

directed. The result of the time and energy there expended has been most satisfactory. Mr. Badger has been called upon to endure severe hardships, and he has done so, not only uncomplainingly, but with genuine Christian love for the work. We rejoice to be able to say, that he is not singular in his devotion. Those who, like him, carry the word of life to settlers in other sections of the Province, shew by their monthly reports that they give themselves faithfully and earnestly to the duties assigned them.

TO THE SECRETARIES OF THE U. C. BIBLE SOCIETY :

Dear Sirs,—In regard to my work during the month, I have to report as follows :—I commenced my labours on the 1st day of December. My report will show that God has blessed my labours with success. I have travelled through most of the settled parts of Macdougall, Ferguson, McKellar, Hagerman, and Croft. I have travelled 190 miles, principally on foot. Made 161 visits. Sold 161 copies of the Word of God for the sum of \$39.72 ; besides 31 copies with the metrical version of the Psalms for \$9.43. Gave away to destitute settlers, 18 copies at a cost of \$2.02, being a total of 198 copies. Value \$51.17. Cash receipts \$49.15. My receipts being \$15.67 over my salary and expenses.

I find a wonderful difference in the appearance of the country since I passed through it two years ago. New roads are making in different directions, and the country rapidly settling up with an industrious and contented population.

The weather has been very boisterous, snow falling almost every day. Most of the time the cold has been intense. The thermometer much of the time below zero, ranging from 6 to 20 degrees, once it was 40 ; in one instrument the quicksilver froze in the bulb. But the people received me gladly, thanking God from their hearts for the thoughtful kindness of your noble Society. Often after rising from our knees, I have seen the tears flowing from their eyes as they warmly shook my hand and bid me God speed.

I have embraced every opportunity to visit the Sabbath Schools, and exhort the people on the Lord's day. I spent one night in a lumber shanty, and held a religious service. The men treated me kindly, and I trust the labour was not lost.

I sold a couple of Testaments in one family consisting of husband, wife, and twelve children. The man is a Protestant, and his wife a Roman Catholic. After settling my pack, I proposed praying with them ; the man said I need not mind, as he would not interfere with the woman. I then appealed to the daughters, who readily consented. We all knelt, except the wife, who sat bolt upright, crossing herself. When I rose to go, she said I should make more by preaching than selling those books.

Notwithstanding that the snow has been packed by the high winds, and we have had two thaws, it is still three and a-half feet on the level.

My next month may not be so prosperous as this, but you shall hear.

I am, yours very truly,

JAMES BADGER,

Colporteur U. C. B. S.

PARRY SOUND, January 1st, 1872.

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Where it not for the perfectly reliable source on which we are dependent, for the following fact, we could scarcely believe it credible. Why is it that a Roman Catholic book seller can travel unmolested in any Protestant country, but a Protestant goes through a Roman Catholic country—yet not wholly Catholic—selling God's holy word, and his life is not only threatened