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THE Society is already acquainted with the causes of my delay in making my visit to New Brunswick, which I had hoped to accomplish at an earlier and more favourable season of the year. I was thankful, however, to be permitted to commence my journey, for this purpose, on Thursday, the 8th of October, although aware that I should often be compelled to crowd into one day the proper work of several. I passed through Windsor without delay, and slept at Rentville, 66 miles from Halifax, and reached my own cottage at Clermont (22 miles) early on the following day. On Sunday, 11th, I performed Mr. Owen's duty at Aylesford, the scene of my first efforts in the ministry, for a crowded congregation, the remnant of my first flock, with many of their children and grandchildren. Mr. Owen was at the churches of Horton and Cornwallis, which still remain without a settled pastor. Never having been so long absent from the congregation at Aylesford, as I had then been, our meeting was not without an exercise of much feeling, mingled with pain and pleasure. Many had been removed for ever, during my absence, and many others had been added to the little flock.

On Wednesday, the 14th October, I proceeded to Annapolis (38 miles), and was glad to see the churches on the road, at Wilmot, Bridge Town, and Granville, in good order. I had an opportunity, also, for hasty communication with the Society's Missionaries, Messrs. Robertson and Campbell, whose labours seem to have the blessing of Him for whom they are engaged. The Church is flourishing under their care and faithful ministry. I did not look for any difficulty on a road so familiar to me as this has been for many years, but in consequence of the rebuilding of an important bridge on the Annapolis River, I was compelled to cross a wide ferry in a small boat; and owing to a very violent wind, and a rapid tide, the boat shipped a sea, which made every person in her very uncomfortable. I passed the evening with the Society's very valuable Missionary at Annapolis, the Rev. Edwin Gilpin, and his assistant, Mr. Godfrey.

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