

stead, with good bed and bedding, a comfortable stove, and convenient bookshelves. The room occupied as a bedroom and study, has a new carpet,—worth \$20,—the gift of a kind lady, Mrs. Meacham. On the sitting-room floor are five dressed sheep skins, also the gift of a friend. These rooms have double floors and are well cottoned and papered, and I should have said that the Church is lined inside with tongued and grooved lumber to the windows, and above them cottoned and papered to the ceiling.

Our site (well chosen) is the gift of the government through the resident stipendiary magistrate, Mr. Brew. The cost of church and rooms, with furniture, is about \$1800, towards which we have raised \$1400, leaving \$400 to be provided for, of which we are not fearful. We now thank God and take courage. A class of ten members is gathered; Mr. Monro is leader, and Mr. Holt recording and church-steward, and also architect, without pay.

And now my dear brother, you will be glad to know how I am to be supported, and so shall I, more on account of the Missionary Society than my own. And now for a few sober words on this head. At the first meeting of the class I instituted weekly payments, and four dollars came in at once. Here we shall have a steady source of revenue. I shall also take regular quarterly collections for the circuit funds. The collections at the close of each sermon go towards the debt; and knowing your knowledge of Methodism, I need not argue that this is their fair and proper application till the debt is paid. Hitherto the trust has needed them all, and we wish to finish the debt as soon as possible. In eight Sabbath's, these free-will offerings sum up to \$243.87; but the people have given with the understanding that the collections should go towards the church debt. The stewards do not expect this high average to continue, but they do expect the collections to continue, and should they fall off they will still another year afford considerable aid towards the minister's allowance.

#### MY WORK.

Our regular means of grace are:—  
Preaching every Sabbath morning and

evening. The class meets at the close of the morning service; and we have a prayer-meeting every Thursday evening. I have begun to look at other Creeks. I preached at Mosquito Creek last Sabbath afternoon, and am to preach there again a fortnight from that time. Distance, seven miles; mode of conveyance, dog-sleigh—the cheapest and safest available. We have our monthly communion; and on the first Sabbath in the year we hope to “renew the covenant.” To-morrow, being Christmas-day, I preach at 11 a.m.; and the Welsh friends hold a meeting, in their own tongue, in the afternoon. A week from to-night we expect to hold the first “watch-night” service in Cariboo. Thus we intend to “keep our rules, and not to mend them;” and raise up our Methodist usages and privileges to the good of our souls and the glory of God.

And now, my very dear brother, I thank my God and bless His name, for His smile and His aid hitherto;—for good health, and a desire to work for God—for a good house to live in—for kind brethren in church-fellowship—and for the good wishes of those who profess not religion. We have no opposition. Everywhere I am received with kindness.

I also humbly desire to thank God for good congregations. More than once the church has been so full that we have had to borrow extra seats. It is strange to look at a congregation, almost exclusively of men, and comparatively young. Some trained for the bar and some for medicine; all grades of intellect;—but, as a general rule, kind-hearted, manly, and extremely fond of reading.

I have found the brethren hearty in their co-operation. Bro. Sparrow has gone to his family, in Victoria. God bless him! I dare not say all I feel about him:—how he gave and how he worked. In Bro. Holt I have a noble steward and support, in word and deed. He is brother-in-law to the Messrs. Gibbs and Gooderham, Esqs., of Oshawa and Streetsville; R. Gardiner, Esq., of Chinguacousy; and the Rev. W. S. Blackstock. His name and associations are a guarantee that we intend to serve God by serving Methodism.