

In the most of which I either held or took part in religious meetings; directed the thoughts of those I visited to the value of the soul, and the importance of seeking Jesus.

Landing at St. John's, I visited about 100 vessels; visited many families in the neighborhood, and a place called Pretty Harbor, about nine miles distant. I then went to Bonavista Bay; landed at Green's Pond, and then visited Toole's Island, Pincher's Islands, (3), Swain's Island, Cobbler Island, Cole Harbor, Cape Island, Cape Cove, Cat Harbor, Dead Man's Bay, Dofers Cove and Muddy Hole, all north of Green's Pond. I then returned to Green's Pond, and went up the Bay, visiting Gooseberry Islands, Flat Islands and Salvage. I then returned to Green's Pond, crossed over to Bonavista, then went to Bird Islands; thence to Goose Bay, a small bay near the mouth of Bonavista Bay; thence to Souther Bay, Seal Harbor, Open Hull, Ring's Cove and Knight's Cove, all in Bonavista Bay. I then crossed over to Catalinco, in Trinity Bay, thence to Little Catalinco, next to the Town of Trinity, and the surrounding settlements. Here, running short of books, I came back to St. John's, received a supply, crossed the country to Portugal Cove, thence to Harbor Grace, Bars' Cove, Carbonear, Crockett's Cove, Fresh Water, Mulley Cove, Broad Cove, Black Head, Bradley's Cove, Western Bay, and Ochre Pit Cove.

I have in former letters given as correct views of the Religious state of the people as I was then capable of forming. I will now after a seven months residence among them take a general view of the same subject. And as a preliminary remark, please bear in mind, that a great majority of the people of this island are engaged in a continual struggle to support life, more so than in any other country I have visited so far. The short summer is all too short in a great many cases to supply the wants of the long piercing winter, so that the Newfoundlander has not much time for quiet thought and Spiritual improvement. In fact the long established customs and habits of the country are against those exercises.

Again, the fact that so many of the people are absent from home during the summer, thus losing many spiritual privileges, is a great hindrance to either moral or spiritual growth. Then a great many of the people here, as elsewhere, seem to think that religion is a thing for the prayer meeting, or for the Sabbath, and not something to influence their whole life, their every act, and to be carried about with them wherever they go. In other words, there are many in this country who will pray loudly in the meetings, who do not scruple to navigate a vessel, nor to catch seals on the Sabbath.

Still this I think should not discourage us, nor do I write it as a cause of discouragement, but because I think that we as instruments in God's hands, seeking to benefit those people, should have a true knowledge of their spiritual state, if we would work to advantage.