

to none." Mr. Plant continues now in this mission; his congregation now amounts to near two hundred. Some of his hearers come from towns four, five, or six miles distant; and their number is daily increasing.

7. Marblehead is a seaport, the second town in all New England, very considerable for its number of inhabitants, for its commerce, and especially for the fishery carried on there. A great number of these people were desirous to have the Church of England service settled there. In the year 1707, they made subscriptions for building a Church, amounting to £416. They wrote letters to the Bishop of London, and to the Society, acquainting them with their desires of having a minister of the Church of England, and declaring their intentions of building a church. A handsome church was soon after built, and the Reverend Mr. Shaw was sent missionary there, but he did not continue long. He wrote word, he had fallen into many indispositions, by the change of climate, and the severity of the seasons sometimes there, and he removed. The Reverend Mr. David Mossom was settled there in 1710. He began his mission with much diligence; the number of people attending divine worship was but small at first. However, many more conformed daily, and in about two years, the number of communicants were doubled, thirteen grown persons had been baptized, and near seventy infants. The Church at Newbury being about this time vacant by the death of Mr. Lucas, Mr. Mossom visited that people also upon their earnest request, preached and administered the sacrament to a congregation of above one hundred persons. He proceeded with great diligence in all parts of his duty. In the three following years, he persuaded nine grown persons to receive baptism, and the number of communicants in Marblehead, and from the neighboring towns, increased to about fifty. In the year 1725, he acquainted the Society, that in the foregoing year, he had received into the Church five grown persons, two men and three women, and that several other grown persons were preparing for baptism. He had also baptized two negroes, a man about twenty-five years old, and a girl about twelve; and that a whole family in Salem, a neighboring town, had conformed to the Church; so that upon the whole his congregation increased considerably. Mr. Mossom desired to be removed on account of some of his family affairs, and Mr. Pigot was removed from Providence to this place. He hath acquainted the Society, that since his appointment here, the Church hath considerably increased, he had baptized twenty-three grown persons, a great many had joined in communion, and he had reduced many from a disorderly and loose, to a more strict and regular behavior, and by his instructing the youth in the principles of religion, and the doctrines of the Church, he had gathered a large number of catechumens. Mr. Pigot continues now here.

8. The chief inhabitants of Bristol, in the year 1720, wrote very earnest letters to the Bishop of London and to the Society, for a minister of the Church of England, and promised to build a church. Before they had an answer from the Society, they proceeded to get contributions to