

to the building operations. A sermon was preached—a meeting held after it, and a new Committee elected, who went right to work and let out the finishing of the church edifice. At same time a few Ladies commenced sewing and otherwise preparing for a Bazaar and Tea meeting, which came off most encouragingly, in July last, and realized \$160. Though the house is not yet quite finished, we now worship in it, and the audiences are increasing. The attendance here, indeed, I consider, better than at any of my other stations, more regular and uniform. Some persons here have talked of joining the church at Cowansville, and several have intimated to me that they have received much spiritual profit since our meetings began there. I have no doubt but souls have been born again, and believe we shall yet see cause to rejoice that God in his providence—and it was purely the Lord's doing—sent us here to hold forth the word of life. The people here would very much like to have preaching every Sabbath in the church edifice, and, could the funds be raised, to have a minister between here and Cowansville. At present they are very desirous of having the existing arrangements, at least, maintained. A meeting in connexion with the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society was held in March, at which a collection was taken up, amounting to £1 8s. 6d."

After mentioning certain severe trials through which he and the church have passed, from two or three disaffected brethren, Mr. Duff writes concerning COWANSVILLE:—

"A church meeting was called, when three new members were proposed—persons, however, who had had church privileges before my coming here. After this we received two by letter, and five on profession, while some are applying, and others likely to do so.

About this time, as you are aware, we met with the severe stroke at the removal from the midst of us of Mr. A. Cowan—a greater loss to us as a community, and, as a church, than perhaps we are aware of. "Yet the Lord liveth and blessed be our rock."

We have re-established the Sabbath school, which is likely to progress. The Wesleyans have begun one which they call a Union school—not at the same hour, however. Last week, one of those lately received into fellowship, took sick and died. She fell asleep, and went to be with Jesus. Her death-bed was not only a peaceful and happy one, but she died *rejoicing* in Christ Jesus. The loss is great to us, not only as a church, but to us as a family. She was a helper of many, and of me also. In all our struggles she was a friend, a poor one in this world's goods, yet a true friend."

DANVILLE, SHIPTON.—Rev. A. J. Parker continues his ministry to this church. His report also concludes the "Little Warwick" Church, an account of the formation of which was printed in our last year's report. In December, 1857, he writes:—

"It is both my duty and privilege to report as a Home Missionary for the last eight months.

During this period our senior deacon has been called to his rest.

In that death, though we sustained a loss, yet we had blessed proof of the power and preciousness of the gospel of Christ.

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