

"17th, Friday.—Left Konehibouquich at 7 o'clock, A.M., on horseback. Found that my horse as I proceeded, instead of facilitating my progress, actually in many places greatly impeded it. The country coastwise here for one hundred or one hundred and fifty miles is nearly a dead level, and much of it a mere swamp, in general covered densely with spruce, fir, pine, and cedar, and ill adapted for the purposes of agriculture. Like the last stage of the preceding day's journey my road now consisted merely of a pathway cleared of the wood which once covered it, but yet untouched by a spade. Much of it I was forced to walk, and in much of it my horse wallowed up to the saddle in mud.

"26th, Sabbath.—Unable to procure a horse here or any where in the vicinity, I gave up the idea of reaching Bathurst in time to collect an audience, and sent up an early notice to *New Brandon*, 4 miles distant, a small settlement principally of Wesleyan Methodists from the South of Ireland, that I would preach to them at 11 o'clock. Found them, as far as the notice extended, assembled at the hour and very attentive. Instead of standing in time of prayer they all knelt, and many of them left the house with their cheeks bedewed with tears. The audience was about forty in number, and a few more might have been collected had there been time to give them notice.

"Upon enquiry I found that they had been well supplied with Bibles by the Ladies' Bible Society of Miramichi, and also that they had once organized a Sabbath School among them, but that through mismanagement it had fallen into decay. I endeavoured to show them the importance of such an Institution among them, and urged them strongly to revive it, which they promised to do.

"September, 2nd Sabbath.—Preached to an audience of about one hundred and twenty persons, which is nearly the amount of the Protestant population of Bathurst, as the audience in the Episcopal Church consisted of but nine individuals. Baptized two children and gave notice that I had brought with me a few copies of the Assembly's Shorter Catechism, and Brown's First Catechism for children, for sale or gratuitous distribution, and also a few tracts. I also intimated that in consequence of the preachers lately employed by the committee as missionaries, being now all entrusted with the pastoral care of congregations, the committee would be unable to send the Bay any farther supply till the beginning of next summer, when they expected to have two young men out from Scotland, but that when these arrived they might rest assured one of them would immediately be commissioned to them and the adjacent settlements. With this information they expressed themselves much pleased. In the evening, by a previous appointment I went up the *Tatagouche* river (distance, three and a half miles) and baptized the six youngest children of Hugh Munro, Esq., the eldest an adult, the remaining five not.

"Bathurst is not, and will not likely for a number of years, be capable of supporting a Presbyterian clergyman. The French population are the most numerous, and they are all here (as in every settlement round the Bay) Roman Catholics. They have a Chapel and resident priest. The exterior of a small Episcopal Church has been nearly completed here, and a person in deacon's orders has been sent on by the Bishop of Nova Scotia to officiate in it; but had we an acceptable Presbyterian clergyman established there, the former would not have an average one dozen hearers. As this side of the Bay has lately been erected in a County called Gloucester, and Bathurst constituted the site for the shire town, there can be little doubt that an Episcopal clergyman will be continued here, however small his audience. The Presbyterian population are able, and would I think be willing, to remunerate the committee for a preacher's labors one-fourth of the year. Many of them anxiously look for some arrangement of this kind. They have yet done nothing towards erecting a Church, and probably will not, till they have some prospect of a permanent supply of preaching.

"8th, Saturday.—Arrived at Restigouche in time for breakfast, and was very cordially received at the house of Robert Ferguson, Esq., where the missionaries sent hither generally lodge.

"9th, Sabbath.—Preached two sermons, as usual to a very attentive audience of about one hundred and fifty persons. Here let me record the goodness of God,