

know thy will concerning me. Encouraged by others, I have made the attempt. If I have been deceived, Lord undeceive me, and teach me thy way; I will walk in thy truth."

Thus, though uncertain of what would be his ultimate designation in the providence of God,—whether he should ever be employed as a minister of Christ fully devoted to the work,—together with a disrelish for secular interests and secular engagements, but as they might bear on the great work of saving souls, and a painful consciousness of personal insufficiency; yet encouraged by the Missionaries on the Windsor and Newport circuits, and the earnest solicitations of many friends, to employ his talents in the settlements in which they respectively resided, he endeavoured to do good to his fellow-men, oftentimes enjoying much of the presence of God in his ministrations, and not unfrequently witnessing in his humble instrumentality, that "God sendeth by whom he will send, and, worketh by whom he will work."

At the district meeting held in 1828, having been duly recommended by the Quarterly Meeting of the Newport Circuit, he was recommended to the British Conference as a candidate for Missionary labour, was provisionally appointed to Murray Harbour circuit, in Prince Edward Island. The entries in his journals, during his stay there, shew that, though he had his trials proceeding from a fear of his insufficiency for the great work of "preaching Christ," and not a few from the perversity of some from whom better things should be expected, the Lord, his master, was with him, vouchsafing support and consolation, and succeeding his efforts in the conversion of souls. His industry was unceasing, and although he had to travel considerably and to preach often, he read much, and made improvement in his theological studies.

Though Mr. S. was not received by the Committee when proposed by the District Meeting in 1828; the Chairman was instructed by the Secretaries that, if unanimously recommended the following year, he would be appointed to a station. He was so recommended, and sent in the meantime to supply the Wallace Circuit. The Mission here is very extensive. "July 27th," he says, "I have now been once round this great Circuit, having preached thirty sermons, rode about 300 miles and visited seventy families. I have felt my mind much discouraged from a sense of my inadequacy to supply its wants; yet I believe the Lord will provide, and make hard things easy, and rough places smooth before me." "August 6th. I have been somewhat harrassed of late with little trials; but I hope and trust that they will all work for my good. I am still the Lord's, both body and soul, and He will take care of his own."

Mr. Shaw's labours on this Circuit were blessed, and he enjoyed the affection and confidence of his people; but in November he was removed, in consequence of being appointed by the Missionary Committee to a station in the Bahamas. He says in reference to this appointment, "To leave my native country, perhaps to return no more, is somewhat trying to nature. However the Lord knows what is best for me. His will, not mine, be done." Now apprehending more than ever the responsibili-