

Station, took steps to appoint a managing committee, and to elect elders. This station likewise agreed to contribute twenty dollars, and to pay their share of the missionary's board.

On the Sabbath I preached at Graham Station to seventy persons, ordained two elders, and dispensed the Lord's Supper to about ten communicants.

After these services we returned to Falkenburg, where I preached at three o'clock p.m., to a good meeting, baptized a child, ordained two elders, and dispensed the Lord's Supper to about twelve persons. There was a managing committee appointed also at this station.

Since many reports and statements concerning the soil of this district, and the prospects of the settlers have been circulated in various forms, perhaps it will not be deemed out of place to give my impression of it, as far as I have travelled. Along the Government road from Washago to Gravenhurst, and even to South Falls, a distance of twenty miles or more, the soil is poor; beyond the latter place it begins to improve, Monck and Watt are good townships, the soil is heavy, and though the land is broken by rocky ridges as in Morrison and Muskoka, there is sufficient depth of mould to within a few feet of the rock, the layers of which are tilted up to a high angle. It is said by the settlers that further back there is very fair land; if so, the territory will have a large population in a few years, to whom ordinances must be supplied for some time to come by the whole Church. This is a part of the work that God is clearly giving her to do, and she must gird her loins to perform it in his strength who has said "I am with you."—Haggai I. 13. May the Lord stir up the spirits of our Zerubbabels and Joshuas to work in the building of the Lord's house.

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A MISSIONARY TRIP TO LAKE ROSSEAU.

Many readers of the RECORD, who have never seen the district, have heard of Muskoka, that region where, for the last few years, so many have gone to seek a home for themselves and their families. Few are aware of the extent of the district. As the term is generally applied, it is not a township merely, but a wide district embracing many townships—exceeding in extent several of the counties in the older settled parts of the country. Different opinions have been expressed as to the productiveness of the soil in Muskoka. Some have declared it unsuitable for agricultural purposes, while others have extolled it as superior to any other part of Canada. We believe, as in most cases, the truth will be found between the extremes. From all that I observed, and could gather by information from those who are qualified to judge, I believe that there is a very considerable proportion of good land, especially in the more northern parts of the district, around Lakes Joseph and Rosseau, and between the latter and Lake Nipissing.

The places which it was my privilege to visit, on a missionary tour, were around the head of Lake Rosseau. I arrived at Rosseau on the afternoon of Thursday, 17th August, and found a most comfortable home with Mr. and Mrs. Best. There was also awaiting my arrival Mr. Thomas Johnston, student missionary, who has been laboring most efficiently in the region during the summer. Arrangements had been made for the dispensation of the ordinance of the Supper, and for the partial organization of mission stations at two points, viz., at the Junction and the settlement