

ment; it contains about 4000 inhabitants, exclusive of the military. Though eminently loyal, this Province, as well as Nova Scotia, by immense majorities, is identified with "reform," or "liberal" principles in politics. Moreover, in relation to denominations, religious parties are divided somewhat similarly; only I suppose the Methodists and Church of Scotland to be somewhat stronger proportionately than in Nova Scotia. The population of New Brunswick is about 170,000. I throw out these details incidentally, as naturally suggested by Frederickton, of which I am now writing, being the seat of Government. This town has, said large Scotch Church—a Baptist—Methodist—Episcopalian and Roman Catholic Church, namely five; I am unaware of any others. Mr. Taylor very kindly furnished me with his horse and gig, and a friend of his drove me down to Sheffield, 18 miles towards St. John, on Thursday afternoon. Here is a very old and highly interesting Independent Church, having a few branches, of which your readers must have more information than I can crowd into this epistle. I will endeavour to prepare a history of these enlightened and excellent people for the pages of the "Harbinger." A brief notice brought out a good congregation in their new and very neat Church, to whom I preached. Soon after concluding, I was taken out in a small boat (it was very dark) and picked up by the descending steamboat, which, the next morning, Friday, passing through "the Falls" it being nearly high water, placed me on the wharf not many yards from my friend's house. That evening I crossed the port to Carlton, and preached to a Congregation of about 150, in the neatly fitted up room already alluded to. The proprietor has imported a little organ, which is appropriately used to aid the singing. I wish all our Churches had this aid; in many it is very much needed, and in all it would prove a valuable addition, if judiciously managed.

Yesterday, Sabbath, my poor services were publicly rendered in the morning at the Methodist Chapel, a large and venerable looking building, with a Congregation of from 800 to 1000; in the afternoon at the St. Andrew's Scotch Church—an extremely large building, and very well filled; in the evening at the First Baptist Church, another large building which was literally crammed—the aisles and every spot rowded. May the Lord give testimony to the word of His grace, and make my visit useful to many souls, as well as the precursor of other and greater things for St. John and New Brunswick. This Epistle is dated the 5th September, on which day, I leave by Steamer "Huntress," for Portsmouth, Boston, and then onwards to my home—always "sweet home," and thus endeth these "incidents of travel."

Yours cordially,

H. WILKES.

P. S. Nov. 10th. I have recently received interesting communications from St. Johns, Newfound-

land, and from Sheffield, New Brunswick, of which your readers shall receive information another time.  
H. W.

## EASTERN CANADA—BROME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HARBINGER.

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DEAR SIR,—On Wednesday morning, the 19th ult. the Rev. H. Wilkes and myself left Montreal with a view to engage in the religious services connected with the ordination of the Rev. D. Connell of Brome, one of the Eastern Townships. After the incessant rain of the previous day we found the roads heavy and unpleasant, but cheered by the object before us we persevered, and by travelling all night we reached our destination about noon of the following day, when we found several persons waiting our arrival. After some conversation with our beloved young brother, we proceeded to the school house which was shortly filled, and then engaged in the solemn services of the day with pleasure and profit.

The Rev. J. T. Byrne commenced the introductory service by reading an appropriate portion of Scripture, and engaging in prayer; after which he delivered a discourse from the words: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," 1 Corinthians, 3. 11. After some observations from the Rev. H. Wilkes, Mr. B. proposed the usual questions, which were answered by Mr. Connell with much feeling and propriety, especially the question relating his own Christian experience, which afforded a proof of the benefit of parental solicitude and effort. Mr. W. then offered the ordination prayer with great fullness and earnestness, while both of us laid our hands on the young Evangelist and Pastor; and at the close extended to him the right hand of fellowship.

Our brother being thus solemnly recognized, Mr. W. proceeded to address a charge to the young minister, based on Ezra 7. 10. "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments." This was succeeded by appropriate counsels to the people, some of which might well be introduced into the Harbinger as suitable to other congregations.

At the close of these interesting services we dined with Mr. C. and his amiable lady, and then hastened homewards, where we arrived, much fatigued, on Friday evening. As we proceeded through Brome we noticed Mr. Connell's Chapel, which is shortly to be opened for public worship. Its size and neatness afforded us satisfaction; but we were especially delighted with the field of labour and usefulness which is opening to our brother. The incidents of the way, and cheerful and brotherly intercourse, were a relief to the dreariness of travelling at this season of the year; but especially the work in which we had engaged, so weighty and cheering in its character.