

taken a central and spacious room for the purpose of meeting on the Lord's day. I had the pleasure of spending Lord's day, the 18th inst. with them; we had a happy day. We broke bread, &c. &c. (in number nine) in the afternoon. I proclaimed the gospel, morning and evening, to as many people as could be expected, under all circumstances. * * * I am sure there is a fine field for exertion and usefulness in Liverpool, providing there was resident a competent and active proclaimer of the ancient gospel: of such a person I fear our brethren will find themselves deficient for a while. I hope they will stand firm and united, and edify each other, and then, doubtless, although not very gifted, they will make progression.

“Your brother in Christ, EVAN JENKINS.”

ELDER BENJAMIN HOWARD.

Some time since we received several communications for the *Christian* from Brother Howard. In our last we promised him a hearing. We have not laid his articles by out of any disrespect to him; but we have some doubts whether his communications, at this time, would subserve that cause for which both of us have made many sacrifices—for which we have suffered slander and reproach, and for which we expect to be opposed, so long as men will not bow submissively to the Lord Messiah.

During this month we have received two long letters from him; and, with reference to his former communications, he says, “you must allow me to be the best judge as to the subjects which will answer for the field of my labor.” We have no question as to his judgment in this particular; but he must remember that the *Christian* is read in other places beside Nova Scotia. It is to be feared, that a disquisition on an affair quite local, might prove of but little benefit to the community at large. That Brother Howard has been treated ungentlemanly by his opposers we have no doubt, but he must remember that that is part of his reward. The good things promised by the Savior were connected with “persecutions.” Some persons call nothing persecution but imprisonment, stoning, confiscation of goods, burning, or the gibbet; but to accuse a man with holding doctrines most abhorrent to his soul, or directly the reverse of those which he does believe and advocate, in order to induce others to oppose and hate him, is persecution. Nothing but the wholesome laws of the land prevent such men from firing the raggot around the person whom they thus traduce. Brother Howard has been accused of preaching every thing that is bad, but those who have heard him most frequently have been unable to detect any principle advocated by him, which not only accords with the book, but is found there in so many words.

None of his opposers, not even his worst enemies, can say one word against his christian character; seeing then that he is opposed purely for conscience sake, who can be surprised at the following remarks