

lent death. Some of her sons, robust young men, have at different times perished at sea. In advanced age and enfeebled health, she waits the coming of her Lord. She speaks gravely of the attentions of ministers of other denominations, but cherishes fond reminiscences of former privileges in the bosom of the church of her fathers, and would rejoice in the opportunity of going up as heretofore, with the friends of her youth, to the house and table of the Lord. The interest which our friends have taken in our missions is of no ordinary kind, and the anxiety which they display for their continuance, commends them to our kindest attention. The provision which they have made to defray expenses of occasional supply, is far in advance of the highest contribution in many of our congregations towards the maintenance of the constant and regular dispensation of the ordinances of religion. Among the subscribers towards this object, are members of one family, pledging upwards of seven pounds to be paid within the year, and those of another guaranteeing five pounds: and others perhaps in equal proportion.— Many of our people would learn important lessons in the way of "valuing the ordinances of divine grace, by holding communion with people in such circumstances as theirs, and it would be well, both for ministers and people if there were more frequent pastoral visitations to the outposts of the church. Could our people witness the interest often manifested in our ministrations by persons in these circumstances, they would not grudge a silent Sabbath occasionally at home; and were ministers put more frequently into contact with those whose privileges are circumscribed, and who have seldom opportunities of going up, as they would wish, to the house of God, they would imbibe more of the Spirit of Him who went about doing good, and said I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also, and would be vastly better qualified to diffuse a missionary spirit among their people at home. The method which it appears to me we can best pursue for the purpose of bringing the services of our young men early to bear upon the missionary interests of our Church, is to employ them to supply the pulpits of settled ministers at home, while we go much more frequently than we do, to mission grounds. Our people would hear young preachers with indulgence and pleasure, and they could often occupy our places, to

the edification of our people, when they might not be at all qualified to grapple with the difficulties on a distant field.

To myself, this mission was in many respects gratifying, and I trust profitable too. I was exposed to severe weather, and to unusual toil, especially in trading up the rugged shore of Chedabucto Bay, with the mercury at zero. But I enjoyed cheering companionship, which beguiled the tedium of the way. When riding was impracticable, and when a sleigh could be made available for the purposes of locomotion, I had one kindly placed at my disposal, while a merciful providence watched over all my goings.

Our meetings, both in church and in private houses of the aged and infirm, were well attended, and deep and fixed attention was paid to the message of mercy. Christian courtesy and kind attention were shewn to me by many friends, of different denominations, and sincerely do I pray, that the precious truths I was privileged to proclaim among them, and the kindly fellowship we all enjoyed may be blessed to all concerned. It was to me matter of deep regret, that, owing to circumstances which I could not contest, I could make no acquaintance with friends on the way from Canso to Guysboro; and that at Guysboro I had almost no opportunity of holding any correspondence with our friends, except as I conducted the public exercises of the sanctuary, when assembled on the Lord's day. The good seed was liberally scattered during my mission. It was watered by constant prayer in our social meetings. It produced a hallowing and comforting influence on the minds of some at least who came within its reach, and its blessed fruits will, I trust, be seen many days hence, "for as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."