

enjoyed, and a gracious sense of the Divine presence has sustained me. Of course I have learned some things in connection with our work here which I did not know before, and some of these matters I will try and place before you in order.

EXTENT OF THE FIELD.

The territory occupied at present is very extensive, embracing part of the counties of Renfrew, Hastings, and Addington, in Ontario; and part of Pontiac in Quebec. The whole of this field recently formed the Rankin German Mission. This has been divided into three separate Missions, of which the Raglan Mission has been allotted to me. My own field comprises the townships of Brudenell and Raglan in Renfrew, Mont Eagle in Hastings, and Denbigh in Addington. Although connected with the Pembroke, my Mission is really within the present bounds of the Belleville District. To reach some of my appointments, Denbigh and Mont Eagle, long and rough roads have to be travelled. In going to Denbigh I am obliged usually to take a roundabout way over a rough, mountainous, and scarcely ever travelled road of some fifty miles. Probably I may be able to shorten this distance somewhat in the winter, by taking timber roads through the bush, over frozen swamps, creeks and lakes.

GERMAN POPULATION OF THE FIELD.

By far the largest number are in the county of Renfrew. The townships of Wilberforce, Alice, South and North Algoma, and Raglan are, I believe, chiefly settled by Germans. On my own mission the German families (to all of whom we have more or less access), number about thirteen in Raglan, ten in Brudenell, fourteen in Denbigh, and ten in Mont Eagle. Other German settlers will probably come in to these parts, but I do not think there is any likelihood of a large increase. Indeed, it is probable that these numbers will even become less before very long by emigration to other parts. One man in Denbigh

made a trip during the past summer to Manitoba, to spy out the land, and he has, I understand, come to the conclusion to emigrate. It is most likely too that this man will be accompanied and followed by others. It will be seen that while a large tract of country is comprised in our mission, we have but comparatively few people to work upon.

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

Even on the entire Upper Ottawa field, this is small when the facts are taken into consideration of a very large territory occupied, and three Missionaries employed. On my own mission we have twenty-four members. Yet how much self-denying, arduous toil, self-sacrificing devotion, earnest wrestling at the throne of grace, patient, and at times almost hopeless, waiting for fruit, on the part of the noble missionaries who have labored here in the past, even this number of souls represent, eternity alone will reveal!

PREJUDICES OF THE GERMANS.

Let it be borne in mind that very strong and deeply rooted prejudices have had to be uprooted in order to secure the membership referred to, during the eleven or twelve years in which our Church has occupied this field. While visiting in one house at one of my distant appointments, a woman lamented not having had an opportunity to take the Lord's Supper since she had been in this country, which, if I remember, was a period of fourteen years. Now I know that she had an opportunity to take the Lord's Supper not many months previously, from Bro. Allum, and yet, because he was a Methodist, as she told me, she would not take that sacrament from him. And I regret, from too reliable information, to be able to say, that this spirit of opposition and bitter prejudice against the Methodists has been approved and encouraged by some of the Lutheran Ministers. Our Church and its doctrines are known to them, and so Methodist missionaries are regarded