

Shortly after that visit the practicability of employing a German Missionary was suggested, on the Ottawa, but the funds were too low. The Chairman of the Montreal District, the Rev. I. B. Howard, afterward thinks he has found a suitable man to do the German work, if means are obtainable, and writes to the Chairman of the Ottawa District, the Rev. John Carroll. He promptly lays the letter before his officials in the city of Ottawa, and they were very friendly to the project, and devised useful things. To be still more fortified with the good opinion and help of others, he made the matter a pleasant Missionary episode even in the College Convention, and there obtained hearty pledges in behalf of the Circuits for the sustenance of a German labourer on the Ottawa. These zealous and voluntary preliminary doings were then laid before the General Superintendent of Missions, and he, much gratified, could not withhold his consent to the needed labourer, when, in addition to the pledges given, Mr. Carroll said, "We soon had, from a part of the Circuits, more than a hundred dollars promised, which, with what we expect besides, will abundantly pay his half-year's salary." The Rev. William Morton, Chairman of the adjoining Pontiac District, cordially concurred and aided in these preliminaries; indeed, this new Mission has much to do in its origin with his statements and suggestions on the subject, the necessitous Germans being chiefly on his District; and to the energetic, simultaneous co-operation of the three respected Chairmen, and numerous well-wishers, this Mission owes its existence; and continued local liberality for it will make it a great blessing.

Mr. Karl Schmidt is the new Missionary, a young man, of good health, pious spirit, studious habits, having a practical acquaintance with the English, German, and French languages. Mr. Carroll says his field of labour is, "Portage-Du-Fort, Pembroke, Alice, Renfrew, Eganville, and, it may be, Tudor, on the Hastings Road." Mr. Morton thus writes of his new helper and his people: "Of course there is a great variety of character among the Germans; but generally there is a great anxiety in hearing the Word of Life. He visited a settlement a few days ago, where the people had been praying to God to send some one to preach the words of life to them, and they received him as sent in answer to prayer. They were pious, and when he explained to them Methodism, they said it suited their views, and they would become members, and proposed setting apart land for church and burial ground. We are calling for volunteers to support this Mission—a good deal of heartiness is manifest."