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OCCASIONAL PAPER NO. 9.—WORK NORTH OF WOODSTOCK.



At the last meeting of the General Committee of the Diocesan Church Society, a new Mission was added to the list of prospective Missions under the title of "Gordon and Lorne." These are the names of two civil parishes on the river Tobique, and as they are not much known to the members of the Society some information about them and their neighbourhood may be useful. Since the meeting of the General Committee the Bishop Coadjutor has spent a fortnight driving over the district in which "GORDON and LORNE" are situate, with the missionary, Mr. Hoyt, and this paper will give some account of his visit, with a short preparatory sketch of the work done by Mr. Hoyt in the field of labour given to him by the Bishop of the diocese.

In 1870 Mr. Hoyt was sent to do what he could in the country NORTH OF WOODSTOCK. This commission embraced more than four thousand square miles, an extent of territory equal to that lately annexed by Germany in Africa. During the past fifteen years Mr. Hoyt has ever been on the watch, not only to keep some little hold upon the old settlements, but also to visit each new settlement as it was formed, and to offer so far as he could the services of religion to those that were desirous of them. It is a striking testimony to the earnestness of his work that it is now a common saying in his neighbourhood after a severe drifting snowstorm, "I shall wait for parson Hoyt to break the roads." It is well known that by his exertions the Mission of Wicklow has been set off as a separate district; that the two places (not parishes) of Grand Falls and Little Falls have the services of a clergyman; and that the whole colony of the Danes at New Denmark has joined the communion of the Church of England, and is now ministered to by a clergyman of their own nation in priest's orders of our Church. This of itself is good work, but still the work that remains under Mr. Hoyt is enormous, and without touching upon any one of the three separated Missions Mr. Hoyt drove the Bishop Coadjutor for a fortnight over fresh country, passing over nearly 250 miles without exhausting the work NORTH OF WOODSTOCK. An account of this drive will show