

our great work in life is the glory of God, and the salvation of precious souls. This has ever been our object and aim; and for this we live and labor. And while we are using every means to secure this end, we are also endeavoring to place this mission in a state of external prosperity. Our church at Maple Bay has never been fully completed. When we came at first to this mission there was, however, a small amount of money lying in the hands of the Treasurer of the building committee, which the people intended to use in finishing the church. This sum has been handsomely supplemented by the proceeds of a lecture delivered in the church by the Rev. T. Derrick. Immediately after the organization of our Quarterly Board, the stewards and the other members of the Board decided to complete the church as soon as possible. A subscription list was put in circulation; and the materials necessary immediately procured. We have also erected during the past year a small parsonage, at a cost of \$300.

At the Somenos appointment the people have long felt the need of a suitable place in which to hold divine service. The only practicable mode of remedying this much-felt need, was

by building a church, as there is neither hall or school-house in the settlement. When the matter was brought before the people they at once decided to build. The people are poor; yet they have liberally subscribed of their means towards this noble object; and now all the materials have been purchased and delivered on the building site—the contract let—and the work commenced. In a few months we hope to have the church fully completed, and dedicated to the worship of the living God.

Our work on Salt Spring Island is still prospering under the blessing of heaven. Considering the population of the island, and the distances which some live from the place of holding service, our congregations are large and interesting. In a few weeks we expect to hold special services on the island, at which we trust God's work will be revived, and sinners saved. May God aid and bless the agents which he has employed in the mission field; and may the agents labor with singleness of eye, and steadfastness of purpose, having but one object in view,—the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

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From the Rev. M. FAWCETT, dated January 7th, 1875.

I have not written you for several months, and will now improve a few moments in that line. I am reminded that this is the third year I have entered upon since I left my much loved Ontario and all my brethren. Your readers of the GUARDIAN and NOTICES may wish to know what has been done on this mission during the more than two years I have spent upon it. Four places of worship have been erected and dedicated to the worship of God. The first was the meeting-room in connection with the Parsonage at Portage-la-prairie; the second was the little church at

Palestine, or the third crossing of the white mud river. The third is the nice comfortable church at the Portage, on *Wood's Acre*, above the door of which, on the end next the road, if you come this way, you will see on a nice square board, well painted, this inscription, "*Wood's Church, A.D. 1874.*" The fourth church, in Gowler's settlement, which is a little larger than the Bluff or Wood's church, and is a credit to the neighborhood, and for its completion we all feel greatly indebted to the Rev. J. M. Harrison, for his untiring handiwork upon it, and also his liberality, was dedicated