

intended writing to him. The extent of my religious duties remains nearly the same for the last two or three years,—preaching on the forenoon of Sabbath in Hort Hope, and in the afternoon in Perrytown. Perrytown is an out-station of my congregation, where we have now a neat and comfortable place of worship. On the week-days I preach in different places of my charge. Emily has been receiving the usual supply; but now Mr. Pick has received a call from that station, which he has accepted, and will be settled there in the course of a few months.

The state of religious feeling within the bounds of my own congregation in the Township of Hope, is greatly changed for the better. In Perrytown especially, the change is remarkable, and has attracted the notice of many who were formerly acquainted with the condition of that neighbourhood. For two or three years I was the only minister who visited the quarter; but now the Episcopalians and Methodists have places of worship and constant services. Our congregation, however, is by far the largest, and is continually increasing. With only *one* solitary exception, all my congregation there is composed of Irish Presbyterians from the north of Ireland. Most of them were Seceders at home, and are still attached to the principles of the Secession. Most of them are new settlers and poor. What they contributed at home for the support of the Gospel was individually very trifling, and it seems to make them backward in doing great things here. Being now free from any debt on their place of worship, they are contributing more than they have done. Throughout the whole township a manifest improvement is observable; the Sabbath is better observed than formerly, and many who are not Christians, and awfully profaned the Sabbath in various ways, are now ashamed of any open acts of profanation. A great deal of zeal is occasionally manifested by the methodists to do good and increase their influence; but they are much divided amongst themselves, and their zeal to outstrip one another and attract followers is not always “according to knowledge.” The Church of England, too, is making strong efforts to get a hold of the country, and having plenty of funds at their disposal, they are erecting chapels in every part. The clergymen of that church are displaying an energy, and undergoing fatigue, unknown in former times. I do not think, however, that the Church of England will ever be the church of the *people* in Canada. At the present time, my congregation (including Perrytown,) is about 160 souls, communicants; the attendance in Port Hope, from 200 to 250; in Perrytown, from eighty to ninety, as near as I can reckon. We have at present, four Sabbath schools in operation within the bounds of the congregation; the attendance in all from 90 to 100 children; the schools are superintended and taught by members of my own congregation. We have two prayer-meetings, one in Port Hope, and the other in the country; attendance very variable and uncertain. One of the most difficult things in Canada is to support a lively and constant attendance on prayer-meetings. The badness of our roads, distance of parties from one another, the