

John Wesley. Mr. John Stratton, a merchant at Harbour Grace, was doing what lay in his power for the consolidation of the good work begun by the Rev. Lawrence Coughlan, and Mr. John Hoskins, the above mentioned lay agent, was proving himself a valuable help to the flock of Christ at Old Perlican.

Ten years passed by, from the time of Mr. Hoskins' visit, and in 1794, the Rev. George Smith, whom we may truly designate, the pioneer Methodist missionary of Bonavista, appeared upon the scene. This earnest man of God had been for some time identified with R. C. Brackenbury, Esq., as assistant evangelist. 'Squire Brackenbury was a wealthy English Esquire who consecrated him-



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self to the work of the Methodist ministry, without cost to the Connexion, refusing to take any salary for his services. George Smith was appointed to Newfoundland in 1794, and made his headquarter at Carbonear. After remaining a few months in Conception Bay, he determined to see what were the conditions of the people to the northward, and worked as far north as Greenspond, where he gathered a few souls and formed them into a class. Thirty-one years later the Rev. John Corlett went to Greenspond to see how the work prospered but there does not seem to be much left except at Bonavista where Mr. Smith made the greatest and the most lasting impressions. On his first visit he found a home with