

burnt down two or three years later, on a Sabbath morning, the Rev. Mr. Douglass, then of Onslow, coming to preach, which was soon replaced. These churches Mr. Graham describes as "very decent and reckoned elegant in this part of the world."

Mr Graham was a man of mild christian spirit, and a laborious and devoted minister. He was a diligent student, a clear and forcible writer, and a sound divine. He not only preached but regularly visited and catechised, and besides held special meetings for the young, which were well attended, and excited deep interest.

At the time of his induction, the Settlement was in a very backward state from the want of roads, &c., but the country gradually improved. Writing regarding his sacrament in 1809, he says, "Were you at our Meeting house on such an occasion, or indeed on any occasion, and to see only a few houses surrounded by seemingly impenetrable woods, you would be surprised to think, where so many people could come from, not indeed such as I have seen at Davie's Dyke or Longridge, but to a stranger still more unaccountable considering the appearance of the country. Where I now sit in the centre of a settlement, containing 37 families, only 7 dwelling houses are to be seen from my windows; and when I first lived in it only two were to be seen; and that I see more now, is by the clearing away of the woods and not by the increase of the dwelling houses. Our Tabernacle stands in the fields of the wood, Psal. cxxxii. 6, and there I trust not a few find as much spiritual advantage and comfort as others do amidst surrounding splendour and magnificence."

Mr Graham had his share of the hardships which all the older ministers of the colonies suffered from inadequate and ill-paid stipends. But the people of Stewiacke did as well as congregations generally at that time in that respect. Mr Graham took a warm interest in the missionary and benevolent enterprises of the day, and endeavoured to enlist the liberality of his people on their behalf. And in this he was successful. Thus writing in 1809, he says, "We have had a collection in this congregation for the British and Foreign Bible Society,—upwards of

£30. This with the proceeds of a box of Bibles and Testaments sent us last season, and upwards of £20, collection by Truro congregation, I expect to remit by Glasgow or London. The reports of the Bible Society, together with collateral information as to the progress already made in translating and circulating the sacred scriptures in different and distant regions of the earth, have awakened the zeal of many among us. In this congregation people in general have exceeded my expectations, and have contributed liberally according to their number and means."

Mr Graham continued to preach one fourth of his time at Musquodoboit till the year 1815, when that settlement was set off as a separate congregation, and the Rev. Mr. Laidlaw inducted as its first minister. Shortly after Mr. G. gives the following as the amount of population in his original charge, Upper Stewiacke, 75 families, Middle Stewiacke 30, Lower Stewiacke, 15, Musquodoboit 100.

Mr Graham continued to discharge all the duties of the ministry in Stewiacke till the year 1825. On the 7th April of that year, he fell asleep in Jesus, after a short illness, having been but one Sabbath laid aside from preaching. He was then in the 75th year of his age, and 42nd of his ministry.

In the year 1830, the Rev. Mr. (now Dr.) Smith was ordained as his successor, and has now for a period of nearly thirty-three years gone out and in among that people, breaking the bread of life unto them. During his ministry the congregation has continued to advance. Three large and commodious churches have been built within its bounds. Middle Stewiacke has been disjoined, and forms with Brookfield a new congregation. The rest still forms one of the largest congregations in the Synod and must undoubtedly ere long form two congregations.

PROGRESS OF UNION AMONG PRESBYTERIANS.

If any doubt existed three years ago as to the duty of consummating a Presbyterian union in Nova Scotia, all doubt has vanish-