

his duty may be best understood by regarding the following statements true : When serving a charge your interest is concentrated on one field of labor, but when serving a district you carry the care of from thirteen to fifteen fields on your heart. You rejoice with each in its successes, and grieve with each in its troubles. If there is anything wrong you know it. To aid in righting it is the usual requirement, and if you direct or decide unwisely, then you hear just about how full of imperfections humanity really is, especially that part out of which they make presiding elders. My experience impresses me that the prosperity of the church depends quite a good deal on the right settlement of the inevitable difficulties that arise in all societies from time to time. In this part of his work the Presiding Elder needs the prayers of the Church, as the inclination is to divide up and take sides, and thus make a settlement more difficult, and sometimes impossible.

Rev. W. H. Dufoe was appointed to Parry Sound Mission by our last annual Conference, but resigned at the commencement of the Conference year, and our people there requested the vacancy not to be filled, feeling that they could not support a man.

Markdale Mission was served very acceptably by Rev J. H. Dood for four months, and he was then obliged to resign on account of ill health. I put forth an effort to procure a man for the field, but failed, hence they have only had preaching by myself and Brothers Geach and Durkee since his resignation.

Rev. W. A. Robins was assigned Port Elgin Mission, and has given untiring care to the work, quite materially reducing the indebtedness on the churches, and getting the material on the grounds for a new shed at Aberdour, as well as looking carefully after the general interests of the Church.

Listowel Mission Station has been well served by Rev. J. H. Grenzsbach, who arrived on his field on Thursday evening and by Sabbath evening was engaged in special efforts which lasted about three weeks, resulting in eighteen conversions. He, with the assistance of Rev. Wm. Weekly, has succeeded in all but liquidating the debt of two hundred dollars on the church.

Shelburne Circuit had the benefit of an earnest and effective year's labor at the hands of Rev. J. Geach. The debt on Shrigley church has been paid, and the indebtedness on the Maple Grove and Shelburne churches reduced. Brother Geach