

Mr. Wood had obtained great influence over the Indians, which was increased by M. Maillard's behaviour to him a little before his death. He was in consequence frequently called on both by Indians and French neutrals, to baptise their children and visit the sick. It does not appear, however, that his zealous endeavors for the spiritual welfare of the Acadian Indians, were properly supported. No mention is to be found of the appointment of a missionary, after his decease, to carry forward the work so ably begun, and the Indians in Nova Scotia at the commencement of the present century, had entirely relapsed into Romanism.

Mr. Wood remained permanently stationed at Annapolis and Granville till his death in 1778. He lived in peace and harmony with all denominations, the greatest part of the Dissenters in his mission attending on his ministry. In 1771 the inhabitants of these townships invited a missionary residing at Dedham, in Massachusetts, to come and settle among them. In their letter they stated that the most of them "had been educated and brought up in the congregational way of worship, and therefore should have chosen to have a minister of that form of worship, but that the Rev. Mr. Wood by his preaching, and performing the other offices of his holy function, occasionally amongst us in the several districts of this country, had removed our former prejudices that we had against the form of worship of the church of England, as by law established, and had won us to a good opinion thereof, inasmuch as he had removed all our scruples of receiving the holy sacrament or the Lord's supper in that form of administering it,—at least many of us are now communicants with him, and we trust and believe more will soon be added." This ar-