

## WHAT THE PRESBYTERIANS IN CANADA COULD DO.

MR. EDITOR,—I have just been seeing in one of your late papers that the world may be evangelized in twenty years; that by the year 1900th Gospel may be preached to every soul; and I think the Presbyterian Church in Canada may do its part in this great work.

I see by the statistics of the Church that there are about 113,000 members in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and if they would do their part in supporting the schemes of the Church, they may contribute in the following way annually: Supposing that 5,000 members would each give \$12, that would amount to \$60,000; and another 5,000 would each give \$10, that would amount to \$50,000; and another 10,000 would each give \$8, that would amount to \$80,000; and another 10,000 would each give \$6, that would amount to \$60,000; and another 10,000 would each give \$5, that would amount to \$50,000; and another 10,000 would each give \$4, that would amount to \$40,000; another 10,000 would each give \$3, that would amount to \$30,000; another 10,000 would each give \$2, that would amount to \$20,000; and another 10,000 would each give \$1, that would amount to \$10,000; that would be a total of \$400,000 from 80,000 members, and the other 33,000 may give as they best can, and the adherents also.

I think the Presbyterian Church in Canada should not be slack in duty, but set its shoulder to the wheel, as it might do, and give it a push forward, so I hope there will be few drones in the hive.

"Shall we whose souls are lighted  
With wisdom from on high;  
Shall we to men benighted  
The lamp of life deny?"

JAMES LAIDLAW.

Chellenham, Oct. 10th, 1881.

## MISSION WORK IN MUSKOKA AND PARRY SOUND.

The Rev. Mr. Findlay, of Bracebridge, has sent in to the Presbytery of Barrie, and the Home Mission Committee, a long and interesting report of mission work done in the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts during the half year ending 30th September, 1881. We give it almost in full, as follows:

Beginning at the most southerly point in the field, we have a group of three stations,

DRAPER (UFFINGTON), OAKLEY AND RYDE.

These stations are this year for the first time under the care of the Missionary Association of Queen's College. Of these, Uffington is comparatively an old station, having been organized in August, 1876. It was first united with Gravenhurst, but being too far removed to be advantageously worked in this connection, it was disunited, and in 1878 became a part of the Baysville group. A further change in the interest of the field was made last year, when it was again disunited, and became the centre of a new group, passing from the care of the Missionary Association of Knox College to that of Queen's. On my visit to this field, on the 2nd and 3rd of July, I found the cause in this station in a very healthy condition. The people have resolved to "arise and build." A site for their church has been gratuitously given by Mr. John McCulloch—one of the elders—and the materials are partly on the ground. We hope to see the building opened for worship early next season. Several additions to the membership were made both by profession and by certificate.

At the same time I visited the new station in Oakley, some eight miles distant. The settlement here is comparatively new, and somewhat sparse as yet. But as the land is reported to be generally good, the number of settlers may be expected to increase. I organized the station, receiving eight persons into the membership of the Church. The attendance on ordinances is reported good, while the people are in the best of spirits, viewing hopefully the future of the cause in their midst.

The station in Ryde, which is some fourteen miles distant, I did not visit, as it was not judged ready for organization as yet. These stations have been very fortunate in having for their supply this season Mr. Charles L. Herald, who has proved himself most zealous in the discharge of the arduous duties devolving upon him in this wide field. The people have resolved to petition the Society for his return next year.

Immediately north of this field lies the group of stations known as the

## BAYSVILLE

field, consisting of two organized stations, Baysville and York's, and a preaching station—Robertson's. Here Mr. A. B. Meldrum, under the Students' Missionary Association of Knox College, has rendered very effective services during the past summer. Hitherto while under the Society they have received but four months' supply each season. At the earnest request of the people, the Society made the appointment this year for six months—a change which, together with the fact that Baysville received service every Sabbath, has been highly appreciated by the people. The attendance at the Sabbath service is reported larger in all the stations this year than ever before. I visited Baysville and York's on the 18th and 19th of June.

On the 20th of the same month I visited the field in the Township of Franklin, at the head of the Lake of Bays, known as

## ST. PETER'S.

This field, as the Presbytery and Committee are aware, has enjoyed the fostering care of the Ladies' Aid Association of St. Peter's Church, Rochester, N.Y. Mr. A. Macdonald, who spent some weeks with them last year, returned again this season, giving them service for six weeks during the months of July and August. As a matter of convenience, our meeting, on my visit, was held at one end of the field, in the house of Mr. G. F. Marsh, who has taken a lively interest in the welfare of the cause here. A goodly company was found assembled to hear the Word, and to commemorate for the first time in this new settlement the dying love of our blessed Redeemer. From what I saw, and from the reports of the missionaries who have laboured in this field, the prospects for the future are most encouraging. They have reached a point now when something more than has been attempted in the past must be done for them. They are prepared, if a small grant be made them from the Home Mission Fund, to receive a student missionary for six months of the year. It will be for the Presbytery to decide what their future supply shall be. Fourteen persons in all were received into the membership of the Church here, and there are others holding certificates who were unavoidably absent. Mr. H. Knox, who, through the kindness of the Presbytery of Guelph, spent a second term of three months in our Muskoka field, laboured here and in the adjoining Township of Sinclair during the whole period.

Immediately north-west of this field we have

## HUNTSVILLE,

which has always been considered an important centre, and the associated stations of Allansville to the south, and Knox Church, Chaffey, to the north. I visited Huntsville and Allansville on the 4th and 5th of June. There is nothing in their condition at the present time calling for special note. With the exception of a few services given by Mr. Knox during the past winter, the congregation at Huntsville has been without service since the departure of the missionary in September last. At Allansville the friends held service among themselves during the winter months, one of their number reading a sermon each Sabbath. It is extremely desirable that this important point should receive more regular supply than they have hitherto. For the coming winter a very suitable arrangement might be made whereby Huntsville and Port Sydney would receive supply together; but to enter upon this would be to anticipate the action of the Presbytery, and of the people in those stations. Mr. C. J. Cameron, of Queen's College, has been the supply at Huntsville during the past summer.

Passing from Huntsville we have; the

## STISTED

group, consisting of Hoodstown, Stisted, Stanleydale and Axe Lake. The first two of this group I visited on the 21st and 22nd of May. As they had enjoyed but one or two services from the summer supply at the time of my visit, they had scarce emerged from the lethargy which supervenes a winter of quiet Sabbaths. This applies more especially to the former of these stations, as at Stisted they had enjoyed, during the winter, a fortnightly service, conducted by Mr. C. B. Hemming. I understand that the attendance at both stations has been highly satisfactory this season, the services of Mr. Jacob Steel, student missionary, proving very acceptable. At Stisted they are preparing to erect a place of worship, which is very much needed. They have received gratis a site of an acre of land for church and burial ground, and we hope by another season to find them worshipping in their own church.

At Hoodstown a church building, which is very much needed, has long been talked of, but they have not succeeded as yet in talking it up.

The other stations of this group, Stanleydale and Axe Lake, were visited on the 11th and 12th of June. Axe Lake was organized, this being the first year that it has received regular supply. The settlement here is comparatively new, as it is not more than four years since the first settlers began to go in, but with the opening of the Cardwell and Monteith road, which passes through the settlement, it may be expected to advance more rapidly. The land is of fair quality; many of those who are settled here are succeeding very well.

On the 29th of May I dispensed the ordinance at

## PORT CARLING AND DEEBANK.

The attendance at the former station was very unsatisfactory. On Saturday it was *nil*, and on Sabbath we had the smallest congregation I have ever seen at Port Carling. The weather was showery, but not so wet as to prevent any who were really anxious from attending the means of grace. We pray that the gracious influences of the Spirit may descend upon this field, that it may bring forth fruit to the Divine glory. The attendance at Deebank on these days was comparatively good, and the interest evidently much deeper. Mr. W. H. Hunt, of Knox College, has occupied this field during the past summer, and we trust that his labours, which have been appreciated, may be also blessed to those who have enjoyed them.

On the 10th of July I visited the station at

## RAYMOND,

which is also in connection with Port Carling, and Bethel Church, Macaulay, which is in connection with Port Sydney. These stations are both weak, comparatively, being composed of a few families who are faithful to the Church, and who earnestly strive to keep up the supply of ordinances in their midst.

## ROSSEAU AND TURTLE LAKE

were visited on the 16th and 17th of July. At the latter place things were found pretty much as usual, the friends here being content thus far to worship in a private house. It would be very much better were they to erect a church for their own use, even were it only a plain log building; it would contribute very much to the prosperity of the cause here, and there is no doubt as to the ability of the people to do so.

At Rosseau I found that things were progressing harmoniously. This pleasant state of affairs may be attributed in no small degree to the energy and zeal of our missionary here, Mr. W. A. Mackenzie, B.A., of Montreal College. The attendance on Sabbath services has been larger than on former years, and, better still, the spirit animating all seems to be one of harmony. The church, which has been for some years in process of construction, is now completed even to the trimming of the pulpit, which has been very tastefully done by the ladies, and, so far as we know, they are without debt. Seven names were added to the roll of membership, six of these being by profession, which may be taken as an evidence of spiritual growth. Mr. Mackenzie, during the latter portion of his term of service, conducted public worship on alternate Sabbath evenings, which were well attended.

(To be continued.)

THE Rev. Dr. McKay, of Formosa, assisted at the sacrament of the Lord's supper, in Clifford, on the 18th ult. He also addressed a union meeting of the Sabbath schools in the afternoon. All his addresses were deeply interesting, and will be long remembered by all who had the pleasure of hearing him. Collection, \$55.

INSTRUMENTAL music is forcing its way into the Church of Scotland. At a late meeting of the Established Presbytery of Dundee, the Rev. Mr. Wright, of Lochec, reported that a movement for the introduction of instrumental music into his church lately became so strongly expressed that the elders and managers issued voting papers to the congregation. Between 400 and 500 were returned favourable, while 100 were unfavourable. A meeting was held on Monday evening to give an opportunity for objectors to come forward, but none appeared. This was what had been anticipated, for although some of the older members would have preferred the present state of matters, they were willing to acquiesce in the decision of the majority. The Presbytery, which was presided over by the Rev. Dr. Grant, Moderator, under these circumstances resolved that they saw no reason to interfere in the matter.