

would ever have been formed, or perhaps church built ; but, by doing so, the number of families and the giving power of the people have been doubled to the church. The churches are not finished, one not even plastered yet, and the sufferings through which I have passed, from long journeys, wretched places of worship, and heat and cold, few can form any conception of. But I would sooner endure than beg.

Besides my charge proper, I formed a station on the borders of Hunterford, that the Kirk has appropriated, because we could not get supply for it ; 2 in Huntingdon, ten miles south, representing 30 families, and 3 in Marmora, 20 miles west, representing about the same number. My Elder and Catechist, Mr. Campbell, has laboured very acceptably in these stations for years, and his labours have not been sufficiently appreciated or remunerated. The giving power of this field is from \$80 to \$100 yearly. On the Hastings Road, 30 miles north, there are 2 stations, representing over 20 families, and their giving power is \$100 yearly. 20 miles north of these, there might be other 2 stations formed, as there are over 30 Presbyterian families in that region. At our last meeting of Presbytery, I presented a petition from Flinton, 22 north-east, praying for the preaching of the gospel, with 25 names appended to it. My regular pastoral visitations necessitate my travelling 500 miles ; and, when I go out to preach among our neglected brethren, it is no uncommon thing to travel 250 miles, over the roughest roads, in a fortnight, preach 6 or 8 times, and do my regular work besides, including every duty from the minister to the beadle ; and all this has been done without fee or reward of any kind. My health has greatly suffered from such unremitting trials. I ask no sympathy, I ask no remuneration, but I ask the church to step in and take possession. The Allan settlement needs a pastor ; Hastings Road an ordained missionary ; Marmora Road a catechist ; and Kaladar Road the same, that the work may be anything like overtaken. The people are impoverished and degraded, and can do little for the support of the gospel for years. The country is not well suited for agriculture. Educated men, well acquainted with the Bible, and capable of grappling with hydra-headed error and vice, are required. Now, could not some of our wealthier churches, or merchants, take up the matter ? Here is ample scope for their liberality, and where it could be bestowed to permanent advantage. The church's cords would be greatly lengthened, and her stakes strengthened by this means ; and its numbers and giving power greatly augmented. And I might yet rejoice in seeing a new Presbytery embracing these back regions. "The Lord hasten it in his time."

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In a subsequent letter received from Mr. Wishart he refers to the gold discovery in Madoc, and the rush of population likely to take place. Most of the gold seekers may be non-churchgoers, still the gospel ought to be offered to them. Mr. Wishart says : "There can be no doubt that gold will be found in the Marmora Road, west of us, and in the Kaladar Road, east of us. There should, therefore, at least be a catechist for Marmora, and Mr. Campbell would do there, another would be necessary for the Kaladar Road. And an ordained missionary for the Hastings Road, because the last will have the principal rush. The two last the church would require to provide, and the last would need to be a man of some force of character. St. Paul's church in Madoc, 6 miles N. W., is in the centre of the present discovery. I may require to confine my attention wholly to the village next summer. In that case I would form another charge at once of St. Paul's. So you see both money and men will be needed for this region.