

to shade from the eye of man what cannot be hid from God, and so the mind must attain not only the appearance, but the reality of goodly health. It is not till then, not till a complete transformation, a new birth has taken place, that the precious seed of God's living word will be received fully and grafted healthily into the heart of man.

"Wherefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile and hypocrisies and envies, and all evil-speaking, as new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby" less like the old Adam, but more like the new; less like Satan and the world, but more like God and more fit for his society and for heaven; more void of sin and selfishness and every thing evil, but more full of faith and love and holiness;—that ye may grow thereby into a state of mind which is an earnest of the perfect life of God in the soul—"in whose presence is fulness of joy, at whose right hand are pleasures for ever more."

EXTRACT OF LETTER OF THE LATE REV. M. DRIPPS.

CORNWALLIS, Nov. 16th, 1798.

A small circumstance sometimes leads to important events. In consequence of falling in with a Captain Caldwell, with whom I sailed from New York to Halifax last season, I have undertaken and nearly finished a journey of above 700 miles; visiting a number of small settlements; and preaching generally twice, sometimes thrice a week, in most of the places which I visited. I was received with joy and treated with respect; and though I have just reason to complain with the prophet, "Who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed," I have at the same time good reason to believe that my labours have not been altogether in vain.—Almost all the places which I have visited are destitute of the ordinances of the gospel, and in some of them, though settled for thirteen or fourteen years, there had never been a Protestant minister before my arrival. The settlements are generally small, and not able to support a minister, though they seem earnestly desirous to enjoy the gospel. Some of them appear to be unavoidably fixed by Providence in their present situation, and understand by experience the import of that Scripture, "Not a famine of bread, nor of water, but a famine of the word of God." Two well informed and sober missionaries might, I think, have sufficient employment, and in all probability have much success among them. A strong constitution, and a knowledge of the French language, would be necessary qualifications in those who would choose to itinerate in the places to which I allude. Among the greater part much ignorance of Christianity prevails, though I found a few well informed persons in almost all the settlements where I preached.

Captain Caldwell, whom I mentioned above is from the Bay of Chaleur in Lower Canada, where there are a few Protestants from the North of Ireland, from Scotland, and from the States of America; they live by fishing. The Captain informed me of their destitute situation with respect to religious instruction, and wished me to go with him to the Bay. I could not then comply with his request, but promised to use my influence so far as it would go, to procure them a supply of sermon. Accordingly, after his arrival, he informed his friends and acquaintances of our conversations and my proposal. They met, drew up a petition, and sent it round to the Presbytery of Truro last summer. At my own desire I was sent out by the Presbytery,