

hands, and are consequently greatly encouraged, to devote themselves afresh, and with redoubled energy, to the work of the Ministry.

In the Cobourg District we are happy to notice that the downward tendency which has been evinced for some years, in a decrease of members, is arrested; and that after making up for a number of removals, several deaths, and backslidings, there is a small increase, and in the Quarterly and Missionary receipts a large advance on the past year. From the reports of some of the pastors we discover an increasing desire to concentrate labor in the centres of population; in our towns and villages. This we consider a step in the right direction. Peterboro report says: "The town requires regular Ministerial labor, both in the pulpit and also in pastoral visitation, in order to secure and maintain the position we desire in this growing and prosperous commercial centre. The report from Dummer says:

"The usual attendants of home mission toil have been experienced. Clouds and sunshine; bitters and sweets; the cries of penitents, and the scoffs of mockers; the songs of new born souls, and the sad notes of backsliders, have mingled during the year.

Seymour seems to present a brighter aspect than for several past years. The pastor says: "This year we have aimed more at consolidation, than extension. We have made some little progress. Sinners have been converted to God; the congregations in most places have increased; about seventy have signed the temperance pledge. We have a small increase in our membership.

In Huntingdon the societies are reported as living in peace; congregations good, and the week night services, with few exceptions, well attended. A Sabbath School was opened last year and another this, with the most cheering prospects. The Quarterly and Missionary receipts are far in advance of last year. At Zion a new shed, stable, and carriage house have been built and paid for.

The Hungerford pastor says: "This mission has suffered much, through the heavy affliction of its minister. Nevertheless our prospects are brightening. Thirty have united with the Church during the year; and our receipts are considerably in advance of last year, enabling us to meet all expenses.

From Perrytown we hear earnest breathing for a deepening of the work of grace in the hearts of professors, and an awakening from that state denounced in God's Word—"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." The members are nineteen more than last year. Financially we have exceeded our most sanguine expectations; our missionary receipts alone being over \$70 in advance of those of last year."

From Oshawa, Bro. Ebbott, who during the greater part of the year has been seriously ill, and for some time thought to be on the brink of the grave, reports: "This station has passed through a severe crisis in the affliction of its pastor and members. Yet, amidst our discouragements, we are progressing, our congregations are good, and with care and the Divine blessing we hope soon to become a self-supporting circuit."

The Prince Albert report says: "Our prospects are encouraging; one new place has been opened for preaching, and two new Sabbath Schools organized, which are likely to prove very successful. The Mission is too large for one preacher; here is plenty of ground and work for two, if they could be sustained. Our missionary receipts are in advance of last year.

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