

ally by the labours of brethren from other towns, and have been gradually increasing in strength and stature.

They have been very earnest in their prayers and endeavours to obtain a minister, and after some disappointment and necessary delay, they are now enjoying the services of Rev. J. Sheril, late of the Theological Seminary at Andover, who, we hope, will remain with them, and prove an efficient and useful pastor. The arrangements for his stay with them have not yet been completed; and not having yet received a report from Mr. S., we conclude our brief notice of this place with the observation, that the labours of our Missionary in Eaton will appear to be specially important at this time, when we understand that the Baptist Church has been recently left without a minister.

STANSTEAD.—This church, which was supplied for one year ending in June last, by the Rev. L. Sabine, of Massachusetts, has been again left for a time without preaching; but they have recently presented a call to the Rev. R. V. Hall, of Laprairie, who has consented to become their pastor, and is now with them. They had previously presented a unanimous call to Mr. Sabine, but he deemed it his duty, for various reasons, to decline it.

“There are important considerations,” says he, “on both sides of the question. I have endeavoured to weigh them well. I have carried them to a throne of grace.

“When I accepted the proposition to come into the Province for a year, God seemed to make the path of duty plain. It seemed clearly to be my duty to come to Stanstead. I am glad that I came. I have tried to labour as God gave me strength and ability, and the church is in a better state than when I first saw them. We have had and still have many delightful seasons of prayer.

“Three have been added to the church by profession, and two or three are expected to unite with us at the next season of communion.

“I thank God I have reason to believe I have not come here in vain. There have been a few cases of hopeful conversion, and I should feel it to be my duty to remain if I could witness such scenes, or have the fair prospect of witnessing such scenes as I beheld with joy in Berford last February. I hope that not less than twenty in that little settlement in the wilderness are converted, and they appear well.

“I have preached one hundred and ninety times during the year, and in the mean time have travelled not far from eighteen hundred miles.”

We cannot close our notice of this place without mentioning four solemn occurrences, which in their turn have read their affecting mementos to the people.

The first was the last illness and death of the Rev. J. Gibb, son of the former pastor of the Stanstead church. He was a young man of great promise, and was settled at Haverhill, New Hampshire. But the Lord had employment for him in another world. The premonitory symptoms of his fatal sickness cut short his earthly labours, and he came to die in the arms of a widowed mother. His end was peace. According to his dying request, the Rev. J. Robertson, his

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