

thirty persons were assembled. The place was also visited occasionally by the late Reverend Joseph Thompson, of Cavan, who searched out with a good deal of diligence the Church families of the village and neighborhood, and baptized a large number of adults as well as children. Amongst the number were several along the lake-shore to the west of the town; and of the effects of his visits in that quarter I had afterwards a very interesting indication.

This Church was completed, it appears, in the autumn of 1824; but the services rendered by the neighboring clergymen were by no means regular. In the month of July, 1827, I was appointed to the parish of Cobourg, with instructions to afford a regular Sunday service at Port Hope; an arrangement which gave me much gratification to carry out. A regular afternoon service was, therefore, given here; occasionally exchanged for a morning one when the Holy Communion was to be administered. The congregation was not a numerous one,—the average attendance rarely reaching seventy,—and the communicants were proportionally few.

It was impossible, at such a distance, to pay to the congregation that personal attention, by systematic visiting, which is so essential to ministerial success; but occasional calls from the sick and dying were strictly attended to. These were very numerous during the summer of 1828, which proved a very sickly one; and besides the visits caused by these urgent cases, I had frequently to drive up four times in the week to funerals. Amongst the sick calls to this parish, was a very special one from the lake shore, some miles up,—com-