

has He done for the desert land? The wilderness has become a fruitful field and the desert blossoms as the rose."

On the 5th of April, 1779, delegates from Cornwallis, Horton and Newport met the brethren at Falmouth, to consider the advisability of ordaining Mr. Alline to the work of the gospel ministry. After due and satisfactory examination of the candidate, it was decided to proceed in the ordination on the following day. They met in a large barn on Mr. Manning's farm, and after a sermon by Mr. Pearson he received the imposition of hands. It was simple and solemnly grand.

Shortly after this he crossed over to St. John and went up the river preaching and exhorting wherever he came. He did not stay long in one place. His soul seemed to be so on fire with Christ's love that he could not rest, but with an indomitable will overcame all obstacles. I am amazed and humbled when I discover what difficulties he conquered. Much of the time he travelled on horse back owing to the rough roads, but when neither a horse or boat could proceed, he walked, often on snowshoes through the trackless forest, sometimes so weary and far from a settlement that he and his guide would sleep in the woods, with no covering but the "etherial canopy," as he says in his journal.

"Oct. 13, I went with two men to Cape —. We travelled one day fourteen miles, the next day I travelled until I thought I should drop down with weariness, for it was some of my first travelling on foot. I was so wearied that I was obliged to lean on the man's arm as I walked. I could hardly draw my feet after me and we had nothing with us to eat. As I was there laboring, a remarkable instance of Providence happened. I asked a man how far we had to travel? He replied nine miles. I said I should not get in that night. He said he would go in and bring me a horse for the rest of the way. Soon after he had spoken, we espied five or six horses on the beach, that had come out from the settlement, and with much trouble we caught two of them, intending to pay the owners for the use of them when we had got in, and we arrived without much more trouble. Afterward I could rejoice seeing the work of God in that dark place; many came out and witnessed for Christ and his gospel. The people being much engaged were with me continually, so that I was preaching, praying, exhorting or discoursing almost all the time, from early in the morning till twelve at night.

O the darkness, death and misery the world is in! Methinks I have a sense sometimes of millions and millions that are pressing down to ruin. O that they knew in this their day the things that belong to their peace, that their souls might be saved.

O what a day of joy was this to the Christians! The church