

There are also two other families about to take farms and settle close by here, which will improve the place and increase our congregation. One of them is Mr. Smith's brother-in-law, who is expected from England in a few months with his family, and will live in a house which is now being built for him in the village. So much for the secular matters of the place.

In matters ecclesiastical there is plenty to be done here. Your Lordship knows that the church is only a bare shell, four wooden walls and a ceiled roof; the worshippers too, who assemble there, are not so numerous as I could wish to see them; in fact I have larger congregations in the back settlements than at the Quio village, where the church is; still we may eventually look for an increase of inhabitants here. At present the average congregation is between 30 and 40, more or less. There is this to be said, however, that there have been only about two fine Sundays since I have been here. The service has been painfully dead; two or three only made the responses; many have no Prayer-books to make them from. We always sing two hymns; Miss Smith and I, while Mr. Smith was absent, sang in duet (for my wife does not sing); when Mr. Smith returned we were a trio of singers. At last I begged the congregation to help us to put a little life into our service; and in the meantime I had been practising 8 or 10 boys, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, in singing and making the responses. Moreover, I get together every Saturday four female voices at Mr. Smith's, where, with Mr. and Miss Smith, and a pianoforte, we practise for the coming Sunday; so that on *Advent* Sunday and last Sunday, with female, and male, and boys' voices, and the congregation helping creditably, the responses and "Lo! He comes with clouds descending," and "Great God! what do I see and hear!" did very well, and I trust that Sunday by Sunday we shall improve. If I can, I shall hire a melodeon in January at Ottawa, and I hope we may eventually be able to buy it. It is early yet for me to speak much of the general religious state of the people, and great allowance must be made for the circumstances in which they have been placed. I trust, however, that some good seed is being sown on good ground, and that it will bear fruit in its season. As might be expected the number of communicants are very few. In my whole mission, as far as I know at present, I can only count up 17 or 18. I hope before long to have a monthly celebration, when we may look for an increase, and that many more, who are regular worshippers, will come into full Church Communion. If your Lordship could administer confirmation here soon, it would be of great benefit. I shall be able to present many young people for that holy rite. I have service at the church every Sunday at 11 A.M. Every Sunday also I take the out-stations, of which I have four, letting them each have a service in turn. Infrequent enough, but better than nothing; and as often as, single handed, I can give each of them a service. Sunday services are all important in an agricultural district, where the people have so much week-day employment. On one Sunday I go to a school-house in Bristol, 7 miles from the Quio village; on another I go to the back of Onslow Township, 11