

the evening of Monday, 15th, I had met a considerable number of the Korah people at a meeting of a committee formed by the Presbyterian settlers at the Sault. At this meeting the prospects of supply in connection with the Presbyterian Church were talked over, and the expediency of proceeding to erect a place of worship. Several sites are, I believe, offered, and I trust that, before long, steps may be taken to erect a church. At present a Wesleyan church is being erected, and also one in connection with the Episcopal Church.

On Thursday, 18th, I went down to the Bruce Mines. Before the Sabbath I had seen a number of the Presbyterians at present at the Mines. There are, so far as I could ascertain, about 20 or 24 families out of about 280, or about 100 persons out of a population of about 1,400. Two years ago the number of Presbyterians was considerably larger than it is now. The greater proportion of the Miners are from Cornwall, England, and belong either to the Wesleyan Church, or the Primitive Methodist Church. There is a Minister of each branch settled here. At the invitation of the Minister of the Primitive Methodist Church, I preached in his church on the morning of the 21st., and in the evening in the Union Church, where the Wesleyan services are held in the morning, and in which the Presbyterians and the Episcopalians have the right of holding services when they have Ministers. The congregations were good on both occasions. In the afternoon I held a short service in the house of one of the people, and baptised three children. As I was not sure that I should be still there on the Monday evening, I asked the Presbyterians to remain for a short time after service in the evening, for conference on their position and prospects. The Steamer did not call till Tuesday evening. After a voyage of varied incidents, we reached Collingwood in safety on the morning of Thursday, 25th.

I conclude with the following observations, embodying my impressions and views as to these places :—

1. I decidedly think that there is urgent need for a Presbyterian Minister or Missionary being stationed at the Sault Ste. Marie. It cannot indeed be said that the people are utterly destitute of the means of grace. There is a resident Wesleyan Minister; there is occasional service by the Church of England Missionary stationed at Garden River, about 12 miles below; and there is a Minister of the American Presbyterian Church on the American side. Still it is most desirable that there should be a Minister resident at the Sault. A very considerable proportion of the people are Presbyterians, many of them most anxious to have a supply of ordinances. I am satisfied that a devoted, judicious Minister or Missionary would soon exert a most salutary influence at this point, which is destined, I believe, to be a far more important place than it has yet been.

2. Were there a Minister here, he could give occasional visits in the meantime to the Bruce Mines, and look after the members of our Church there. This would be quite easy in summer, and I believe that an energetic, active labourer, (and no other should be sent to such a field,) would not find it impossible in winter. He could attend to the Township already referred to, and other townships now filling up, and even visit occasionally some of the settlements and posts on Lake Superior.

3. Although I cannot say precisely what amount would be raised in the places themselves for the support of ordinances, I feel assured that the people both at the Sault and at the Mines would act liberally, and do all that could be reasonably expected of them in the meantime. They have contributed liberally to the funds of the Students' Missionary Society,