

also true that many of them could not obtain situations in their own country.

The cause of missions requires men of iron constitutions, the first order of intellect and piety, and an easy accommodation of manners suited to all varieties of characters. It is comparatively an easy task to be a minister in an old established congregation, held together by many ties ; but new societies are often held together by a rope of sand, and it requires high mental energies, good pulpit talents, and great prudence to form new churches, and lay the foundations of society. It is devoutly to be wished that all the Presbyterians in this colony were united in one body ; the people born here cannot comprehend any difference in doctrine and discipline, and they cannot see the shadow of a reason why there should be any distinction. Such a union would have many advantages ; it is practicable, and I hope, in due time, it shall be accomplished. It is not improbable that jealous sectarians, and rival religionists, will, at first, look rather shy at your missionaries ; but I trust that good men and good ministers of all denominations will give them a hearty welcome to our rugged shores, and afford them every facility in their power. Wide is the dominion of sin in this country, and there is work enough for us all ; there are yet many dark and dreary settlements without religious instruction and Christian ordinances. I am glad to learn from Mr. Martin that the people of Porter's Lake, Preston, etc., are to obtain a minister in the spring ; he will be within thirty miles of me. I shall be glad to have him for a neighbour. In the fall, I visited Sheet Harbour, and preached a sermon over the ashes of the late Rev. John Young, originally from the Presbytery of Irvine ; his death was much lamented by that infant settlement. I visited Cape Spray,