

tian Hierarchy. Our excellent friend feels this, and assuredly he and his people are richly entitled to all the co-operative assistance which the brethren can render them. God forbid that they should sink in despondence ! They grasp the standard of Zion, and they are honoured to display from the Diamond rock a banner, because of the Truth.

The mission fields in the neighbourhood of Quebec, are on a limited scale in regard to numbers of Scottish or Presbyterian settlers. The want of a French speaking Evangelical ministry is felt by all denominations, and the efforts of the Protestant Church are thus necessarily circumscribed almost within the narrow range of its own adherents. With regard to Presbyterian settlements, the following is a list of those I visited, lying at distances from the city varying from 9 to 30 miles :—Stoneham—a beautiful pastoral district or valley ; Beauport Lake—a favorite resort of the citizens for sport on the lake, or for a summer residence ; the village of Lorette, where there is a well-known Indian settlement ; and the seigniory of Port Neuf. From our countrymen in all the settlements I received a hearty welcome, and the attendance at the services was, perhaps, as good as from the limited and scattered population, might be expected. In two of these places small churches have lately been erected through the zealous efforts of a pious and single-hearted friend of religion, who, as agent of the Bible Society, has much in his power in the way of facilitating intercourse with these out-posts. At Port Neuf there had been for years a Scottish congregation under a regular pastorship, but circumstances of an adverse nature, in regard to the staple trade of the place, have greatly diminished the resident population.

On the different occasions of our holding meetings in these places, the audiences respectively numbered from twenty to above a hundred. Small and limited as these localities are, they are important points in the map of Protestantism. There are difficulties in getting them suitably superintended and visited with sufficient frequency ; but they offer ample encouragement to Christian ministers and friends, who kindly take an interest in them. With "the Mother Church," at Quebec, as the Church there may be called, there are connected a goodly number of pious men, office-bearers and others, who are indefatigable in their evangelistic efforts ; and while they are led on by the Pastor of Chalmers' Church, their labours are countenanced by the occasional visits of Christians of other denominations. A zealous missionary, resident in Quebec, might be the "Episcopal" visitor of each alternately. In winter, no doubt, the state of the roads and the intense cold, may interpose serious obstacles, but zeal and a robust constitution, with the blessing of God, will overcome them all. The missionary experience of two years in such a field as this would be a noble preparation for a permanent pastoral charge. Its labours would break a man into all the habits of easy and judicious spiritual toil ; and the presence of the Spirit of God would assuredly not be wanting either to him, or to the subjects of his anxious and loving care. This plan has been adopted in years past, and, in all the settlements, there have been found and will be found persons in full communion with our Church who may be expected from time to time to embrace the opportunity of joining in fellowship with the Church in the city on communion seasons. A spiritual visit paid to one of the settlements by the Pastor, during my residence in the city, led to some promising additions to the roll of membership, and was felt in other respects to be a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

In the programme of arrangements, drawn up for my guidance, two important stations of an outlying description were allotted to me ; but the distance and the heat of the weather rendered a plan of interchange absolutely necessary. Application was made to Mr. Crombie, the excellent minister of Inverness, fifty miles distant, to share with me in the duties of the Mission ; and, he having readily complied, Mr. Clark cheerfully devoted two Sabbaths and the intervening week to supply for Mr. Crombie at Inverness : devolving on me the charge