

KINGSTON ROAD, DON MOUNT, ONTARIO.

THERE are peculiar difficulties in striving to build up a Methodist cause on this ground, which I am quite sure my brethren do not appreciate and never will know, arising from the lax religious opinions and still more desultory habits, unstable character, drinking customs, and inability to appreciate any pecuniary obligations of a religious kind among this people. These, added to years of unsystematic, variable labour and merely fitful efforts, render it the hardest possible work to build up an organized Church, without which pretended ministerial labours are a "delusion and a snare."

By incredible efforts and constant sacrifice and expenditure on the part of the missionary (who has preached 69 sermons since Conference; held 96 prayer meetings; met class 32 times; made 658 visits and calls, either in his mission, or in behalf of it; performed 22 baptisms; and attended 93 other meetings of a miscellaneous kind), he can now report 4 classes, two of them sizable and efficient, and two others not so good, making about 35 reliable members. A new church, finished and in promising use, with a more than quadrupled congregation, the financial

state of which you will learn from the accompanying printed statement; and the other church greatly improved in appearance, by being well kept, congregation enlarged, and its debt reduced to \$100, which I have advanced myself, to keep the mortgage from being sold into unfriendly hands.

Your missionary succeeds better in raising funds for churches, sheds, and organs on his mission, than his officials do in raising the means of their minister's support. We began the year with a circuit debt, occasioned by deficiencies on the two previous years. Towards that the mission has paid the minister the sum of \$41.72; our noble friend, Mr. John Macdonald, gave me, towards my deficiency, \$50, making in all for my support, \$91.70; leaving to be raised the remaining two quarters, \$221.28.

That they will accomplish this, is more than I expect, judging from the past. I need not say how straitened the large reduction of the grant has left me, after my large outlay on the church and efforts to secure a house, &c., but those are matters I must battle with myself, in humble reliance in the Providence of God.

We have had a number of conversions and restorations of late.

JOHN CARROLL.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

A Friend, Exeter, for Japan	\$20 00
J. Cook, Newmarket, to assist in sending an additional missionary to Japan, £1	4 86
A Friend of Missions, Woodville, Ont., per Rev. A. C. Wilson, for Foreign Missions	50 00
C. M. R., Yorkville	A Gold Ring.
A Lady, Clinton, per Rev. T. Brock	A Brooch.
J. & M. B. R., Hamilton, a new-year's offering towards the liquidation of the debt	Two Gold Rings.
A Friend, towards the debt	A Valuable Set of Jewellery.

Total Amount received from Circuits, to February 12th, 1876, on account of 1875-6, \$11,139 09.