians in this district have got up a call for Mr Bethune of the Free Church, I did not consider it