

MELBOURNE.—Rev. Thos. Hall, M.A., pastor. Mr. Hall entered upon the work in Melbourne and Ulverton on the first Sunday in Oct., 1896.

There are three church buildings on this mission field; one in Melbourne; one in Ulverton, 8 miles from Melbourne; and one in Danby, 20 miles distant. The Melbourne church has a debt of \$2,000, which taxes the congregation beyond its strength. The other buildings are out of debt. There are over 60 families connected with the Melbourne church, and about 40 in the Ulverton neighborhood; but many of the families in both churches are discouraged and dissatisfied, owing to causes arising out of the former pastorates being short or unsavory. I have preached 93 sermons during the half year, and conducted over 30 prayer-meetings, and made about 200 pastoral calls. I usually attend both Sunday Schools, and one C. E. meeting during the week. I have given only one service at Danby. The roads have been bad, and we have but 4 families nominally connected with the little church.

The ladies are attacking the church debt in Melbourne vigorously; and during the year we hope to take another slice off it. There has only been one addition to the church roll, and that in Ulverton.

Mr. Hall's report in May speaks of a "campaign" arranged for the month of June in Ulverton. He had to deny himself the pleasure, therefore, of attending the Union Meetings in Kingston.

AYERS FLAT.—Rev. C. Moore, pastor. Under date of May, Rev. Churchill Moore writes:

I thank God that he has been so good to us, in that he has blessed us and prospered the work of our hands. Our services here and at Boynton have been as well, if not better, attended, than any previous year since I came to this field. What we never were able to report before, the Sunday School at Boynton has been kept open the year round, with good results. The C. E. S. meets on Sunday evenings, and blessed meetings we generally have. Nine have united with the church during the year, all on confession of faith; the majority coming from the C. E. S. and the S. S. Death has removed two men of usefulness and influence, Mr. T. D. Brainerd, of Boynton, and Mr. M. E. Hunt, of Ayers Flat. Being the only resident minister, I have a great deal of pastoral work to do; for the field is quite extensive. As far as I know, there exists mutual love and sympathy between pastor and people.

FITCH BAY.—This field has been without a settled pastor. The church has given an invitation to Mr. Watt, who has just taken a post-graduate year at Oberlin.

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BRANDON.—Left vacant by the unexpected resignation of Rev. J. C. Watt in January, has been greatly discouraged.

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