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REPORT.

In presenting their third Annual Report, the Committee on the Mission to the Lumbermen desire to acknowledge the goodness of the Great Head of the Church in the success which has attended their labours, and to recognize therein a renewed call to diligence and fidelity.

Your Committee were enabled to secure the services of two ordained Clergymen during part of last winter, viz: of the Rev. Hugh Cameron, who was, however, unable to engage in the work as long as he expected or desired, and of the Rev. H. J. Borthwick, who spent two months in visiting the shanties in the districts of the Gatineau, Colonge and Black River. The nature and extent of the work accomplished by these Clergymen may best be shewn by abstracts of the detailed reports which they presented to the Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Cameron reports as follows:—

“By the appointment of the Rev. H. J. Borthwick, A.M., to the Mission field of Litchfield and Colonge, I felt happily relieved from visiting the shanties on the Colonge & Black River. There were, however, a few shanties on McGillivray Lake and some other neighbouring lakes, which could not be conveniently reached by Mr. Borthwick, and which I visited and supplied with literature, staying one night in each shanty and conducting Divine Service. The remainder of the literature I sent to shanties on the Madawaska and Ottawa, that could not be visited by any of our Missionaries. After my return home, lists were sent to me, containing subscriptions in aid of the Mission to the Lumbermen to the value of \$58.00. This money was wholly unsolicited by me and was contributed by men of all denominations. It is, in the opinion of your Missionary, of the greatest importance that this Mission be not only prosecuted with still greater energy, but extended. Shantymen are becoming interested in the Mission, and expect the annual visit of the Missionary as much as the family expects the pastor, and feel a corresponding regret when they are disappointed.”

The following is a summary of the detailed and interesting report presented by the Rev. H. J. Borthwick:—

“I left Ottawa on the 20th January last for Fort Colonge, in the Township of Mansfield, at the mouth of the Colonge River, and arrived there on the 23rd. Having consulted with the Hon. George Bryson, who is much interested in the continuance and success of your Mission, I proceeded to visit the shanties accessible from his neighbourhood. As a general rule, it is of little use, as far as Missionary operations are concerned, and as far as my experience goes, to reach the shanty before night-fall, as the men are not accessible till then, and it is the most appropriate season for addressing them. On one or two occasions, however, I was enabled, from the kindness of the ‘bosses’ to hold my service after dinner, thus overtaking two shanties instead of one in the day. In this district the shanties are generally at a considerable distance apart, so that rarely could more than one shanty a