

way, with such a variety, must be instructive and edifying to all. And I fervently pray that all such meetings might be multiplied, for they cannot but meet with Divine approbation: and on all such may the blessing of light and spiritual vitality be poured abundantly, and especially on us here, for we stand in much need of a spiritual revival.

I cannot conclude this Report, without stating that the people here are progressing, it may be slowly, but I hope with ultimate success, in the consolidation of a Church with proper rules and I hope that time will come when it shall add another minister to the number of the Halifax Presbytery. It may be some years ere they will be in a condition to give a call to a regular resident pastor, and even then, I am afraid, they will require foreign pecuniary aid, for they, I now see, must principally depend upon themselves, and not either on the other stations, the Grant or Middle Settlement, for any great assistance. The people here, with a very few exceptions, are firmly attached to the Church of Scotland: they feel grateful, and now, to some degree, they can appreciate the value of religious ordinances; they are fully alive to their obligation to the "Colonial Committee at Home," and the Lay Missionary Association at Halifax, for the pecuniary assistance in sustaining a missionary among them: had it not been for these two sources, they would have waited long enough for a regular supply of gospel services, and they would have still been without a church—the spiritual education of their children neglected—and, to a great extent, forgetful of the return of the Sabbath of the Lord. They cannot but feel the great difference of their former condition with that of their present: here they have a church, the very appearance of which reminds them of heavenly things—the morning of every Sabbath the children, in preparing their lessons, or in setting out for the Sabbath, with God's word in their hand and His truth in their hearts, must speak forcibly to their minds—and the very fact, that when the church is open for service, to find seated in their comfortable pews whole families, fathers and mothers, with their blooming children, who very rarely before ever went to service, or if they did, only two or three of a family; or should a chance preacher come that way, be he of this church or of that, sound in the faith or not, they might go to the school-house to hear what he had to say. Now how different are things with them; they now can tell when divine service will take place, and who is to officiate, and that they now feel it a pride to be found in their seats, together with their families. The people must feel all this, and rejoice in having a resident minister, whose soundness of faith, the church of which he is a minister, the Church of Scotland, is a sufficient guarantee, who, on the Sabbath, is found teaching them the way of salvation; taking a parental care over the godly upbringing of their children, and ready to impart such consolation as any may stand in need of, either in the season of heavy bodily affliction, or painful and sudden bereavement. That heart must be very hard indeed

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