

ROXTON POND.

If the harvest was always in proportion to the seed put in the ground, the husbandman's revenue would be greater than it generally is. In like manner, if conversions of sinners were in proportion to Gospel preaching, every Gospel preacher would rejoice in seeing many souls pass from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God. In many places, alas! the results seem to be in inverse ratio of the labor bestowed and the sacrifices made.

For many years the Gospel has been preached enough in Roxton Pond to convert everybody; and, nevertheless, only a small number have received the truth savingly. We have at this time to say with the prophet: "Who hath received our report?"

During the past year, the field of Roxton has not been much extended over Roman Catholic ground. Still something has been gained, and in the meantime our congregation and church have increased and have received good. Some have joined the church by letter, and others by baptism.

During the summer, we have had several baptismal occasions, witnessed by at least two hundred Roman Catholics. The number of those who thus publicly professed their faith in the Saviour was eleven. I have no doubt that these occasions have been the means of enlightenment and serious impressions upon Roman Catholics.

I must state that of the eleven persons that were baptized, five were over fifty years of age, some of them having recently left the Church of Rome. One of the latter was heard to say a fortnight after his baptism: "How different have been those days since my baptism from those of years past."

Our prayer meetings have generally been well attended, and have become more interesting. A large number of those who come take part, even the sisters who used to think it impossible for them to do so publicly; children also venture to mention a favorite hymn to be sung.

Our Sunday School continues to be interesting, and to draw adults as well as children. It is divided into three classes. The

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