

EXTRACTS

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September 30, 1839.—Arrived this evening at Wesleyville, from Rawdon—the people assembled at six o'clock—performed Divine Service, and preached to them—they are chiefly dissenters, but more from necessity than choice.

October 10.—After two days journey I arrived at this settlement, viz. North River—people were very much surprised and yet pleased; gladly assembled in the evening, when (after service) I addressed them from Isaiah 40, I and II, after which they did not even prepare to depart, although I had been speaking to them for nearly an hour. They said, they had never had “a visit from a Minister of their own Church before;” many of these poor people thanked me with tears in their eyes, and prayed me to visit them again.

December 8, Sunday.—After the Sunday School this morning I performed, as usual, Divine Service in the little Church at Mascouche; after which I rode to New Glasgow, and as the weather was so very bad I did not expect many to attend; but, notwithstanding the weather, and also the want of seats in the place where we assembled, I never saw so many together before; but this, as well as some other of my congregations continue to increase every Service I hold—at seven o'clock in the evening I had Service also in the School-house in Wesleyville.

December 9.—This morning at nine o'clock I assembled the children to give them instruction, and was glad to perceive their number amounted to forty seven: They were exceedingly glad to receive each a copy of “Watt's Divine and Moral Songs”—they, every one, repeated their Scripture task, and also a part of the Church Catechism. I dismissed them with earnest prayer for the Divine blessing, and rode to Kilkenny, where I performed Divine Service, and also assembled the young persons for their usual instruction.

December 26.—This morning at nine o'clock the children of this place came to the house where I was stopping, to receive the usual