

with what gratifying results, all defects being fully admitted, they have met it, so far as the funds furnished would permit, and decide what obligations you are under to the Saviour and his cause to aid our Domestic Missions.

And while we deprecate all sectarian narrowness and rivalry, while we rejoice at the zeal and success of other evangelical denominations, differing from our own on some grounds, but feeling equally with ourselves the supreme importance of the Salvation of souls, while we heartily congratulate them on what they have done and pray that they may do much more, we nevertheless feel free to urge the claims of this society as a most efficient agency for diffusing and maintaining those principles which distinguish us as a body and which we firmly believe to be both scriptural and important.

There are portions of our Province in some degree less destitute of ministerial labor than those to which we have referred, but which are still missionary ground and at the present time of special interest. Nova Scotia is in a transition state. Changes, the magnitude of which none perhaps fully estimate, are about taking place. Three causes are working to produce them. The civil War in the neighbouring republic, Railways, and Mining operations. Leaving out of consideration the first, with its probable and almost certain effects upon this country, it is obvious beyond all doubt that the two latter will alter materially the character and density of our population in many localities. Districts sparsely settled will soon be thickly peopled, and form the sites of numerous villages and towns. Many a "Sleepy hollow" will exchange its long quietude for stirring life and commercial enterprise. In some regions this has already been largely affected, but as yet what has been done is only the shadow of coming events, for which we will do well to prepare. Other denominations are on the alert. In places where our missionaries have formerly labored and formed churches, or the nucleus of such, and which have recently risen into great importance on account of a large increase of population, we must establish permanent missions or abandon to others ground we could have held and worked with special claims and advantages. No Baptist worthy of the name can hesitate as to which he would recommend and aid.