

bath, and during the intervening week the people were informed of it as extensively as possible. On arriving at the school house at the time appointed for service, it was quite encouraging to see the place filled and numbers sitting at the doors and windows, and to learn afterwards that there were some there who had not attended service for seven years previously, and that they enjoyed the preaching of the Gospel very much. There were nearly one hundred persons present the second Sabbath that I preached in Amabel, and they all listened with marked attention to the preaching of the Gospel; and the same was the case the following Sabbath, the last time I was able to preach to them, as I had to remove to another station. Amabel is a new township in the north part of the county of Bruce, in which there is a considerable number of settlers, and into which new settlers are coming every year. The only services the people have the opportunity of attending are those of the Methodists, as they have three stations in that township, but there are only a few families belonging to them, as the great majority of the settlers are Presbyterians, and they are anxious that a station in connection with the C. P. Church should be opened amongst them. In fact they made arrangements with a minister at some distance to come and give them occasional supply, but he has been able to preach to them only a very few times as his work amongst his own people is as much as he can overtake. The exact number of families I could not obtain, but there cannot be less than 40 or 50 Presbyterian families in that settlement. The people could not do much in the way of support at the present time, but it seems that Amabel would be a good station in a few years if taken up and properly worked. But if the field is not occupied many of the people will join the Methodists as they would rather attend their services than none at all.

Leaving Amabel I went to Colpoys Bay about 15 or 20 miles north of Owen Sound, and there I found the people in the same circumstances as in Amabel. The settlers have been about Colpoys Bay for six years, and during that time a Presbyterian minister preached once to a few of the people, while the Methodists and Independents have regular service, and of the 70 or 80 families settled in that part there are only a very few belonging to these denominations. There are some Disciples and Thomists, and all the rest are Presbyterians, about 50 or 60 families. Some of the people expressed their gratitude at seeing a Presbyterian missionary sent amongst them as they had almost given up hope of seeing one, and they expressed their desire that at least occasional service should be granted to them. I preached in three places at Colpoys Bay. At two of the places there were about 30 people present, and at the third between 50 and 60. Doubtless the attendance would increase considerably if there was regular service, as I was only three Sabbaths in each of these places, and it takes all that time to circulate word amongst the scattered settlers of a pretty extensive district. Most of the settlers in the above mentioned places are from different parts of Canada, and formerly belonged either to the Free or U. P. Church, and they seem to think that they have been neglected by their Church to some extent. Some important truths of the Word of God were brought before the minds of the people of these settlements, and it is to be hoped that they will not be without results. These localities which I have mentioned, and others like them, for doubtless there are many such in this province, call loudly for immediate supply being sent to them. The Canada Presbyterian Church seems to be losing many people every year, by not sending supply to such places. Other denominations are making every exertion to be in the field first, which is a matter of no small importance. It is a matter to be rejoiced at that the Gospel is preached in such places no matter by whom, still there is a great work for the C. P. Church to do in the backwoods of the province. The state of such places seems to be unknown to many of the ministers and members of the Church. And our Church will not occupy such a position in the province with respect to influence and numbers, as she ought to do until this important work is fully attended to. That the time may soon come when not a Presbyterian in