

When we got ashore at Prince Arthur's Landing, we found that a young man—a student in connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Church had, during the winter months, been preaching in the village, and occasionally at Silver Islet, about twenty-five miles distant across the bay. I found him preparing to return home with the design of reporting to the Conference. I gathered some useful information from him concerning the district. For eight weeks there was no other minister preaching the Gospel in that extensive district but myself, so that I arrived at an opportune season.

Because of the recent increase of the population, it was difficult to obtain a boarding place, but after some discouragements, two families kindly took me in. I hope, after this, no one sent to preach there will be under the necessity of begging a place to lay his head, but shall find one waiting for him. The public services had been held in the court-room during the winter months, but doubt was expressed whether it could be obtained any longer. I made application to the Judge, and, after stating some objections, he granted the use of the room until contrary notice be given.

No notice to the contrary was given so long as I remained.

The meetings were held there in the evenings at seven. The room was always well filled, and for the most part so much over-crowded, that numbers required to turn away. The numbers present varied from 60 to 80 persons. The meetings would have been much larger had the accommodation been more ample. The audiences were composed chiefly of males, this arose from the recent influx of young men in pursuit of silver, supposed to be abundant in these parts.

Nowhere have we addressed more attentive audiences than we found in that room. The necessity for a larger place of worship was deeply felt, and some effort was made to obtain one. Previous to the sale of town-lots on the 13th of June, a petition, largely signed by the people was presented to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, begging that a lot be reserved on which to build a Presbyterian church. The petition has been granted; but the lot selected being at the outskirts of the present village, we thought it would be more favourable to the success of a new congregation, to have the place of worship as near the centre of the village as possible; with this view, Miss Cameron kindly offered a lot free of expense, and conveniently situated for building. In the name of our church, I accepted the gift so kindly bestowed. Another lady, Mrs. Blackwood, Jr., collected among friends about \$250 for building. Her efforts were interrupted by ill-health. We hope that, with health now restored, she will resume her efforts, so that a comfortable place of worship may soon be erected there in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church.

In this matter, the W. Methodists show their usual enterprize. The week previous to that on which I left, one of their ministers arrived, who is located there by the Conference for the usual term. Immediately, efforts were made to have a place of worship erected. A few days after, Rev. Mr. Punshon, with some companions in travel, called on their way to Red River, and subscribed \$500 for building a Church in their connection; books were also presented to the people in the village, soliciting subscriptions for the same object, so that I have no doubt they shall have a place of worship erected this season.

In this we ought not to be behind any, for we have been the first