

designed rather for compelling its passengers to "do penance," than for either comfort or facility in travelling. We now find many flourishing villages where formerly, the almost unbroken forest prevailed. And a single extract from a communication addressed to the Mission Board in Scotland by two of the Missionaries, in which reference is made to the now flourishing town of Hamilton, will at once enable every reader to judge of the remarkable advancement of the country in so brief a period. Referring to a petition from persons in Dundas, to Rev. T. Christie for some supply, it is added "There are upwards of twelve persons in the neighbouring *village* of Hamilton, who belonged to the Secession when in Scotland, and who are desirous of attending sermon at Dundas, till they see what can be done for their own village." Dress and fashion moreover, now occupy a very large share of the attention of too many of our Canadian youth, but at the period to which we allude, the community generally, even the old country people who had been a considerable time out, were perfectly guiltless of any approach to this. In Scotland, the very poorest of the church-going population are expected to appear in an appropriate garb on Sabbath, but the very idea of a "go-to-meeting-coat" is quite a recent one, in many parts of Canada. The aspect of an audience in which the male portion was coatless, and the heads of the female portion enveloped in the coloured handkerchief seemed so strange to a newly imported minister, as to induce him to form a wrong impression of the situation of the parties in respect to worldly comfort or ability.

While no one possessed of ordinary powers of observation, could fail to take a curious interest in many scenes coming before the Missionary in his first labours and perigrinations; an interest of a far interser nature was excited in his mind, by the solemn aspect and deep searching enquiry which he beheld in commending the "glad tidings as worthy of all acceptance" to those who had not heard them perhaps, for an interval of several years; and to not a few, who had never heard them from a minister at all. As the truth told directly upon the heart, or stirred up reminiscences of other lands and gospel privileges, often would the large drop stealing down the cheek, give token of the strong emotion of the heart. While in some cases, doubtless, a feeling of delight was mingled, it was in many instances, connected with a painful consciousness of privileges on former days abundantly enjoyed, but indifferently improved. Often at least, have we been told, that it was not till the long silent sabbaths, amid the dull monotony of forest life deepened the impression, that the real importance, the indescribable value of such things was duly understood. But such instances, after all were comparatively few, compared with the numbers who had settled down into a callous indifference to eternal interests, and to privileges which they scarcely hoped ever again to enjoy. Many such, however, seemed on again hearing the gospel to have old impressions revived, and accompanied with a disposition to exertion which probably had never before been felt.

It is highly probable that such convictions contributed not a little to induce the few with whom our cause in different places commenced, to cling together despite of diverse views on various points of denominational interest; and to seek