

We present a short account of the opening of the Canadian Mission by the English Conference.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

In the year 1829, Mr. J. Ayers and others, who had been connected with the Bible Christian Church, emigrated from Devonshire, England, to Prince Edward Island, and being desirous of again enjoying the ministrations of their own church, sent to the Conference, asking that a preacher be sent out to them. The Conference secured the services of Francis Metherall for this work, who landed on the Island in 1831. Mr. Laird gave the Denomination twelve acres of land at Vernon River; here Bro. Metherall settled. A parsonage was erected, and Bro. Metherall lived in it sixteen years. The labor performed by the first Missionary must have been very arduous. His Circuit was composed of the following preaching places: Vernon River, Muray Harbor, Three Rivers, Union Road, Winsloe Road, Wheatley River, Malpeque Road, Rustico, New London, New Bideford, and Cascumpec. Through this Circuit, about one hundred miles long, Bro. Metherall toiled alone, only aided by the societies and Local Preachers, for four years. In 1835 Philip James was sent to his assistance, a man of deep piety and sterling worth, who labored a few years, and then was called to Ontario. A few others labored for a short time, then Bro. J. W. Butcher entered the work. The English Conference sent out William Harris, and William Calloway, and Jesse Whitlock was taken out on the Island. The difficulties encountered were great, the privations of the missionaries were numerous, but trusting in the Master whom they served,

“They labored on at God’s command,
And offered all their work to Him.”

ONTARIO.

Letters were sent to the Conference, held at Hick’s Mill, Cornwall, asking for a Missionary from T. Courtice and others, of Darlington; and T. Thomas, and others, of Dummer. There being a difficulty in finding a man to offer for this Canadian work, John Eynon stated that he was willing to go if he was of any service. His offer being accepted, Bro. Eynon came to Upper Canada in 1833. He landed at Cobourg, and there resided for some

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