

2nd. The Church in general are anxious to have the gospel preached among them, and are willing to contribute pretty liberally for its support.

3rd. The Baptist interest, to all human appearance, must die out, unless a Preacher be sustained here.

4th. Then again viewing the field apart from the Baptist Church altogether, it is one of the most interesting, and perhaps one of the most promising in the three Provinces. I need not attempt to explain this remark. It is enough to say that the field is almost one continuous coal bed. Already there are 5 or 6 separate Companies operating upon it.

Two lines of Railroad have already been surveyed and decided upon, to run from this field to Sydney, and the third line of Railway is now being surveyed from Cow Bay, through Mira, and so on to Louisburg.

The population of this district, during the last two years, has, I believe, more than doubled; and the prospects of increase are on the advance. There is no stated preaching of any sect, in connection with any of the coal mines, and in all of them there is an open door for Baptist preaching. There is awful wickedness and great need of faithful preaching in all of these mines, and I may say on the whole field."

The following additional particulars were received by letter dated 20th May:—

"I have seldom spent a day among the miners without having something encouraging before its close; the following is an instance: I entered a house where I had not been before. There were several little children and the mother present. The woman was very busily engaged in household duties; but on my introducing the subject of religion she immediately took a seat, and listened attentively. I urged the importance of attending to the concerns of her soul. She was deeply moved, and on my rising to leave said, with her eyes full of tears, "Be sure and call again, Sir; you are the first one who has spoken to me on the subject of religion since I came to this place."

I often see much more to encourage me while visiting from house to house than while preaching. A few weeks since I entered a dwelling where there were several females, some of them Roman Catholics. I introduced "Christ

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