

Corners, where the Hastings Road cuts the Peterson Road, the third Sabbath. He extends his labours during the week to the shanties scattered over the region between them, to save the young men of our Church from being lost, or becoming victims of vice. His work is very trying, and if a missionary deserves the sympathy of the Christian people, he does. All last summer, to the new year, he, his wife, and his two boys have been living in a low attic 13 feet by 10. By means mainly of kind friends in Belleville, I was enabled to obtain for him a horse, harness, cutter, &c. I was anxious also to get up a kind of manse for his use, and for this end wrote to a ministerial friend who was able to assist me; but my application was met with severe silence. In spite of this, when back, I put him in the way of having one, and I trust the summer will not pass over without this object being secured, however humble the residence be.

This mission field, to be efficiently worked, needs three labourers, instead of one. For this end I have written to the Students' Missionary Association to take Carlow into its own hands. There are about 35 families of young, sober, industrious married men in it. The country is magnificent. The distance between the extreme settlements is 11 miles. They could raise now \$150 a year, and in two or three years could support a minister themselves, if they could only get water privileges, which the lumberers monopolise. The people in this region live alone. I wish a second student to be stationed at Doyle's Corners. His field would extend 18 miles along the Peterson Road, would include 26 or 30 families, and though the land is not equal to that of the other, it is still very good in many places. All the people could raise for the year would not exceed \$100, but whatever it cost the Church, in importance it is fully equal to Carlow. Our missionary has work enough in the four townships of Faraday, Dungannon, Wollaston and Limerick. The length of the region is 25 miles, and width 7. The number of families is 50, but I fear they could not raise over \$150 a year.

Our Church is hampered for want of men, and the Central Fund for want of means. I may here suggest a very excellent plan for increasing the liberality of our people. A very particular friend of mine puts into my hands \$40 a year, to be disbursed in \$10 sums for the purpose of stimulating the stations to give. Those who have not been accustomed to regard giving as a grace, need to be educated into it, and I know of no more effective way than this. Could not many more be induced to follow such an example? It yields immediate fruit.

I am also resolved on securing glebes for church purposes, and have received from a generous ministerial friend \$120, to be spent in this way.

I cannot here refrain from adverting to an evil that is killing out our weak congregations. The poorest charges desire, like the wealthiest, to have the most popular preachers. They commit a gross mistake in ever setting their minds on first-class men. Ministers are human, and they will sacrifice them to their own interests. Did they look out for useful men, rather, they would be better served, would not be likely severed, and would certainly remain in a healthy state. But the evil I rather wish to refer to is this, that some preachers, who are carried away with the idea of their superior powers, preach in as many vacancies as they can, give the people the hope that if a call is got up for them they will accept, and then jilt all for the best. It is unmanly, not to say unchristian, thus to play the coquette. Though St. Columba has not been treated exactly after this fashion, three calls have been given, with some hope, and then refused. The cause has been nearly ruined by it. I have just been encouraging the people to