

jubilant Churchmen will soon be laid low and gathered and bound in sheaves for other garnerers.

Aetonsvale is the smallest and poorest of congregations within this Mission, yet it furnishes to the Minister a field of much usefulness. The mine, upon which nearly all our members depend for their daily bread, has been in a state of transition, and in a collapsed condition almost ever since my arrival, and from there being but little or no employment at it, our members have decreased, and much suffering and destitution exist.

I have held two services, (sometimes three which includes a special one for the miners when there was work) a Sunday each fortnight, and until very recently one each Wednesday evening, and on each Festival, and all these have been usually as well attended as can be expected.

There is a Sunday School which numbers twenty-three scholars, of which Miss Sarah Dunn is superintendent, and in which Mrs. Merrill, Miss T. Dunn, and occasionally Mrs. W. H. A. Davies, kindly afford most valuable assistance as Teachers. I would respectfully solicit, in consideration of our poverty, a small donation of books from the Society to be used as a Library for the School.

And there is in the village a small Church School for children, conducted by a devoted and worthy church woman.

Funds have been partially collected, and a public meeting was held here early last November, for the purpose of building a Church, a site for which has been generously given by Mr. W. H. A. Davies of Montreal, but as yet no further steps have been taken towards the erection of the building.

The Lord's supper has been administered here on two occasions, the number of communicants being eight.

In the entire Mission there have been twenty-two Baptisms by the undersigned.