

there at present, and many of them cannot be got at all. But the odd volumes which may be given by private individuals at home, I would recommend to be lent out a reading into the different settlements, where it is expected they will be read, attended to, and returned. This would have a tendency to beget a desire for knowledge, both of a rational and religious kind; and I hope, whenever the attention of my native countrymen is rightly called to this object, a good supply of divinity, history, biography, missionary reports, old magazines, &c. will be handed into the Society, in order to be forwarded to the island and adjacent parts, that these silent messengers of heavenly wisdom may find their way to the abodes of ignorance, error, and vice, carrying along with them gospel light and truth.

I have said all that I think needful by way of advice to the Society, in regard to the supply of that island. But when they have accomplished all that I have recommended, as to the object first in hand, they will find their work only begun, or rather "beginning to begin." In many parts of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton\*, New Brunswick, Upper Canada, and Newfoundland, I am persuaded they stand in need of the same helping hand, otherwise many of

\* The following affecting circumstance was told me of a settler on Cape Breton. He had been settled there several years, but could find no religious companion among all his neighbours, nor any who regarded the Sabbath for any pious purpose. At last a new settler came, who was acquainted with the Bible, and willing to join with him in acts of religious worship. When he understood this, he clasped him in his arms for joy, and exclaimed, "Now God has heard my prayer, and sent me one fellow-traveller on the heavenly road. I have lived here these six years, and could find none; but you are like an angel sent from heaven to comfort me. I hope I shall have no more silent Sabbaths, but one to assist me in raising the song of praise, reading the word of God, and in offering up our joint prayers at the throne of divine mercy."