

people some fifty pounds annually, towards the support of a Baptist Missionary in this county. But during this year I have received from that source only about \$100. This falling short is due in part to my not having been in the town much during the year. As a consequence nothing has been received or solicited from that quarter, except from our few Baptist people, nearly all of whom are poor. At River John our own people are also preparing to build a small Baptist church, which brings a large pecuniary burden on them. Taking into account the two foregoing facts, I cannot but think the amount contributed by the people in this region during the year will have been somewhat creditable. In many individual instances their contributions of money have been noble, as my final return will show. Yet I much regret that the pecuniary burden of this Mission has thus far rested so heavily on the funds of the Board.

I still believe that many of the Scotch people of this county will yet, if we are faithful to their souls, become truly converted in heart to Christ, will come in among us and *then* aid materially in the pecuniary support of our mission among them. Have patience brethren, *duty* is ours, results are the Lord's. But his promises are also ours and they are promises of the Almighty and everlasting God.

I may say in a word now that the prospects of the up-building of the cause of Christ in this county *through Baptist instrumentality*, are to my own mind *brighter* far than they appeared to me a year ago. I am not discouraged but want the Board and our Churches generally to redouble their prayers, and pecuniary contributions for the glory of God and the salvation of perishing souls in all this region. Only let us exercise true faith, and we shall "see the glory of God" displayed in the deliverance of this people from error and formalism to "the truth as it is in Jesus."

Now what I am about to announce may in the light of the above mentioned facts, seem strange to you. I wish, *conditionally*, to give up the mission to this county. My first condition is that *you* wish me to give it up; my second, that you desire me to *continue* it for the present. In either case I wish to retire from the field—even *then* however *conditionally*—that is that a substitute be stationed here by your Board the coming year and *thence onward*.—