

asked, "How are the Missions succeeding financially? What prospect is there of their becoming self-sustaining?" Important questions these, yet not all-important. It is much more important to ask what is being done in soul-saving? and surely over 900 people gathered into the church is a satisfactory answer, and more than commensurate with the amount of money spent by the Missionary Society. But as to becoming self-sustaining some of these missions could not reasonably be expected to do so for some time to come. But these are not generally expensive Missions, and to continue for a length of time to assist such stations is a real service to the cause of Christ, and an unspeakable blessing to the people; so that such aid given is doing great and permanent good and glorifying God. Then some of these stations at important points, which are centres of population, and which are sometimes spoken of as places which ought to stand alone, are fast preparing to do so; but it is considered better to give them time to become strong enough to be fully able to hold their position of independence, than to hasten them into such a position, while it is doubtful whether they can hold it or not. They are preparing for it by improving their church property, reducing their church debts, improving their ordinary income, etc.

The following brief extracts will serve as examples of what work is being done on our Mission Stations:

"BRADFORD.—*Dear Bro. Bee.*—During the last year the Lord of Hosts has been with us. In the town church some fifty persons found Christ, forty of whom united with us in church fellowship. The Sabbath School, the class meeting, prayer-meeting, young men's meeting, and Bible class, are all well sustained. The congregations are good; the country is also doing well numerically and financially. Two years ago the ordinary income was \$187.79 for the year, it is now \$323.80. The missionary money was \$81.48, it is now considerably over \$100.00. The Bradford church has also been repaired to the extent of \$300.00, and paid for. And still our motto is 'Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward.'—THOS. BOYD."

"CARADOC.—*Dear Bro. Bee.*—Although the friends here amongst whom we move are by no means wealthy, they have responded nobly according to their means. We have during the year spent about one hundred dollars in improving one of the places of worship, which sum has all been provided for; and the congregations are in a very healthy state, and the friends on the station are fully resolved, that at no distant date, they will become self-sustaining.—Yours truly, W. HUGGINS."

"CATHCART.—*Dear Bro. Bee.*—Our Church has succeeded, and we stand to-day better than we ever did before. A debt of \$160 on Cathcart Church has been paid off. This spring we built a fine shed for the same Church which cost \$150, and it is paid for. Also we put up a neat fence, and some additional improvements.—Yours, in the work of our Common Master, R. L. OCKLEY."

"COLLINSBY.—The work of God on this mission was vigorously pushed last year. The membership suffered from removals and other causes very much, and in common with others felt the financial pressure of the time; yet by diligence and perseverance the station reported an increase in nearly every department. A protracted meeting was held at Collinsby, at which a number of young people were truly converted to God, and the Church quickened into a higher state of spiritual life. The Sabbath School and congregation of Elginburg Church have greatly increased. The Church has been improved, the whole edifice inside and out being newly painted, with other improvements, gives it a very handsome appearance. At York Road and Sharpton the congregations have greatly increased, and their subscriptions for ministerial support more than double what they previously were. For the most part the people are united and devotedly attached to the cause of God. May they increase in every good word and work.—JOSHUA DYKE."

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