

some months, been gradually increasing. For a few Sabbaths past, the school-house has been filled, and that too with attentive and listening hearers. I should think that the numbers present last Sabbath, were from eighty to ninety. Some individuals attend that meeting who come from seven to nine miles. You will recollect that when I came to Melbourne, the state of things, especially in that neighbourhood, was almost entirely *new*. There had been no stated preaching there for some eight or ten years, and there was perhaps but one house in the settlement in which family worship was attended. The Lord has abundantly blessed my labours there. More than twenty of our Church members are now to be found in that infant settlement, and the family altar is set up in their respective houses. The whole neighbourhood has been more or less under the influence of the truth; and I cannot but think that the Lord has blessings for that dear people still in reserve. I have formed a little class there consisting of from fifteen to twenty members, and the number is increasing. A little Missionary Society, also, has been organized, and the monthly concert is observed. It is not improbable that this settlement will eventually become the central spot of the congregation; the people around the meeting-house being sparse, and many of them connected with other denominations."

In a more recent communication Mr. H. says:—

"During the past year, the interest of the people in the preaching of the gospel has on the whole increased. Our congregation at the meeting-house, though by no means large, is quite respectable *for this region*. Several of my hearers come on foot from four to five miles, and *one* frequently, I had almost said *statedly*, walks *ten* miles. He is a puritan, and loves the truth for the truth's sake. The most interesting part of my labours has been at the settlement called the Ridge, some four miles back from the river. About half of our members reside in this settlement; and it is not too much to say of them, that though they are but in moderate circumstances, they are, for the most part rich in faith and good works. The females in this neighbourhood have, for several months, had a monthly Missionary prayer-meeting; and their exertions in behalf of their cent Society, as well as those of certain females in Windsor and Brompton, are worthy of much commendation. Both Societies have raised the past year about \$20, a part of which has been remitted to your Society.

"In gathering the little flock in this place, much labour and care have been necessary. In consequence of poor health, I have not done all I could have wished. When pressed down with the severest perhaps of earthly afflictions, viz., that which was occasioned by the loss of a beloved wife, I have found the sweetest solace in the discharge of Missionary duty, especially in visiting the cottages of the poor."

At the time of its organization, two years ago, this Church had eighteen members, now it contains fifty-two, twenty-five of whom have been added during the last year. The Sunday Schools and Temperance Societies continue to excite their usual interest amongst the friends of education and reform, but nothing of special importance in connexion with these claims remark.

SHERBROOKE AND LENNOXVILLE.—The Church and congregation in this interesting field continue to rise in importance, proportioned to the rapid advance of the population of the town. They yet enjoy the ministry of the Rev. J. Robertson, who, in March last, was regularly installed as their Pastor. In answer to a request that he would furnish us with some account of his labours during the year, after having spoken of the embarrassments to which he had been subjected owing to the want of a place in which he could regularly preach to the people, and of the arrangement by which they are partially removed, he thus writes:—