

THE MISSION OF ONSLOW.

The importance of the Upper Ottawa District in this Diocese, has never been sufficiently recognised as a field for Missionary labours; and while we have had a large increase of clergy sent into the Eastern Townships, but very little has been done for those in the North, which are rapidly filling up with an English-speaking population. The Bishop has expressed himself as being most anxious to supply the settlers in that part of the country with the ministrations of the Church; and has recently on more than one occasion, brought the matter before the public.

The following letter lately received by the Bishop from the Rev. F. G. C. Brathwaite, Missionary at Onslow, about 30 miles up the river, above Ottawa city, will, we think, be read with interest. Mr. Brathwaite, who is a native of the West Indies, where his father held some church preferment, is a B.A. of Balliol College, Oxford, and has also attended the course of Lectures at the Theological College at Wells. After his ordination he served for some time as curate in the town of Banbury, previous to his accepting duty in this Diocese.

ONSLow, C. E., 11th Dec., 1861.

My Lord,—I thought it best to wait a little before I wrote to you, so that I might be able to gather a few materials wherewith to make up a letter. Mrs. Brathwaite, on her arrival at Onslow, wrote to Mrs. Fulford, who very kindly answered her letter; and she begs me to thank Mrs. Fulford through you for her answer. I dare say that she will soon write again to say how she is getting on in our new place of residence. The surplice was nearly a month in reaching me; it was detained no doubt on its way hither; I sent three letters in search of it. We have been very kindly received here. When we arrived the Smiths took us in and kept us with them for six weeks; by which time Mr. Walton Smith, who had been absent on business at Quebec, returned. We afterwards spent two or three weeks with the Wymans, who live about three miles from the village. Mr. Wyman, who is an American by birth has lately before my arrival here, been baptized into our Church. He and Mr. Smith are our two chief supporters of the Church here; and with Mr. Smith, he fulfils the office of Church-warden. We were just on the point of taking three small rooms in the village, at a shoemaker's, fitting them up and making out as well as we could, when a most opportune offer of board and lodging, at a very moderate rate, and until there is a parsonage built for us, most unexpectedly came to us. An English family of the name of Sparham, made us this most kind and seasonable offer, with which as you may suppose, we closed at once. Mr. Sparham owns a farm about half a mile from Mr. Wyman's, and about three and a half from the village; and though I would rather be in the village, near the church, nevertheless, I consider myself most fortunate under the circumstances to be where I am. Here we are then, as comfortable as we can be out of our own house; and I have good hopes that a house will be begun for us early next spring, and as soon as we get settled in our own home I trust we shall like our position very well.