

In the first week of February, having preached on the way at St. Giles and at St. Sylvestre, Mr. Vachell established his head quarters at Inverness, and from thence visited the Belcher Range. The people were generally extremely poor; but he was received by them uniformly with every mark of kindness and respect; and found them anxious for instruction and advice. On the Sunday he preached in this range to a numerous congregation, and a few days after attended a meeting for the purpose of building a house for the worship of God. The people were unanimous in the desire to build a church or chapel; and after some discussion, a spot was chosen upon the Craig's Road, and your Committee trust that this work for the Lord will prosper, and not meet with the hindrances experienced in Upper Ireland. In the next Range, your Missionary twice preached on Sunday, many of his hearers in the morning walking three miles to attend the afternoon service. He was the first Missionary that had been down so far in this part of the Range, and he heard of a person who had not seen the face of a minister for six years. "Surely," says Mr. Vachell, "it is sheep like these, driven away and lost, which, in the language of Ezekiel, the Shepherd is to bring again and seek out."

Mr. Vachell proceeded in his pastoral visits through the Dublin, Yorkshire, Scotch, and Plomer Ranges. In the latter Range, there is a very good school; but unhappily it does not meet with much encouragement. After being detained at home a week by the alarming illness of Mrs. Vachell, he again visited Upper Ireland. Matters were somewhat improved there, and numbers flocked to hear him preach. He afterwards visited the Sunday School, which he found not so well attended as last year, nor so well instructed as he could have wished the simple Word only being read, without comment or explanation. Your Missionary remarks that the manner of making the responses, the universal use of the Prayer-Book, the devout posture of the body, and the chorus of voices joining in singing, gave him more the idea of a Church of England congregation than he had hitherto met with in these settlements. Having been furnished, by the kindness of Mr. Waddilove, with a number of books, to form lending libraries, he was enabled to supply the catechist at Upper Ireland, a schoolmaster in Plomer Range, and an individual at St. Sylvestre, with selections, and has still many more on hand for the like purposes.

Mr. Vachell concludes his Journal with the following remarks: "I now close this, feeling convinced of the extreme barrenness of my Journals of late; and whilst taking much blame to myself