

reasonable terms, were the means at our command. The great drawback is that these three stations could not raise more than \$200 annually for a minister's salary.

Three years ago I broke ground in Huntingdon, nine miles south. A new church is to be built there this year, the materials of which are already collected. Last summer I discovered thirty families within a radius of three miles of the proposed site. Mr. Campbell, my Elder, gives me efficient help in this field. After preaching a few times at a place on the borders of Hungerford, nine miles south-east, I lately visited the district pastorally and found out over ten families, and, if God will, I intend to make a station there. Had the Kirk not interfered with Roslin, it, with these two out stations, would almost have been in circumstances to give a call to a minister.

At Marmora, the next township west, I preached for more than a year. The attendance always exceeded 100; and I have visited twenty families there. Rumour has it that the works are soon to be recommenced. We will keep this in view, but a missionary would find ample scope there at the present moment:

I have been wont to go out on the Hastings Road at least once yearly. I then preach at the Jordan, 17 miles north, and I know of twenty families within a convenient distance. The attendance is about forty. I also preach 30 miles north, in the house of Mr. McKillican. He is a worthy Elder, and a "light shining in a dark place." The attendance is about seventy, and I know of twenty families living in the district around. The people are very intelligent, but deteriorating for lack of a preached Gospel. It is sad that the Church should so neglect our fellow countrymen. Two years ago I would have erected churches at both these places, and actually took the necessary steps for that end, but the prospects were so discouraging to the settlers that the scheme had to be abandoned. Such is the rocky nature of the soil that if one is seen gathering out the stones, he is advised to save himself labour, time, and expense, to scrape the earth together, and let the stones alone; and so hilly and rough are the roads that the transit soon doubles the price of all dry goods. The people leave as fast as they can, and half the shanties are deserted. Minerals are said to be abundant, and if mining operations are carried on successfully, they will encourage settlement. But a minister or ordained missionary is required for the road now. Such is a brief outline of this region. The Kingston Presbytery has perhaps the most extensive mission field of any Presbytery in the Church, and it is the least able to overtake it. I have the most extensive district of that field, and my people are the poorest. They give, for religious purposes, at the rate of \$6 per member, and that exceeds a wealthy city-church whose members average \$15 each.

Not mentioning the Episcopal Methodists, the Wesleyans show much wisdom in their missionary operations. Madoc is still a mission station with two ministers, and at a yearly cost to the Church of about \$300; and the missionary out on the Hastings Road is a still greater burden on their Church—in proportion. Even the Bishop of Kingston is alive to his duty in this respect. The missionary here receives annually \$300 from the Mother Church towards paying his salary; and another is soon to be sent to the Hastings Road, where the people could not even pay his travelling expenses. Whereas the Kingston Presbytery threatens that if the people do not pay more liberally into the Home Mission Fund, even the slender help I have got will not be continued. Our Church seems to be too often incapable of taking advantage of any opening that may present itself at the right time. We lose much ground by our pecuniary selfishness. I hold that every member should pay into the Lord's Treasury a sum proportioned to his income, and not for a particular minister or church. We are Presbyterian in government, but appear to be Independent in pecuniary matters. If our distributive principle is good for one thing, it is good all the way through. The heart's blood is propelled through the whole human framework. The Church is a unit, and it ought to send the gospel to