

evening, in a school house several miles back in the bush, when the place was quite crowded, and all seemed deeply solemnized by the weighty and important truths, so impressively urged upon them by this devoted servant of the Lord. On the Tuesday, after a journey of nearly thirty miles, Mr. Burns preached in the Church at St. Therese, where, on a few hours' notice, and by the active exertions of the Rev. Mr. Black, a numerous and respectable congregation were assembled. The whole of his services were eminently evangelical, and, I have reason to believe, very refreshing to God's people in this district.

VIEW OF THE MISSION FIELD WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

DEAR SIR.—

As the Church is seeking information from all quarters, respecting the wants of the mission field generally, with a view to an equitable distribution of missionaries and catechists, we shall endeavor to contribute our mite. We observe, generally, that the mission field referred to, may be divided into five districts. The district N. E. of Quebec; that of which Quebec is the centre; the Eastern Townships; the Montreal district, and Glengary.

I. The district north-east of Quebec extends along the St. Lawrence between Quebec and Matan, or for a space of 110 miles. Metis is the principal station, which lies about 114 miles from Quebec. It contains about fifty presbyterian families, who are nearly unanimous in favor of our body. There appears to exist among them a considerable amount of piety and attachment to ordinances; and they lately sent to the Presbytery a very urgent petition for supply. They have no divine service from any Church but the Presbyterian, on this account they are especially entitled to sympathy. In most of our settlements the people that are not supplied by us are by other churches. But in Metis they have no such advantage. When they have no ministrations from the Presbyterian Church they are utterly destitute of them, on which account, and their isolated position, being 215 miles from any of our Ministers or Missionaries, they would require to have a Missionary to themselves, and the support they are willing to afford is such, as with a little assistance, would in most cases be fully adequate for his support, and a labourer in the vineyard here would occupy a very important position, as he could not only supply Metis and other places to the west, but prepare the way for the extension of the Church in various important localities, situated on the north side of the Bay of Chaleur in the District of Gaspé, as New Richmond, New Carleton and Port Daniel, which contain a great many Presbyterian Inhabitants.

30 miles east of Metis is Matan, which contains several families; the access to it, however, is somewhat difficult. Between Quebec and Metis there are scattered a good many Protestant families—a considerable proportion of whom are Presbyterians, especially at St. Thomas, L'Islet, River De Loup, and Ramouki—who very rarely see a Protestant Minister.—There is one stationed, however, at River De Loup. Opposite Trois Pistoles, on the north side of the St. Lawrence, about 130 miles from Quebec, or 84 miles from Metis is Saguenay, where are a good many protestants, we believe chiefly Presbyterian families, and to which there is constant access in the summer by a steamboat.

II. The District, of which Quebec may be said to be the centre, including Pointe Levi, (opposite Quebec) Kennebec settlement, Broughton and Port Neuf. The station at Pointe Levi is but of recent origin. At the request of the people, and on account of having no divine service from the Presbyterian Church, we made an appointment, and were so encouraged by the attendance, that we announced another for the following Sabbath, by which time a large and capacious room was

very commodiously fitted up. We only had made three appointments when the people spontaneously collected a considerable contribution, which they put into our hands as a token of their good will. We have preached three Sabbaths since, and the audience has been on all occasions good, and we are happy to add that Mr. Scott, at present officiating at Quebec, has made an appointment to preach while here every fortnight. The people contemplate building a church and uniting with other stations in supporting a Missionary.

The Kennebec settlement commences about 60 miles south of Quebec, near to where the Chaudiere separates into two branches, and extends more than 20 miles along the road. There are about thirty families of Presbyterians, and when visited last winter, they had had no divine service from the Presbyterian church for three years. They are supplied, however, on an average, once in two months by the Church of England, but would prefer supply from us, and are willing to contribute to the mission fund.

In Broughton, which lies about 45 miles south of Quebec, are 16 Protestant families, all but two of which are Presbyterian. They have not been visited, till within a year ago, by any Minister of the Presbyterian Church. They still retain their attachment to it, and have just sent a petition to the Presbytery for supply, and have entered into an engagement to contribute for regular service.

In Portneuf, which is situated 35 miles west of Quebec on the north side of the St. Lawrence, there are about 24 families, the half of whom, we believe, have united themselves to the Episcopalian Church, from being so little supplied otherwise. When we visited them, the beginning of last summer, the people had been three years without sermon from us, though very easy of access from Quebec, in consequence of a steamboat plying between it and the latter place twice or thrice a week; and week day services at least, of such minister as may be officiating at Quebec, could be easily afforded.

In speaking of this District we may adduce, as a striking instance of the evil arising from that neglect of our adherents which has been so signal in Canada East, the case of Bemglais, a settlement 20 miles north of Portneuf, where is a large Episcopalian congregation, consisting almost entirely of individuals formerly adherents of the Presbyterian church, who came from the north of Ireland 15 years ago, at which time they were visited once or twice by some of the Ministers of Quebec, but never since.

III. EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.—Our chief stations in this District are St. Silvester, Leeds, Inverness, New Ireland and Melbourne, of these Leeds and St. Silvester are supplied by the Rev. Mr. Swinton. The rest of the field would require two missionaries.—First there is Inverness and New Ireland; the former, is, we believe, making application for a Gaelic Missionary or Catechist, and in combination with New Ireland, a place which has been also much overlooked.

There are few of our settlements where are manifested more piety, attachment to ordinances, and kindness of feeling than in Inverness. We lately assisted our brother, Mr. Gordon of Salmon River, in the dispensation of the Lord's Supper in that settlement, and the solemnity, and attention of the audience in general—the spectacle of individuals here and there melted into tears under the influence of the word preached to them in their native tongue, along with the devotional and subdued aspect of the communicants, as they approached and sat round the table of the Lord—must have been very refreshing to every piously inclined soul. We were told, also, that the overpowered feelings of the young communicants, when relating their religious experience, affording indications, as they did, of a trait so lovely as that of early piety, were well calculated to touch the heart.

Kingsley Falls and Warwick, lying between Inverness and Melbourne, have been quite overlooked by us. There are in the two places about

40 families of Protestants, the greater part of whom are at a great distance from any place of worship connected with that faith. We have recently officiated at both places and had on all occasions rather encouraging meetings. As no church can be said to attend to their spiritual wants, their case may be regarded as having a special call on our sympathies, but their principal hope of supply, lies in the appointment of a Missionary to Melbourne.

Between Melbourne and Montreal a distance of about 80 miles, and considerably south from each, are Brene and Durham, where are a great many who originally were Presbyterians, but for the common reason of no supply, support a Minister of the Independent church. There is a probability however, on account of the present Minister leaving the charge, that there will be an application on the part of the people, to the church with which they were originally connected.

IV. MONTREAL DISTRICT.—Including Chateauguay, Beaudry, Sharrington, Henriville and St. Estache. There may be some interior stations but these are the principal. Beaudry had been without supply, when we visited it in January last, for six months. The settlement is very large, but at present there is apparently little hope for a gospel minister, on account of apathy and a spirit of division. May the Lord in mercy send them a season of refreshing from His presence, causing "the dry bones to live and the wilderness to rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Henriville we had not an opportunity of visiting, but we understand the congregation is numerous and willing to support the gospel. A. M.

THE COBBOURG FEMALE ASSOCIATION

This Association has been in operation since March, 1843. The following being a statement of its receipts and disbursements during that period:—

March 13, 1843, from members at entrance.....	£2 13 9
Donations.....	6 4 3
Oct. 1843, Public Sale.....	38 10 8
June, 1849, Do. do.....	22 9 11 1/2
Monthly Private Sales.....	24 13 11
Collection at sermon by Dr. Burns...	1 3 19

£96 0 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for materials, &c.....	£32 6 5
Stationary, &c.....	0 10 0
To Bursary Fund, Knox's College.....	5 0 0
To the Deacons of St. Andrew's Ch.,	30 0 0
Balance in hand.....	28 0 0

£96 0 0

RECEIPTS:

June 13, 1849, Balance in hand.....	£28 3 11 1/2
June 14, 1849, Collection at Missionary Meeting.....	3 2 6 1/2
Nov., by Table at Juvenile Sale.....	2 11 7 1/2
By Monthly Sales.....	9 7 5 1/2
Donations.....	0 5 0
March 14, 1850, Public Sale.....	30 13 10 1/2

£74 3 9 1/2

DISBURSEMENTS:

June 16, 1849, To Knox's Col. Fund, £15 0 0	
To Synod Fund.....	10 0 0
Paid for Printing, &c.....	1 9 0
Credit on articles returned.....	2 1 0
Paid for Material.....	14 3 7
March, 1850, To Knox's Col. Fund...	12 10 0
To the African Mission Fund.....	10 0 0
To the Jewish Mission.....	5 0 0
Balance in hand.....	4 0 0

£74 3 9 1/2

Total..... £170 4 2

The Association has had three public sales, and the amount realised has far exceeded their expect-