

part in school houses and in private dwellings, has been held in all at about twelve places. At Minden a church will soon be erected. The people there have secured a village lot, got out the square timber, provided the shingles, and expect to put up the frame without assistance. Contributions from several Sabbath Schools, though not large in amount, have enabled them also to procure the necessary lumber, and it is hoped will suffice to pay the skilled labour and provide the things necessary for its completion, so as to have the congregation free of debt. About six miles from Minden also, near Lake Cushog, some twenty Presbyterian families are thinking of erecting a log church, and the liberality of a Christian gentleman has enabled them to make a fair beginning.

The great drawback to the successful working of this field is the want of a suitable missionary. Probationers, who are looking for settlement, are naturally unwilling to go back where there is no vacancy. Students do well, but they remain too short a time, and cannot exert the moulding influence which is so much needed at the foundation of a new community. Many things call for the presence of an earnest and wise minister, and labour expended now would, in a few years, be amply repaid. But there is no one to send. According to the system at present in operation, our friends in these new townships must wait and work away. Favoured with an occasional flying visit from a minister, they must be satisfied without the fostering care of a shepherd to gather the flock and tend the lambs, until such time as the sheep, by some accident, do get together and are able to call one to take the spiritual charge of them. Is it not evident that the present system is defective—ruinously defective? If we show neglect, others will gather in, (and we bid them God Speed); but our Church has failed in her duty, by not adapting her agencies to the wants of this new country. We need missionaries who are not to be pastors, but for the time missionaries or evangelists; whose work shall be to form Churches, organise and build them up, until they become self-sustaining, and are ready to call a Probationer to become their fixed pastor.

A WORD TO A PREACHER.

The following is the substance of an address by the Moderator of the Huron Presbytery, the Rev. William Graham, on the occasion of licensing Mr. J. Morrison to preach the Gospel:—

"In preaching the Gospel we should consider the Great Author of it. It is God himself; and the communication must be of corresponding importance. The subject matter is divine, though the manner of handling it be human. "Go and preach the preaching that I bid thee," God said to one of the Prophets. What the God of Israel said to him, as also to the Prophet Isaiah, is in effect addressed to every Gospel minister. Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe to the wicked, it shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given him. Oh, we all have need of increasing earnestness with reference to such a ministry!

Reflect on it; God the Father was in earnest when he sent the Son of His love to save us. Christ was in earnest when he shed His blood for us. The Holy Spirit is in earnest in applying redemption. Dr. Mason, of New York,