

conduct religious worship in it. There are a number who have expressed a desire to have preaching from Ministers of our Church. They are not able to do much in the way of support, and seeing they now have stated supply from the Methodist Church, it may not be expedient in us to send any preachers regularly there. I did not know of any families who claimed connection with the Methodist Church, but that Church shows much zeal in sending preachers where they find a Protestant community not regularly supplied with Gospel ordinances. Our limited Mission Funds, and lack of zeal to extend our usefulness to those lying beyond, keep us from promptly entering new fields with the message of Salvation.

By the steamers, I twice visited Beck's Mines, 14 miles from P. A. Landing, but did not find any opportunity of preaching to the workmen who were very much scattered at their different occupations.

After spending eight weeks in Thunder Bay region, I left for Sault Ste. Marie, that I might supply there, in room of Mr. Martin, who was to supply two Sabbaths at Fort William and P. A. Landing. I met with about 30 persons on Sabbath morning in a school-house in the village. In the afternoon, I was taken to Korah, over one of the roughest of roads, six miles back from the river, and preached to about 30 persons in the school-house. Then we returned, went over the river, and preached in the American Presbyterian Church. The Minister of that congregation sometimes kindly goes and preaches to our people in Korah, and thus supplies a blank when we cannot. Because of the prospects of this place, we believe it is important that we make an effort to give them regular supply of sermon. About this, the people are exceedingly anxious. Hitherto the supply has been very irregular, and, consequently, we have been losing the position we once occupied at Sault Ste. Marie. I would press the committee to send someone there during the ensuing winter.

I designed to have preached at Bruce Mines on the way homeward, but because of reasons I may not mention here, after seeing some of the people, it was considered expedient to return to the steamer, and proceed on my way.

I would not urge the Committee to send any supply to Bruce Mines. There are only four or five families who profess to have any desire to have supply from us, and these are not very anxious. There are two Methodist Churches in the village where ordinances are regularly dispensed, so that none are destitute of the Gospel there.

Though in all these Stations north of the Lakes, we have been occasionally supplying with sermon these years, there are many things discouraging, there is much to stimulate us not to slacken, but to increase our efforts for the well-being of the people. Though hitherto some of them have not done much to sustain the Gospel among themselves, they will do more when they see more clearly its value. And if we persevere in sowing the good seed, the Spirit of God will cause it to bring forth fruit in due season. Men whose eyes are daily peering into rocks for fortunes, should be compassionated by the Church, and many efforts should be made to draw their eyes to the Rock of Ages, where is to be found gold and silver tried in the fire, that they may be rich.

Those Ministers whose congregations grant them a few weeks every summer to recruit strength, may do well to make a visit to the shores of these