

Missionary Intelligence.

NOTES OF A MISSIONARY VISIT TO SAULT STE. MARIE, AND BRUCE MINES.

For some years past, the Students' Missionary Society, of Knox College, have, with praiseworthy liberality, supplied with missionary services, several remote and destitute places otherwise unsupplied with the means of grace. Among the places thus supplied during the present summer, we may mention Sault Ste. Marie, Bruce Mines, and Fort William. The two first mentioned places were supplied by Mr. D. McKerracher, who divided his time between the two, so as to give to each station a good many weeks' service. Partly in fulfilment of a promise given to Mr. McKerracher, when he set out on his distant mission, and partly at the urgent request of the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, the writer, after getting out of hand the large amount of office work arising out of the meeting of the General Assembly, made arrangements to pay a visit to Sault Ste Marie and Bruce Mines, with the view of spending at least one Sabbath at each place, and doing something to encourage and second the work of the Missionary. I left Toronto on the morning of the 10th August, and sailed from Collingwood the same afternoon, on board the fine Steamer *Chicora*. After calling at Owen Sound, we had a most delightful sail up the Georgian Bay, arriving at Bruce Mines about noon the next day, and at Sault Ste Marie about 6 o'clock p. m. The scenery from Killarney, and especially from the Bruce Mines to the Sault, is most delightful, presenting all the variety of the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence, but on a larger scale and with more grandeur. It so happened that, in this trip, the Steamer carried no less than three governors,—the Governor General of the Dominion with Lady Young, Lieutenant Governor Howland and Mrs. Howland, and Lieutenant Governor Archibald of Manitoba, who was on his way to his new Province. At most of the stopping places demonstrations of loyalty, on a greater or less scale, were made, and I believe all must have been impressed not only with the loyalty of the people, but also with the extent and varied resources of this important portion of British North America.

Mr. McKerracher came on board the steamer at the Bruce Mines, and accompanied us to the Sault. On the Friday and Saturday I saw a good many of the people and found them all most grateful for the services which they had enjoyed, and most hearty and united in their high appreciation of the Missionary. On Sabbath 14th I preached in the morning and afternoon, in the school house, in which, at present, all the Protestant services are held. Large congregations were present on both occasions. In the evening, in accordance with a request made, I crossed the Ste. Marie River, and preached in the Presbyterian Church on the American side,—the only Protestant place of worship, the Rev. Mr. Easterdy, the Missionary, being absent. On Tuesday, 16th, I went, accompanied by Mr. McKerracher and another friend, to a settlement in the Township of Korah, about seven miles from the Sault, where, in the house of a settler, we had a short service in connection with the ordinance of Baptism. In this Township there are a considerable number of settlers, most of them doing well on their farms. The greater part of them are warmly interested in the maintenance of ordinances in connection with the Presbyterian Church. On