

place said to me, that he occupies a field extensive enough to employ two or three more besides himself. The town of Peterboro' is in the corner between five or six Townships, namely, the Townships of Cavan, Monaghan, Otonabee, Duro, Smith, and Emily, which are well inhabited, and where a good preacher is generally welcome. From this place I was invited to visit the Township of Brock, forty miles west. A great many of the inhabitants are Scotch Highlanders, and were desirous of having preaching in Gaelic; but though I had a desire to comply with their request, I considered it more my duty to visit Beckwith and the Perth settlements, agreeable to the wishes of the Committee in Montreal.

On my way down the country, I visited Mr. Tapscott, one of our most active Baptist preachers, who resides in the neighbourhood of Cobourg, whom I found working at his harvest, being under the necessity, like many of our Baptist ministers, of cultivating a piece of land for his support. I accompanied Mr. Tapscott thirty-five miles down the Lake Ontario shore, to a neat little village called Brighton, where he had an appointment to preach on Sabbath, August 9th. I addressed the people in the morning, and Mr. Tapscott in the evening. I do not know any other station, except the Bathurst district, where there is such an opening, and such a field of usefulness for an active Missionary as that of Brighton in the New-castle district. There are many Baptists around this place, but many of them have need of being taught the way of God more perfectly.

On my way from Kingston to Perth, I was in company with a young Scotchman who lately went to reside in the far West, beyond Illinois and the Mississippi, in the new State of Iowa, to whom I gave Tracts to carry back with him, for he intends to return soon and take his father with him from Canada to dwell there. From this instance I could not but think of the wide circulation of the Tracts of the London Tract Society. Some of them which you gave me in Montreal will be read in the Prairies of the West a few months after you gave them. Reached, at last, my country people in the Perth settlement, where I found great desire for hearing the word of God. There I joined with my former fellow student, Mr. M'Donald, and found, by experience, that two are better than one. Though it was the busy time of harvest, the people turned out to hear remarkably well: at some of our weekly meetings, though late in the evening, some came the distance of five or six miles. Our labours were chiefly confined to the Townships of Beckwith and Drummond.

On August 16th, in the Township of Drummond, we had a large congregation, they having gathered from four Townships. We found great freedom in speaking to this people; and experienced the truth of the declaration, that "he that watereth shall be watered also himself." A considerable degree of awakening and serious attention has been manifested by many, and we have an encouragement to hope that our feeble labours in this place shall not be in vain.

There was another place, fifty miles north of Beckwith, which I had a great desire to visit, namely, McNabb's Township, on the Ottawa River; which was settled fifteen years ago, chiefly by Scotch Highlanders from Breadalbane, in Scotland. They have never been, to my knowledge, visited by any Baptist preacher, and seldom, if ever, by other preachers. I cannot but feel more for them, being my own countrymen. I hope your Committee will not forget them.

I met with some instances of the good resulting from the visits of John Douall, Esq., of Montreal, to this Province, in behalf of the Temperance cause. Instances which came under my notice, of the evils of drunkenness, and the happy effects of temperance, I must defer for want of room.

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LETTER FROM THE REV. JOHN CLARK
TO THE REV. JOHN DYER.

Brown's Town, April 16, 1840.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—Please to return my sincere thanks to the Committee for so readily complying with my request, and sending out brother Dutton. He is one of the right sort of men—humble, devoted, and affectionate, and is likely to be exceedingly useful.

The work of God is progressing; we are breaking forth on the right hand and on the left; and I hope yet to see the day when the whole population of this district shall be brought into the fold of Christ.

I have long thought, that if churches were alive to their solemn obligations to seek the salvation of the poor sinners perishing around them, and laboured and prayed, with faith and perseverance for their conversion, every Christian would be instrumental, every year, of turning at least one sinner from the error of his ways, and churches be annually doubled in number; until, in the course of a few years, the whole land would be covered with the knowledge of the Lord, and every heart bow to the Saviour.