

A great deal more of it might be done than is attempted. There are many of our Elders and Members who have abundance of time at their disposal, and who might profitably employ that time in filling up the vacant places in the house of God. They might thus in a quiet way be working for Christ, and "coming to the help of the Lord" in building up the waste places of Zion. This kind of mission work is never reported. The Church at large knows nothing about it, and yet it is as truly missionary work as that which appears in our monthly or annual reports. Could it not be carried on still more extensively, though just as quietly, than it has been? Let every member of our Church ask, if there be not some one or more families well known to forsake the assembling of themselves together, and let these be made the objects of personal care and attention till they are brought to the house of God.

At the time of the Union many of the Presbyteries were entrusted with a large mission field, and with very few really strong congregations to contribute for the support of the Missionaries employed in these fields. The Presbytery of Huron for example, when first formed, contained a very large field to cultivate, and without one congregation really able to contribute much for the field. The settlements were new and the people poor. At that time there were eleven settled ministers, and one vacant charge. The rest of the field is now divided into nineteen congregations and stations. In these six ministers have been settled, and there are still two vacant congregations, and three groups of mission stations. Thirty-one ministers, probationers and students, have been employed in the field—and the Presbytery has expended not less than \$1,000 a year in support of them. The field has been cultivated with greater vigour and success during the past year than ever before. Fifteen labourers have been employed—namely, four ordained Ministers without charges, five Probationers, and six Students. Over two hundred meetings have been held in Sabbath Services, Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes, Prayer Meetings, and visitations. In carrying out this work over \$800 have been expended, or rather is required to pay those employed in full. Three Ministers have been settled during the past year. This reduces the mission field to two vacancies and three groups of Mission Stations. One of these congregations calls for the sympathies of the Church. It is reported that 300 families belong to Knox Church, Kincardine, and that with few exceptions a Gaelic Minister is absolutely necessary, and though an appeal was made during the last winter to Ministers who could preach the Gaelic to come and give a few days preaching to them, not one responded, though supply could be found for a few Gaelic families away in the States. One of the groups of stations above referred to, presents a most interesting field if there were means to work it, viz., Stephen and Hay. There are about twenty families in these townships adhering to our Church. There are hundreds of French Canadian families who have left the Roman Catholic Church in Lower Canada and moved to the west. There are many German families without regular supply of any kind, and many of these adhering to no Church. If the Presbytery of Huron could station a Minister there and support him, no more promising field of labour could be occupied. But the Presbytery has not the funds necessary. There is another field of labour almost as interesting. There are about 75 families say some, others forty, living at the Goderich harbour who follow the fishing in summer, but who do very little in the winter. This year the children present the most pitiable appearance. They are literally clothed in rags and these not sufficient to cover them. As many families could scarcely be found in any one part of Canada calling out more loudly for Christian sympathy. The friends in Goderich try to clothe them. Some of our people there keep up what may justly be called a ragged Sabbath School, and during this winter the Presbytery of Huron supports a Missionary there. It is hoped that these brief statements respecting these two very destitute fields may awaken some interest for them abroad, and that we may see the banner of truth held up successfully among them.