

miles to the west, and there ninety persons assembled, some of them from a considerable distance. On the relinquishment of Singhampton as a preaching place, by reason of the small number of adherents, this place has been taken up as one of the stations in the Osprey mission, and the measure has been cheerfully countenanced by the settlers at and near it. There is a fine fall of water at the mills, and in the vicinity a city "in papyro," named "Eugenia" has been sketched, some of whose spacious streets we traversed without meeting with any living impediment. In this interesting and sequestered spot I met with several old friends from both native and adopted lands; and my impression is, that this addition enhances greatly the suitableness of Osprey as a promising mission station.

In the view of the holy ordinance of the Supper on July 2d, Thursday was announced as a day of solemn humiliation, fasting, and prayer. There were public services both at Feversham and Maxwell, and fifty or rather more attended at each. On Friday we had service at Monroe's Corners when between thirty and forty attended; and on Saturday we returned to Feversham and held the preparation services there, with the usual announcements, suitable addresses, and the admission of new members. With these, conversations were held on the several days to a longer or shorter extent, according to circumstances; and the holy ordinance was dispensed to 76 communicants. The Sacramental Sabbath was a truly delightful season. Everything was outwardly favourable, and an assemblage of 300 persons bore testimony to the interest felt on the occasion. Four hours were agreeably occupied with the opening discourse, the fencing of the tables, the dispensation of the ordinance, and the evening sermon. The presence of some strangers and of several members of other evangelical Churches, added to the profitableness of the exercises. We had no doubt whatever of the reality of the presence of the Great Master of the feast, and the earnest breathings of many pious souls have been, we believe, registered on high. On Monday, I came to Singhampton, and preached to a small congregation in the house of our excellent friend, Mr. George Christie. The audience was not large, but it embraced twenty or thirty young persons, who with their leader, spent thus not unprofitably, their vacant mid-day hour. In the evening we had worship at Bowmore, and on Tuesday at Stayner; the attendance at both being good, and the subjects and services partaking of the character of preparatory exercises in view of the holy communion at Bowmore next Lord's day. At the various stations, eighteen children of members were baptised.

Osprey and its appendage from Artemesia, is one of the most important and encouraging of our missionary stations. The people will, I doubt not, do their best to support the cause of God among themselves, but the township is yet in its infancy, and it has laboured under many difficulties, by reason of unfavourable harvests and otherwise. The people, however, have reared two churches without receiving almost any help from their fellow-Christians. From no short acquaintance with the state of this locality, I would earnestly recommend it to the considerate liberality of such of our Church members as have it in their power to act on the principle embodied in the character of the pious and patriotic Centurion of the Gospel history, thus comprehensively and concisely sketched, "He loveth our nation, and hath built us a synagogue."

Mr. Editor, I have thus been occupying *one small corner* of the field of "Home Missions." Ten years experience in such mission labours, yea I might almost say twenty, assure me that to the duty of "Home Missions" we are primarily and specially called on as a Church, and my narrowing vision for the future has been not a little cheered and enlivened by the "steps in advance" which our Synod has been led to take in her eastern campaign of 1865.

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