

number of sound-hearted Presbyterians would be found to be very large. They are at present scattered as sheep without a shepherd. Toronto is a city of 20,000 inhabitants, and from their comparative position, in point of wealth and numbers, the Presbyterians ought to be at the head of the religious community. This remark, indeed, will apply to most of the provinces of British North America. How striking the contrast between what *is* and what *ought to be*! I have no fears regarding the establishment of a flourishing branch of the Church in this central place, provided a suitable pastor is immediately sent out.

From the flourishing town of *Whitby*, a pressing invitation was sent by the minister in name of the congregation; and it was matter of regret that want of time and previous arrangements put it out of my power to listen to overtures from that place, for a visit. I would strongly recommend this town of *Whitby* to the notice of any of the deputies of the Free Church, who may be commissioned this season or the next, to occupy the ground which has not yet been visited.

*Cobourg*, half-way to Kingston on the Lake Ontario, may be considered the head quarters of Free Church principles in Canada West. It is a stirring little town, the capital of the district, and the seat of the Courts. The land adjoining, and for a long way west, is exceedingly favourable to the growth of wheat; and the port of Cobourg is the chief emporium for the export of flour to this country. The Rev. Thomas Alexander of Cobourg is one of our warmest adherents, and in all the district of Cobourg, I do not think we have a single opponent. We had four meetings in this place during the three days of my stay amongst these most interesting friends; and the contributions of Cobourg and its vicinity are large, while they were bestowed with the most hearty good-will to the great cause in which the Free Church is embarked. Here the Rev. Mr. Rogers of Peterborough came to meet me a distance of thirty miles, bringing a handsome contribution from his people to the Building Fund, and to