

farther and further still into the remote wilderness. To follow this ever increasing tide of settlers, that she may minister to their spiritual wants is plainly the duty of the Presbyterian Church. And we now intend in the present article, to direct special attention to the portion of the Mission Field of the Presbytery of Toronto, lying in her extreme northern border.

Taking Toronto as the starting point, it is important to notice how a series of intervening congregations connect this Mission Field with the seat of Presbytery. From the city is an easy passage to York Mills, thence to Richmond Hill, King, Newmarket, (recently made a mission station) till we reach Bradford and enter the County of Simcoe, we then pass through Innisfil with its flourishing congregation and find ourselves in Barrie, the county town. Passing from it we journey along the Penetanguishene Road 16 miles, till we arrive at the Church and manse of the Rev. G. Crow, the laborious pastor of an interesting and growing rural charge, and after another ride of 18 miles reach Penetanguishene, an old naval and military station, the seat of the Juvenile Reformatory Institution for Upper Canada, and the ultima thule of the Presbytery's field in that direction. Here the mission ground was broken by Mr. Crow, upwards of a year ago, and the encouragement has been such, that a missionary is labouring there this season. In and around the village there reside upwards of 20 Presbyterian families; its importance is enhanced by being the seat of the Reformatory, (though the Presbyterians found there are, we are happy to say few, when compared with our numbers throughout the Province). Between this place, too, and Collingwood, lies a large tract of unsettled land, which has begun to fill up with settlers, of whom a fair proportion are Presbyterians. In the opposite direction, moreover, towards Coldwater is another block of unsettled land, which is also beginning to be taken up, and through which a railroad was surveyed some years ago. In and around Coldwater are likewise a few Presbyterian settlers of influence, and one of them, Wm. Darling, Esq., has for some time been conducting a religious service once a fortnight in that village, with great acceptance. About 9 miles north-east of Coldwater, and lying over against Peuketanguishene, on the opposite of the Georgian Bay, is situated a small settlement belonging to one of our people, where extensive saw-mills have been erected. During the summer, the missionary at Penetanguishene will give occasional supply to these two places.

Passing along the Coldwater Road, we reach Orillia, about 28 miles north-east of Barrie, and leaving it on its eastern side, we pass along the margin of Lake Couchiching for 11 miles and then arrive at the beginning of the Road that leads through the Muskoka Settlement, a missionary field comparatively new and unknown, yet of very great importance. At present it may be said to comprise the townships of Morrison, and Muskoka, in the county of Simcoe, and Draper, and Macaulay in the county of Ontario, besides the space found blank in the most recent maps, between the townships of Muskoka, which contains in its south-east corner the surveyed but unsettled township of Monck, comprising a tract of fine land, already occupied by a number of settlers, and beyond it a vast unsurveyed territory where about 30 families have located themselves; as the country is opened up and surveyed in that quarter, large tracts of fine land have been discovered, and the territory 40 miles north-east of Orillia and onwards seems to be one of the gardens of Canada.

Though the Muskoka Settlement be only 4 years old, it contains about 1500 inhabitants; of these more than 300 are Scotch, and about 350 Irish, all of whom are Protestants and chiefly from the north, so that it is plain that the Presbyterian element must be strong throughout the settlement. Upwards of 2000 acres of land have been cleared, and the value of produce raised during the past year exceeded \$40,000. The place is of comparatively easy access, and the settlers, though experiencing many of the hardships incident to a new settlement, have made marvellous and marked progress.

But it is high time to enquire what interest our Church has been taking in