

of the pulpit and congregation at Quebec for the same period. In consequence of this acceptable arrangement the remoter districts of Frampton and Kennebec were visited by Mr. Crombie, and the following is the sketch which he drew up, at my request, of his visit and of his labours in that locality:—

NOTES OF A MISSION TOUR TO FRAMPTON AND KENNEBEC, C.E., BY REV. J. CROMBIE, INVERNESS.

Entering the Township of Frampton, we rested for the night in the house of an excellent family from the neighbourhood of Ballymena, in the north of Ireland, who steadfastly adhered to the Presbyterian cause amid many discouragements and opposition. In the morning of Sabbath we left early for church. The day was somewhat stormy and cold. On arriving at the place of meeting, we found a neat log building, with small belfry, and in a very pretty situation. The site is a gift from Mr. Hugh Wilson, whose house adjoins the church, and is always open to the officiating missionary. The church is as yet unfinished, and it has been erected by the people through the exertions of Mr. Blythe, the Bible Society agent, to whom the Protestants, but especially the Presbyterians of Frampton, and many other places around Quebec, are under great obligations. The congregation was rather limited, numbering about 30. They were, however, very attentive to the preaching of the word. They are almost entirely from the north of Ireland, and have been upwards of 40 years settled in the place. Hitherto they have been greatly neglected, and at one time did not see a Presbyterian minister for 13 years. They have not been very hearty to our cause, and at one time were in treaty with the Established Church of Scotland for the settlement of a minister, but this was never carried into effect, nor does that Church seem to have made any further effort on their behalf. Latterly they have been visited by our missionaries, but with very indifferent success. Nor is this to be wondered at—the young have grown up under Episcopal influence, and, having been baptized in that Church, their attachments lean to Episcopacy, and, being without any regular Presbyterian service, they have forgotten the more scriptural and simpler form of the Church of their Fathers. After service, we left for East Frampton, a distance of 8 miles, where we were to preach in the afternoon; but, owing to some defect in the arrangements, there was no congregation at the place. There were, however, several people in the house where the service was held to whom we preached. The next day, Monday, we spent in visiting severally the neighbouring families and making enquiries. In the evening, a few gathered to the house where we were residing, to whom we preached the unsearchable riches of Christ from the parable of the prodigal son. During the day, we secured a site for a small log building, in which to hold meetings, from a lady who is very favourable to our cause; and we also obtained several promises of help to find and prepare the materials for a building. On Tuesday we returned to West Frampton, and preached to a considerable number. Wednesday we spent in household visitation. Altogether, Frampton is in a sad state as regards the spiritual wants of its people. The field stands greatly in need of missionary labour, and could a zealous, self-denying labourer be found, and surely he may, something might yet be done for Frampton. I do think that some efforts should be made to supply them with ordinances in connection with the Presbyterian Church, to which they almost entirely originally belonged. The question is a very serious one. Are we to leave the children of our Presbyterian population to fall into the hands of those who can only be expected to train them in Popish or semi-Popish delusions? If anything can be done, it ought to be done as soon as possible; delays only increase the difficulty. The day, we fear, is almost gone. The old are fast passing away, and the young have no attachment to and only a traditional remembrance of the faith of their fathers. Had the Presbytery the means, and could a suitable person be found, there is a large field in the district. Frampton East and West, with the townships of Standon and Cranbourne, form an extensive range, and would require the labours of one or more