

that men and even aged women would again and again, during the whole of my stay, cross rivers and, regardless of the badness of the roads, walk six or eight miles to the preaching and return the same evening, in some instances completely wet and weary." On the 21st of September Mr. Black baptised Susanna Catherine Gaetz, daughter of George and Betsy Gaetz, the witnesses being Leonard Gaetz and Kitty Henrycy.

#### PROGRESS.

From the first the little band of Methodists in the town met much opposition, being called "New Lights", although there was nothing but their earnestness to justify associating them with the people called "New Lights" in the Annapolis and Cornwallis Valleys.

In 1822 the membership was reported at 110, and the missionary subscriptions amounted to £9. 2. 0. Mr. Orth reported the congregations as attentive and comparatively large. In 1823 the membership was reported at 118. The congregations were said to be numerous and attentive, and the societies increasing in religious knowledge and alive to God. In 1824 the membership was 116, and the missionary subscriptions £9. 7. 6. On the 3rd day of May in this year, Arabella, daughter of Humphrey and Regina Falt, was baptised at Petite Riviere, Judge Halliburton, (afterwards Chief Justice) by his own request, being witness to the ceremony. In 1825 the membership had increased to 120.

In 1826 Mr. Orth became a Supernumerary, and Robert Young is reported in the minutes as the minister in charge, but I do not find his name in the old book containing the record of baptisms, &c. In July of this year Robert L. Lusher, who had originally come out from England, and been stationed for some years in Quebec and Montreal, and who afterwards went back to Montreal, appears to have been in charge of the circuit while stationed at Liverpool. He baptised Sarah Ann, daughter of Frederick and Catherine Lones, on the 16th of July 1826, and Robert Lusher, son of Frederick and Susanna Boutellier, on the 13th of June, 1827, as well as others between those dates.

The Minutes of the Nova Scotia District for 1827 state that Mr. Orth, notwithstanding his superannuation, preached twice a week in town and as often as his health permitted in the country, and that he had travelled during the year about three hundred miles.

The British Minutes state that the Rev. Thomas H. Davies, whom some of us remember as ministering to other communities, was appointed to this circuit in 1827, but the circuit records show that the Rev. John Marshall, grandfather of William E. Marshall, Esquire, Registrar of Deeds at Bridgewater, was the minister in charge from the autumn of 1827 till the summer of 1828, when Mr. Davies succeeded him, though the British Minutes give the name of Rev. George Miller. In that year Mr. Orth left the ministry and the country under a cloud.

In 1828 the minister was able to report that, although the German lan-