

poral surroundings. The lack of these here (I mean with regard to works of art), often leads me to contemplate on those mansions the

Master has gone to prepare for us. And oh, my prayer is, that I may be made meet for mine.

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## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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*Dalhousie, New Brunswick.*—This field is neither new nor small. We have twelve preaching-places, scattered over Restigouche, N. B., and Bonaventure, P. Q. In the former county we travel from Armstrong's Brook, Baie Chaleur, to the Upsalquitch, a distance of sixty-four miles; and in the latter we travel on the north side of the Restigouche River, from Escuminac to Deeside, a distance of forty miles. Most of these districts of country have been favoured with the labours of Methodist ministers for forty years; yet, strange to say, we have very few Church members—even fewer than were here several years ago. Two reasons may be assigned for this low state of our cause: first, many of our people have moved away; but the principal reason, we think, is the fact that when the prospect, both spiritually and financially, was encouraging, the unwelcome "One Wanted" was allowed to supply Dalhousie for three successive years.

"We need hardly say that to discharge the duties devolving on the occupant of this station requires no small amount of hard work. The weather is severe, the drives are long, and one hundred families are to be visited. Since our arrival here we have tried to be always at the post of duty, though in doing so we have been considerably exposed to hardships from storms and cold.

J. ELLIS.

*Lockport, Nova Scotia.*—Previous to the last Conference there had been no Methodist minister stationed at this place, and it was visited only once in four weeks by the minister from Shelburne, twenty-one miles dis-

tant. There are but few members of our Church in Lockport itself, and a limited number of nominal adherents; but scattered along the coast in a circuit of some six or seven miles, there are a number calling themselves Methodists, among them several members of long standing, and these all hail the visits of a preacher of our denomination with great pleasure. We have preaching at Lockport once every Sabbath, in a hall hired for the purpose, and so far the attendance has been very encouraging, and the collections more than sufficient to meet the expense. There is also another appointment at a place called Green Harbour, about two miles distant, where service is conducted in a free church, built by one of the residents of the place, for the use of all denominations. I have likewise preached occasionally in a Baptist church at the village of Osborne, and intend doing so as opportunity may serve during the winter. I hope also to make occasional appointments in school-houses, halls, &c., in the neighbouring settlements, so as to give the people every opportunity of hearing the gospel message as preached by the Methodists.

Strong faith, earnest prayer, and hard work are indispensably necessary if any considerable fruit is to be gathered in this corner of our spiritual vineyard. May the Great Head of the Church greatly increase the first, speedily answer the second, and abundantly bless the third.

WM. SARGENT.

*Kennebec, Ont.*—Our congregations are good and steadily on the increase. I have not held any special services (so-called), but have endeavoured to