

heal the wound. You must call in the powerful aids of religion, spread your sorrows, trials and cares before the throne of God. He leads the blind by a way which they know not, and the meek will He guide in judgment. If He who cannot err becomes your guide, you may cheerfully acquiesce in the measures of His Providence. Our trials here will soon be over, and then, if we belong to Christ, we shall take our departure for a purer and a higher world.

13th Sept.—The Presbytery of Truro met at Musquodoboit, and admitted the Rev. John Sprott to the pastoral relation. Mr. Waddell preached, Mr. Graham gave the charge, and Mr. Blackwood addressed the people. The responsibilities of the pastoral office are high; God grant that pastor and people may do their duty, and may the happiest results spring from this relation.

12th Oct.—Visited Sheet Harbour, Pope's Harbour, Cape Spray; preached eight times in eight days; baptized some children and married two couples. In the course of four months I have assisted at seven communions. I am much fatigued; all this could have been endured, if poor Charlotte had been in life. The prosperity of fortune is like the blossoms of spring or the golden tint of the evening cloud, it delights the spirit, but soon passes away.

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Jan.—This last year has claimed a fearful tribute from my relations. Death has set his seal on my father-in-law, Mr. Clarke; sisters-in-law, Mrs. Inglis, Mrs. Campbell; mother-in-law, Mrs. Leslie. These