

and the worth of the soul calls upon us to exhibit. But to such a state of things among us I cannot bear record.

The following is the detail of my public labors among this people :—

In Alton, every Sabbath morning attendance upon a Sabbath school and bible class, numbering from twenty to thirty-five of the young. This has been commenced through my instrumentality, and is also the first attempt at continuing the school through the winter. It succeeds much better than I had anticipated. Following this is the public service, in which the hearers vary in number from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and fifty. There are two out-stations which I shall call, respectively, the fifth and seventh line stations. These are supplied alternate Sabbaths. The number attending varies from twelve to thirty.

The number of families requiring pastoral visits takes up a large proportion of my time, yet I feel thankful for the good there is reason to hope is effected by this means to others, and the effect it has upon the advancement of my own spiritual growth and strength."

In May Mr. Noble reports :—

"My report for the year now past will contain no details of special interest. We must record our gladness that elsewhere, if not among us, the Lord by his Spirit is bringing sinners to himself. It has been our special prayer that we might witness in our midst a display of his saving power. Special meetings were held for a length of time, which were evidently blessed to the quickening of the spiritual life of those who attended, and three were led to make a public profession of their faith in Christ.

There are two out-stations which are supplied alternate Sabbaths, and they are making creditable effort to bear their part in ministerial support.

The Sabbath school is increasingly prosperous. A bible class and weekly prayer meeting are tolerably well sustained. The population is less fluctuating in this place than in most others, and a corresponding regularity in the attendance on divine service."

HILLSBURGH, ERIN.—Although this church has been in existence for several years, it appears now on our list of Mission Churches for the first time. Its pastor, the Rev. John McLean, has laboured in connection with it since its formation, supporting himself and family for the most part by his own industry. The increasing wants of the field led him to desire an entire devotion to the work. The Local Committee, after full consideration of the case, gave its strong recommendation, and the church has received aid during part of the year. The Rev. J. McLean writes in May, 1858—after giving an interesting account of a missionary visit which he made to Osprey and Nottawasaga :—

"As to the cause in this place, I am sorry to say, that I have nothing of importance to communicate, further than that the few who are united here, as a church, are consistent. Our prospects are improving. At one of my stations, which is about thirteen miles from this place,

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