

town,^(b) confined to it by the calls upon his time, which are immediate and pressing his services must chiefly be confined to those around and near him, whilst those more distant and scattered over a wide extent of country, must either be unattended to, or else be served by others than clergymen of our church. Exertions have indeed been made to secure for this district the services of a travelling missionary, but none has yet been appointed; and even should one enter upon this field forthwith, he will find that of the five thousand church people there *four years* ago, many have gone to their graves without the prayers and consolations of a christian minister, and that their bodies have been laid in the ground as are those of the horse and the ox; that others, despairing of ever seeing the ministrations of our church, have joined the dissenters, whose ministers have been from the first amongst them; that some have even worshipped at the altar of the mystical Babylon, whilst not a few have fallen into a state of utter indifference to the things of eternity, living, as does the savage Indian, without religion, without God in the world. But this is not a solitary instance. The picture here given will suit other districts, and most of the newly settled parts of the country.

Here and there, in some of the districts, the neat churches look like green spots in the desert, few, and, indeed, scattered; but, on that very account, affording to the soul of the pious beholder the greater enjoyment.

The society in Toronto "for converting and civilizing the Indians and propagating the gospel among destitute settlers in Upper Canada," has done faithfully what its means have enabled it to do. It has, indeed, tried its utmost to further the great work in which it has engaged. Its missionaries are unwearied; their fields are far too large; their visits to each section of the country far too unfrequent; yet still whole districts abounding with church people have in no way benefitted by their exertions. If it be asked, why this is the case, the answer is plainly, though reluctantly, given: their resources are too scanty; they can engage no more missionaries than they now have, and these cannot be omnipresent. But it may again be inquired, why are their resources so small? This is a question to be answered by those who have it in their power to increase them, and yet have failed to do so. At present her field is *Upper Canada*, reaching from the waters of the Ottawa to those of lakes Huron and St. Clair. If *three* missionaries are adequate for this labor, they must exceed even the greatest of missionaries, the blessed apostle Paul. The Rev. A. Elliot, whose fame is justly in all the churches, who bids fair to equal his celebrated namesake, and who has had the best opportunities for forming a fair, dispassionate

(b.) The town of Peterborough, 30 miles distant from many of those people.