

\$3,034. It was dedicated last October, and we are glad to say it is out of debt. At the Plank Road appointment, the old frame church has given place to a neat and substantial brick structure, which was dedicated last February. Its cost was \$1,350, and is also free from debt. In the old village of Ancaster we have succeeded in purchasing an eligible building lot, which has been regularly deeded to the Connexion; and a substantial stone church is now in course of erection, to be completed by the 1st of October. This will greatly strengthen our Society there, and will give us a position which ought to have been ours years ago. This Mission now has five comfortable churches; and when the Ancaster church is completed there will be good church accommodation at each of its six appointments, and all free from debt except the one not yet complete, and we hope that it too will have all its cost provided for when dedicated. As I am now to leave this Mission, it may not be out of place for me to give you a brief summary of the work done during the past three years. From an

examination of my diary, I find that I have travelled in that period 12,426 miles, preached 487 sermons, led 235 prayer meetings, met 114 class meetings, and made 1,069 pastoral visits. For health and strength thus to labor, and for the measure of success enjoyed, we feel under a heavy debt of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, and to Him we give all the praise.

According to the decision of the Missionary Committee, this Mission is henceforth to be deprived of aid from the Mission Fund. Our official members regard this as being rather premature. We have a noble-hearted and liberal people, but many are not by any means in affluent circumstances; yet it must be manifest from their liberal contributions to the Mission Fund, that they are not behind more wealthy circuits in supporting the various funds of the Church, and they think that if they could get help from the Missionary Committee for one or two years longer, they could then voluntarily assume a position of independence.

SMITH-COBOURG DISTRICT.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. C. A. Jones.

I send you a glance at our work on this Mission. The Mission takes in parts of the townships of Harvey, Smith, Burleigh, Anstruther, Chandos, and Cardiff, and we expect next year to add Harcourt to our list.

On coming here at the close of the Conference of 1867, I found the field an exceedingly rough one—almost destitute of vital—and with very little pretended piety. But in many places the people were given to dreadful wickedness. I found that the Mission was divided into two parts by an unbroken forest, dotted with lakes and threaded with creeks. On account of which my predecessor was unable to make it a two weeks' circuit—but would remain two or three Sabbaths at a time on either side—the travelled road between passing, circuitously, quite out of the bounds of the Mission. After going once over the ground, and by examining maps and making inquiries, understanding something of its topography, I resolved to give them fortnightly preaching. Accordingly I procured, at

a cost of \$24, a light boat built of thin basswood boards and rigged with oars, weighing, with rigging, about 70lbs. With this I ran from lake to lake along the creeks, shooting the rapids when practicable, and when not practicable carrying the boat round them on my head, and almost invariably carrying it a distance into the thicket for security at the stopping places. Thus I travelled back and forth, preaching three times nearly every Sabbath, and occasionally on weeknights, until the close of the season.

During the months of August, Sept., October, and a part of November, I travelled on foot 500 miles, in my boat 400, and by other conveyances about 200. I have at different times been a number of miles on my journey, sometimes on land and sometimes on water, before daylight in the morning. Had I been met by a stranger during some of my journeys I would scarcely have been taken for a minister of the gospel. With a hatchet slung to my belt on one side, and a revolver on the other, I re-