

vehicle to convey me to my various appointments—my muscles were somewhat relaxed, which quite unfitted me for the long journeys on foot, which were necessary in order to reach my appointments, and to visit the people at their homes. But having a strong constitution, I became accustomed to this mode of travelling; and in about a year from the time of my coming to this mission, I could, with comparatively little weariness to the body, walk fourteen miles, boat five, and preach three sermons in the day. This was hard work, but I was not obliged to do it every Sabbath, only occasionally, when I could not secure a horse to convey me to my appointments.

During the period we have been stationed here, the presence of the Lord has been with us, and the God of Jacob has been our help in times of need. No other refuge have we sought, or other counsel have we known; and if at times we were discouraged, and our hearts sorely depressed by the prevalence of sin, we immediately resorted to Him who "giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." We need not here recount, in detail, the various transactions which have occurred in connection with our ministry on this mission; nor need we give you the many events which took place, having a tendency to dishearten and discourage us, or those which have acted as a stimulus, prompting us to duty; but let it suffice to state, that amid "all these things we were more than conquerors through Him that loved us." On our arrival here, we found fifteen persons in connection with the Church. During the first three quarters this number was reduced to eight, principally by the enforcement of the discipline. Since that time we have received thirteen on trial, some of whom have been received into full membership, and a few of them remain yet on trial.

Perhaps the reason why the membership of the Church is not larger, is in consequence of the unsettled character of a large portion of the residents. Many of the settlers have

been, in early life, miners, who have failed in securing a fortune in the mountains of this country, and becoming dissatisfied with the mining business, have settled upon farms as the only mode left them of making a living; and in consequence of their inexperience in farming operations, have also failed in this occupation; and the result is, that they leave the settlement and seek some other employment. This vacillating character of the people has acted as a constant drain on our Church membership. However, things have greatly changed, and nearly all of the dissatisfied ones, have become either contented with their present position, or have moved from the district. The people are now, I think, more contented, and, on the whole, the settlement more prosperous than ever it was in the past. And your missionary feels that now he has something more permanent to work upon.

We are in great need of a spiritual awakening, and a turning to Christ. This has, for months past, been the speciality of our prayers, and the burden of our preaching; and when we think that we have sufficient indications upon which to rest our faith, that God will speedily arise and get to Himself a great name in the conversion of souls on this mission, an unexpected event occurs and apparently sweeps away, for the time being, every vestige of a serious impression which has been made upon the sinner's heart. But still the Spirit is at work, and sinners are becoming uneasy, and dissatisfied with their present state, and occasionally we hear some of them inquiring the way to Christ. We trust ere long to be able to hold a camp-meeting on this mission, from which we hope for good results. And, in the meantime, we will neither relax our efforts, or cease to exercise a firm trust in the promises of our God.

We have expended about \$150 in repairing and fencing the Maple Bay Church; and also, about \$300 in building a small parsonage. At Somenos we have built a small church at a cost of about \$700.