

tion of young people. My earnest prayer to God is, that the richer unction of the Holy Spirit may accompany the preaching of His Word, and bring them to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. We intend holding a protracted meeting here this fall, (D.V.) I hope it will do much good.

Our Quarterly Board met for the first time on the 16th of August—three leaders and two stewards,—very agreeable men. They agreed to try to raise \$200 towards my support, which is \$5 per member at an average. If they do this, it is far more than I have ever known done under similar circumstances. Our Sabbath meeting was pretty well attended—a good influence—about 20 partook of the Lord's Supper. I am thankful to say that the people treat me kindly, and as far as I can learn I am well received. At present we are living in a very small house, without a stable or well. Rent, \$3 per month. I am

getting another fitted up, (formerly a cabinet-maker's shop,) with stable and well. We hope to get into it in about two weeks. Rent, \$40 per annum.

At present we are somewhat circumscribed,—a good deal of land not settled and in our direction. Nearly all are Germans and French Catholics. It is thought that these will in process of time sell out, as many of them are only squatters and seem disposed to sell. I think the prospect is, with a few years faithful labour, it will become self-supporting.

I am trying to live, study, and preach as for eternity. Sometimes I have been greatly blessed while preaching, and a gracious influence has been felt by the congregation. May the Lord, in majesty and power, come down and save the people!

Pray for us, dear sir, that the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified. Thanks for the MISSIONARY NOTICES.

From the Rev Wm. Halstead, dated Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, Dec. 18, 1873.

I have been so very busy since I returned from the East that I have not had time, until now, to write you a few lines to inform you of how matters are with us, on the north shore of this great lake. The "last boat" left us more than a month ago, so that now we are thoroughly shut in for the winter, and we cannot expect the "first boat" until sometime in the early part of next May. Thunder Bay is yet nearly all open, and our weather, upon the whole, has been very fine since the "Manitoba" left our wharf. If it were not for the freezing of the small lakes in the river below Sault St. Marie, navigation could be carried on with this place until about Christmas almost every year.

I am pleased to inform you that we have the upper part of "Providence Church" quite comfortable for the winter, and our school room, below the church, is very commodious, dry, and comfortable for our Sabbath school and week evening meetings. Our school is doing well, we have over fifty scholars, which we think is quite a large number for so new a place as this. Our congregations also are quite as large as we could expect. We are to have our S. S. Anniversary on next Tuesday evening, and

are hoping to have a very interesting time.

While looking after the interests of our village and keeping up our regular services at home, I am doing what I can in visiting the new mines. To show you something of what I do in this way, I may mention that on last Tuesday morning I left home to visit the "Cornish Mine"—seventeen miles from here. I went down what is known as the New Black Bay road to the 3A mine, and then north-west through the woods three miles, and got to the end of my journey in the evening. I was kindly received by the captain of the mine. After the men had had supper, we held our meeting, the men sitting around the tables in the dining-room. I could not have desired better attention while I delivered my message of "good news" from our Father in heaven to His sinful, erring creatures of this world. The men who were on the "night shift" left work until after the meeting, that they might hear what the preacher had to say. In the evening of next day I arrived at home, feeling somewhat tired with my journey.

I have no horse; it would be impossible for me to keep one. Hay can