

Station. During the time, however, that he was actually resident upon the Island, 3,365 emigrants arrived; and to most of them in some way or other he was enabled to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation through a once crucified but now ascended Saviour. And some interesting notices may be gathered from his Journal of persons visited in the Hospital, which show that the Lord did not permit his servant to labour in vain even in that unpromising soil.

Mr. Robinson had made arrangements for a Missionary tour to Métis, Matane, R. du Loup, Murray Bay, (as directed in his instructions) but in the first instance the great number of Emigrants arriving caused an unexpected delay; and afterwards, the alarming illness with which it pleased God to visit him, entirely prevented its accomplishment.

On the 23rd October, after a necessary interval of repose, Mr. Robinson, somewhat reinstated in health, again resumed his Missionary duties, and proceeded across the St. Lawrence to St. Mary's. He visited in succession the settlements of St. Mary, Harbottle, Pozer, and Hanna. The travelling, always bad at this season of the year, was rendered doubly so by a succession of heavy rains, and after a very fatiguing journey of at least 160 miles, and finding very little work could be done until the Winter had set in, the Missionary, suffering under a rheumatic attack, reluctantly returned to Quebec on the 3rd November.

His journal for this brief period contains matter for encouragement mixed with much that is painful and distressing; mainly owing to the state of spiritual destitution in which the settlers had been left for so many months. In one place, many had become attendants upon the Roman Catholic place of Worship, and one had even had his child baptized by a Priest. At another he was assured that in eight years they had had only three visits from Clergymen, and generally there was a lamentable ignorance of any thing like Gospel truth. Your Missionary, however, invariably found them desirous of instruction, he was always welcomed with hearty kindness and respect, and frequently found a hungry and thirsting after spiritual things, that fully repaid him for his labours and difficulties.

The acquaintance with the ground of his labours which this journey afforded to him, made Mr. Robinson exceedingly desirous of complying with the wishes of the settlers by holding divine service at stated places and periods; thus giving in succession the advantage of the Lord's appointed sabbath ordinances to each settlement in the District.

As an evidence of the value set upon his services, your Committee extract the following from his journal. "Rode to a settlement

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