

and comfort, temporal and spiritual well-being of soul and body, for my help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth.

Yours in the bonds of the Gosnel,

D. DUFF.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

This extensive section of Canada forms a district of country nearly 200 miles long by 100 in breadth, and contains about a dozen counties. The boundaries are the river Chaudiere on the east, the Richelieu on the west, the U.S. on the south, and the course of the G.T.R. generally on the north. It is a portion of country that deserves far more attention from our Church than it has hitherto received, though the neglect was perhaps unavoidable. The scenery is almost everywhere of the grandest description. The population in general is English-speaking, though in some localities the French predominate; and no part of Canada presents to our Church finer openings or fairer inducements as a field of missionary operations. Millerism, Universalism, and other vicious systems have hitherto exerted a bad influence here. The Episcopalians, Congregationalists, and Methodists have a considerable hold in the country, the former having a Theological College in Lennoxville.

Our own strength consists of seven congregations. The Church of Scotland has but one solitary congregation, a second one having lately died out. The Presbytery of Montreal is beginning to take a more lively interest than heretofore in these townships, and I hope that but few years will pass over till our strength as a Church shall have at least been doubled. This spring is memorable in connexion with our operations for the opening of six or seven new preaching stations, the first that have been opened since the time of the Disruption.

At Sherbrooke and vicinity, the Rev. Mr. Jones, from Princeton, labours with greatly encouraging prospects, and considering that this town forms as it were, the capital of the township, and is the centre of the finest portions of the country, the importance of our hold there cannot be overestimated. The services of a student, Mr. W. Hutchison, meet with great acceptance in connexion with several stations lately opened in the neighbourhood of Richmond.

In this latter village is a Protestant College, affiliated with the McGill University, and which is likely to prove a fine nursery for our Theological seminary in Montreal. Even at present there are in attendance there eight or nine promising young men who are studying with a view to the ministry of our Church, and this number is likely to be doubled in the course of the winter. Let us pray that they may help to leaven these townships with the principles we so much love, and which are worthy of the widest propagation. J. McK.

NOTES OF MISSIONARY WORK IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Being appointed by the Presbytery of Grey to preach for a few Sabbaths at Tara and Derby, and finding that the people of Derby did not require supply, on making enquiry I found that a considerable congregation could be assembled in Amabel, an adjacent township in which there are a good many Presbyterians, who had not had an opportunity of enjoying Presbyterian service. Consequently I resolved to go and preach to these people. The first Sabbath on which there was preaching in Amabel, there were not very many people present, about 30 or 40, as it was not very generally known that there was to be service, and as some of the people left before the service began, because I did not get forward at the appointed time, the distance to travel being considerable, and the roads being rough and swampy. On making enquiry it was ascertained that a school house more convenient both for the people and the missionary could be obtained, and accordingly service was announced in it for the following Sab-