

Moments in Our History

(Excerpts from the Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's 1775 – 1975)

A Sufficiency of Land (Part 9)

That winter, an advertisement appeared in England, paid for by the London committee, stating “The Case of the People at St. John’s, Newfoundland and Recommended to all those who love the Gospel.” It begins with a short history of the congregation and enlarges on all the particulars of the first petition. It points out the impossibility of the little church to finance the building programme. Newfoundland is “a country destitute of internal support for Man or cattle, and a great part of the year deprived, by the Ice, of any communication with the other parts of the world, as well as their principal subsistence, the Cod fishery on the Grand Bank ” It is a strong plea for money ... “so important so urgent so peculiar without parallel. ... Subscriptions will be gladly received by Mr. Walsh, Banker in Freeman’s Court, Cornhill.”

So after two years’ planning and praying, John Jones and his little flock were at length “enabled to begin well” the building of the second Meeting House.