

brought up in Canada, will prove superior to all others for the work; but the Church will never enjoy the services of a sufficient number of these, till that delusion is dispelled, which I know, from personal recollection, prevails—that the great end of our studying is to be settled at some place as minister—and that we can be neither useful nor happy till that end be accomplished.

One other hopeful station was brought before our notice at the last meeting of Presbytery, by Mr. Duncan, viz., Richmond and South Gower.

I cannot give you any explicit information about pecuniary matters and other details. The statistical returns from our congregations will not be in my hands till next meeting of Presbytery. From a strong desire to meet and supply, as far as possible the spiritual destitution, missionaries have been sent to places which have failed to reimburse fully the expenditure of the Presbytery; consequently some debt has been incurred which cramps our energies somewhat. Last year, a more cautious plan was pursued, with good effect. And it will be the aim of the Presbytery henceforth to discountenance, by every means in their power, such conduct on the part of congregations and missionary stations of known abnegation, than which nothing almost can have a more disastrous effect on our Home Missionary operations.

"Trusting that the foregoing information will give you some faint idea of our great need, and that the request of the Presbytery for the three young men mentioned will meet your approval,—and praying that the Lord of the Harvest would send forth labourers of His own providing, and that He may bless your efforts and ours in what we believe to be his own cause."

I am, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

INVERNESS, LEEDS, ST. SYLVESTER, BROUGHTON, &c.

Just after the April number had gone to press, the letter from which the following extract is made came to hand. The writer will pardon us for making this use of it, without his license. We are anxious to record the facts concerning our Missionary field, which are most likely to awaken an interest in it; and we often find, in private unpretending notes, very affecting accounts of destitute localities, or pleasing narratives of successful effort.

LEEDS, MEGANTIC, March 18, 1851.

DEAR SIR,—

"Speaking of Inverness, I do think the people there have been overlooked by our Church. Last spring they sent a request for a catechist, but did not get one. They have had but little supply during the past year. I cannot do much for them, my own field of labour being so large. I am sorry that such a congregation as Inverness should be left to occasional supply. The people are very much attached to the distinctive principles of our Church. They have a staff of excellent elders, with between 60 and 70 members on the communion roll; but I think the attendance would be little short of 200, if there were anything like stated preaching. I see, by the Record, that they have petitioned for supply during the coming summer. I do hope their request will be granted. My own field of labour comprises the township of Leeds, the neighbouring parish of St. Sylvester, and, since last summer, I have also had to take in the township of Broughton. It was our excellent friend, Mr. McIntosh, who found out this last-mentioned place. I believe he was the first Presbyterian minister who had ever visited the township. Our people there were beginning to despair of ever seeing a minister of their own Church, when he visited them. When I went among them, I found that his visits had been very much prized. Many of the people spoke of

him in terms of the highest respect. I now visit them once in the six or seven weeks, and these visits, to myself, are generally very refreshing, the people seem to be so anxious to listen to the preaching of the Word. I think there is a shaking among the dry bones. My usual congregation is about eighty. I am sorry that I cannot visit them oftener. To do so, however, is out of my power, the distance from Leeds being about twenty miles, and the roads through the bush, far from good. I have also found out a few Presbyterians in a settlement adjoining Broughton, called St. Margarets. I visit them when at Broughton, and generally preach to a congregation of about forty persons. It is very refreshing to the missionary to meet here and there with those who love and serve the Lord.

"Our Leeds congregation numbers a little above 200, and that of the Sylvester about 60. Last Sabbath, the Sacrament of the Supper was dispensed to the Leeds congregation. Numbers from a distance attended with us. The church was crowded. Probably there were 350 persons present. 124 made a profession of their faith at the Communion table. All seemed deeply impressed with the services, and I think many could say from experience, 'It is good to be here.' Mr. Park, of Quebec, preached a most excellent and very suitable discourse, for the occasion, on the last day. All the other services devolved upon myself. Mr. Park was much interested with the appearance of the congregation, and would willingly have remained over during the Sabbath, but he could not leave the Quebec congregation vacant. I would speak with caution, but I think the Lord is carrying on his own work amongst us.

"It may perhaps interest you to know that we have established a Missionary Society among the young people connected with our congregation. We wish to interest our young people in missionary objects. Our Society is also a Tract Distributing Society. Our township has been divided into districts, and distributors have been appointed in each to give and exchange tracts at stated periods. In this way, nearly 150 tracts are in circulation among the different families. We have also monthly missionary prayer meetings in connection with the Society, at which missionary intelligence is given. At these meetings collections are taken up. During the present year the Society intends to keep the college principally in view; and whatever money is collected during the year, is to be devoted to that object. What with this, and our usual annual congregational collections, we hope to be able to do more for the college next year.

"I am glad to hear that so many are to be sent forth from our college next summer: and I pray that the Great Head of the Church may direct some of them to this distant corner of the vineyard. The fields are white already to the harvest.

"Yours truly,
"R. C. SWINTON."

PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

TYENDENAGA.

This township, with the wild Indian name, forms part and parcel of our dear Brother Hudson's charge. It is about twelve miles distant from Napanea. Having been aided by our friend at our Communion Season, in January, we were called upon now to reciprocate. The day selected for his was the 9th of February. The Fast Day fell upon Thursday. The interest attaching to it on any occasion was enhanced on this by the twofold consideration—that the New Church was formally opened—and the New Elders were ordained. The Church is a neat, plain building, and does credit to the taste and enterprise of the people. We had two

services continuously, and at their close—three, the pick of the congregation, were set apart according to our simple, though solemn form, to co-operate with their Pastor in the superintendence of its spiritual affairs. But the Sabbath was the great day. The Saturday was one of the most bitter we ever felt in Canada. With a thermometer more than 25° below Zero—our feet were well nigh frozen during the Preparation Season—with all the aid that a rousing stove could furnish. During the night it blew a hurricane, but when the day began to break, the angry elements were stilled, and from a sky calm and clear, our Father seemed to smile propitiously. The temperature was remarkably mild—the roads were in capital order, and neither the rain came down, nor the snow from Heaven.

It was our brother's first Communion Season. It was the first Communion celebrated by any Presbyterian Church within the limits of Tyendena. It was not to be wondered at, therefore, that by half-past ten—when the solemn services commenced, the Church should have been surrounded with about fifty vehicles, of all sizes and cuts, and crammed with at least 300 decent and devout worshippers.

It was a quarter past three ere the benediction was pronounced, but during these five hours the audience was riveted,—there was hardly the cry of a child, or the grating clatter of a single departing foot, to disturb the silence and serenity of the delightful scene. These honest country-folks may well put many amongst us towns-folks to the blush, in so far as the manner is concerned, with which they carry into practice the Apostolic precept, "Let all things be done decently and in order."

Mr. Hudson may well be encouraged by his present position and prospects. Indeed, his field of labour furnishes a very fair specimen of the progress of our Church. Four years ago, when Mr. Gregg, then sole Bishop of the District, paid his first visit—none of the people would even receive him into their houses, or bid him God speed. On Sabbath, the 9th, fifty-five communicants encircled the Table of the Lord—and a Church, built by themselves, was packed to the door with an intelligent and interested audience. Is it presumptuous to say, "This is the Lord's doing, and wonderful in our eyes!"

BELLEVILLE.

We surely require not to say a word as to the "what" or the "whereabouts" in introducing to your readers the brisk little capital of the County of Hastings. Nowhere throughout Canada do we find hearts and hands more ready to give a warm and willing welcome. The holy ordinance was dispensed here on the same day as Mr. Hudson's, so that with a little management, we had the satisfaction of apportioning a few crumbs of Zion's Provision to each.

The Belleville good people are determined to be up-sides with you in Toronto, and us in Kingston. They are getting up a spic-y little church. It is from one of Thomas' designs, and does credit to the talent and taste of that able and accomplished architect. It stands on an elevated site, and when the active and aspiring Ladies, with their industrious needles, sew on the Head Piece, (as they have resolved to do), it will really present a most imposing appearance.

By the way, in order to get this carried through, (it may not be out of place to mention,) they propose rivaling Toronto, and having a grand Bazaar somewhere about July. We are confident any contributions, whether in money or goods, will be most thankfully received by our excellent friend, Mr. Alexander Stewart.

KINGSTON. R. F. B.

If the harvest of a single year should fail, nearly the whole human race would perish.

God has the same knowledge inspection and care of every one, as if there was but one.