

Mr. James Brown. The teapot out of which he was regaled is still in existence and is sacredly preserved as an heirloom of the family. A curio seeker offered \$30.00 for the relic. That may seem a large sum, but the teapot of John Wesley, made by Josiah Wedgwood, the Burslem potter, though minus a lid and half the spout, would have brought \$2,500.00, but the antiquarian's offer was rejected. The Bonavista teapot is now in Halifax. Mr. Smith's visit was productive of great good and resulted in the first fruits and seals to his ministry. Charles Saint and Benjamin Cole of precious memory were some of the first spiritual children of the Methodist family. The people of Bonavista were delighted to think that there was a prospect of securing a minister of the gospel to reside amongst them. They conceived what to them was a bright idea, but it was nipped in the bud. The influential people of Bonavista drew up a requisition which was numerously signed by the inhabitants, armed with which Mr. Smith was to proceed to England and lay the petition of the requisitioners before the Archbishop of Canterbury, asking him to ordain the Rev. George Smith, and engage him as a missionary of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel," to reside in Bonavista, and with the usual allowance made to such agents. But all were not in sympathy with the scheme, and a counter-petition was drawn up by the enemies of evangelical religion, signed by all creeds, there were only two, which petition reached his Grace the Archbishop first in order. When Mr. Smith appeared before the Archbishop he soon learnt the fate of his petition and request. If the request of the Bonavista Protestant inhabitants had been granted, it is questionable if Methodism had ever got a foothold. Although Mr. Smith may have felt disappointed at the miscarriage of his enterprize, yet he was afterwards heard repeatedly to express devout gratitude to God for the manner in which God's purposes ripened, and the hold that Methodist teaching had subsequently taken upon the people of Bonavista.

Nothing daunted, the following year 1796, when the British Conference appointed the Rev. William Thoresby to Carbonear, Mr. Smith volunteered to serve the Church again on this hard field of labor. On their arrival he volunteered to confine his labors to the north, and proceeded at once on his missionary