

We delight in contemplating our associated members as composing one harmonious and happy family of Christian brethren, and altho we sincerely pray for the period to arrive when we shall be compelled to divide into separate bodies, from the Lord increasing our churches and members, yet we cannot but view the separation itself with regret, and desire to remain as we are, as long as possible. On this account we were glad to find the general feeling of the churches against a present division of the Association; especially as we are not aware of any material evil or inconvenience from our continuing united.

It was highly gratifying to observe the deserved estimation in which Brother Munro's character and labours are held by the inhabitants of the district, and we trust that his church and its pastor may long stand as "a city set on a hill."—Settled as he originally was, an entire stranger in that part of the province, where the denomination was little known, under numerous and peculiar disadvantages, it is no ordinary test of the exercise of sound judgment, consistency, and unshaken Christian integrity, that he has so universally conciliated the favorable opinion, and secured the respect of persons of all denominations throughout so extensive a portion of the country.

The kind and hospitable reception which all classes afforded those who visited the Association, without regard to any difference of religious opinion, will not soon be effaced from our minds; and we doubt not but that the feelings of all were fully in unison with our own, as respects the general character of industry, integrity and respectability, as well as the candid and praiseworthy attention to the great truths of the Gospel, which distinguishes the inhabitants of Colchester. The recollection of the blessed truths proclaimed in their original vigour and simplicity on this occasion; the reasonable hope that they had been, and would be, sanctified to the eternal welfare of many who had heard them, and the general face of nature at this season and in this flourishing district, which every where gave tokens that the liberal hand of our Heavenly Father would again "crown the year with plenty," made our return from the scene of our meeting, one of the most gratifying that we have ever experienced.

The concerns of our domestic missions occupied much of the thoughts and prayers of the ministers and brethren on the present occasion: The object of those missions it will be remembered is the diffusion of the word of God and Gospel light throughout such parts of the province as have never yet, or only occasionally enjoyed those precious privileges, as well as to afford some assistance to small and destitute churches.

It is obvious from this view that missionary labours should be as widely dispersed as possible, and that the labourers should avoid following each other immediately in the same track, or occupying the same ground in immediate succession. The waste and desolate places of the wilderness are those that call for help most loudly. Many parts have as yet been quite

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