

HAWKESBURY, C. W.—This church was left vacant by the removal of its pastor, the Rev. E. A. Noble, to Caledon, C. W., in July, 1857, and continued thus until January, 1858, when the Rev. J. Elliot, agent of the Sabbath School Union, was induced to listen to and accept a call from the church. On the 30th April he thus writes:—

“I commenced my stated ministry in the Township of Hawkesbury on the 2nd Sabbath of this year. The church here had been without a pastor for about six months, during which period, though availing themselves of opportunities of going to other places of worship, they had scarcely any pulpit ministrations from ministers of our own denomination. When my predecessor, the Rev. E. A. Noble left, several members of the church and congregations had moved away, as stated in his last year's report, to other parts of the country; and when I came here the number of regular adherents was consequently small. I am thankful, however, to be able to state that both congregations, viz.:—One at Hawkesbury village, and the other at Vankleek Hill, have gradually increased; and just now the attendance, and also some indications, I trust, of spiritual good are felt to be considerably cheering. The attendance at our Thursday evening prayer meeting at Vankleek Hill, which commenced with from 16 to 20, has more than doubled. The Sabbath school at the Hill is onward too in interest and numbers, and though we have not as yet a regularly organized school at Hawkesbury village, a young lady there, who is a member of Zion Church, Montreal, is zealously teaching a class in her father's house, from Sabbath to Sabbath; and I may add that two or three small Sabbath schools are conducted in different parts of this Township by some of our brethren who reside in those respective localities. I have a week evening Bible class, which I hope may prove under the smile of the great Teacher—a help to the young. At our last church meeting two members were received into the church by letter—one from Brockville and the other from a Western State. There are four of my hearers who expect (D.V.) to be proposed for church membership at our next church meeting; and from what I have observed, and from conversations by which I have been much gratified, and which call for thankfulness to God, others I expect will be added at an early date.

We have, at Hawkesbury village, a very commodious church edifice, but are much in need of one at Vankleek Hill, where we meet in a school house. I am glad, however, to have to add that we hope to be speedily favored with the temporary use of the Town Hall. The people have high hopes of being able, ere very long, to take definite steps towards the erection of a church. Indeed, with a view to that object, there is now a Ladies' Working Society actively engaged here in preparing for a Bazaar; and as the Ladies belonging to the Congregational body have on past occasions co-operated with others in benevolent objects, they in return have the friendly aid of not a few in this undertaking.”

INDIAN LANDS, C. W.—This church has been without pastoral oversight during the ten months of the year. The Rev. J. Campbell, who remains pastor, has undertaken an Agency of the Bible