

EATON.—This church still enjoys the pastoral oversight and ministry of its long settled and much esteemed missionary pastor, the Rev. E. J. Sherrill. Although there is nothing eventful in the history of the past year, the church has been peaceful, and the ministry of the word has not been in vain. Mr. Sherrill reports:—

"I have continued my labors during the past year, much as in previous years. We have enjoyed no special revivals, and have received only 3 into the church by profession, during the year 1857. Our average number of hearers was not more than 98, though this is higher than for 1856-7.

The Sabbath school is still the nursery of the church. The last three who united with the church were Sabbath school scholars.

I have been absent two Sabbaths doing missionary work in 'the regions beyond'—though I do this labor chiefly by week-day visiting, followed by evening lectures. At these out-posts, I have from 25 to 55 hearers, generally not those at church on the Sabbath.

Our pecuniary matters, as it regards the people, are about as previous years."

FRANKLIN, MANNINGVILLE, FORMERLY RUSSELLTOWN.—As announced in last report, the Rev. Thomas Bayne became pastor of this church, early in the year 1857. "On the very day of his arrival, sickness entered his dwelling, remained long and left not, till two of his children were removed by death." After referring to this severe affliction in his report, he writes:—

"This church was organized in 1843, by the late Rev. D. Gibbs, whose memory, though now it is some years since he was removed from the church on earth to the church in heaven, is favorably cherished by this people, and the impression of his life and labours remains deeply traced. Since the removal of their first pastor to Granby, the present is the fifth who has discharged among this people the functions of the christian ministry. The injurious consequences of this frequent change and succession of ministers are but too plainly seen in the history and present state of this church. Had our people here been favored with a fixed and permanent ministry, it is not presumption to affirm, their present state would have been much more healthful, vigorous, and full of promise. The word has been regularly preached every Lord's day. The fewness of our members, the distances which separate the residences of the members from each other, render it exceedingly difficult to sustain our meetings for social prayer. Our Sabbath school is well attended. There have been no accessions to our membership during the past year, yet I trust the spirit of God is at work on some hearts. The word has not been preached, at least, without telling on some minds. My salary has been fully and promptly paid. My people have in addition, since the date of my coming here, favored me with two donation visits, whose proceeds counted up to over \$100. This year, owing to removals from our Society, the salary, I apprehend, will not be made up without some difficulty. We need the help of the Lord and the outpouring of his spirit. May it come—may it come speedily."

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