

on her mission in fine style ; and although the breath of the north-east was blown against her, and many a foaming wave gave her a spiteful slap, the trip was made from Portland to St. John in something like twenty-two hours. A long enough stay was made at Eastport for me to run up and salute brother Burgin, who serves the citizens at the Post Office by receiving, distributing, and delivering the mail matter of the city ; always a responsible and honorable post.

Arrived at the chief city of New Brunswick, it was not difficult to become acquainted with the friends of reform at that meridian. The brethren Barnes, Hewitt, Allen, Clerke, Robertson, Christie, McInnis, and their companions, with others, were as friendly, hospitable, and sociable as could be desired. Here also for the time then present was found Elder J. B. Barnaby, of Deer Island, who was a constant companion during the days of our call at St. John. Elder Hughes, who had left the city for a few weeks to labor at or near St. Stephens, we had not the pleasure of seeing.

I discoursed publicly in the city only on three occasions—twice on Lord's day the 15th, and on the evening of Monday following. The brethren have a modest and very appropriate House in which to meet, recently completed ; and judging from a variety of symptoms my emphatic impression was that the disciples in St. John possessed among them the elements of much strength, enlargement, and undoubted prosperity. Whether these elements are husbanded and economized, wisely concentrated and judiciously employed, it is not the province of a visiter to decide ; but it is devoutly hoped that the friends of the one creed of Christ in the city of St. John are making use of their gifts, their numbers, their social and business position, their wealth and knowledge in the happy and well-rewarding service of the Author of the Eternal Redemption.

Unless memory be at fault, I understood the congregation of brethren in St. John to count between 125 and 150. The spirit of emigration has taken many of their number and transplanted them in the south and west. But it appeared to me, from all that I witnessed, taking all things into account, that there are few localities where a larger quantum of permanent happiness could be secured and maintained than in this prosperous city. With a population of 30,000—its healthfulness undoubted—its commercial condition at par—its moral position more than par, compared with almost all cities in the west—what more is wanted