

"Monday, 16th April, 1849.—Examined *Miss Parker's* Day-school. Only sixteen scholars present, some being prevented from attending for want of proper clothing. Those in attendance went through various lessons in reading, spelling, recitations, arithmetic and English grammar, very creditably. Several have made very great improvement in writing and entering arithmetical questions and answers in full in their account books.

"There were but few persons who could attend the examination, which is always to be regretted. But I regret more, that it is not in the power of the few who have hitherto, in part, supported *Miss Parker* in this school, to retain her services another year. Indeed several families are leaving this River, some of them to Labrador, and the few that will remain cannot at present raise sufficient to defray the expense of a teacher's board and lodging. Should Providence bless them with a fruitful season, they hope to be able to raise a stipend for a teacher. In the meantime they beg the Society will not altogether abandon them. *Miss P.*'s engagement with the people terminated with the present month. The people here part with her very reluctantly."

Since *Miss P.*'s removal to the Nine Mile House, the school at St. Mary's has been conducted by *Mrs. Alexander*.

COUNTRY HARBOUR.

Mr. Henry Villiers, formerly stationed at Pugwash, is now laboring at this place, and the Committee trust, that he is making himself useful among the people of that district. Judging from the Reports forwarded by *Mr. Villiers* to the Corresponding Committee, extracts from which are given below, the residence of *Mr. V.* among these poor people, has not been unproductive of good.

Extracts from Mr. Villiers' Journal:—

DISTRESSING SCARCITY OF FOOD, &c.

"The people of this settlement have experienced want and destitution, approaching the verge of famine, truly the hand of God has been upon the people of this place; they have had to acknowledge—'This is the Lord's doing.' Yet in a wonderful way they have been provided for.

"The want of provisions amongst the people of this place has been so great during the past winter, that many families have had to exist entirely upon Moose meat for four and in some families for six weeks, without tasting vegetable food; and while I am writing, I can assert, that three-fourths of the inhabitants have not one

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