

and other Wesleyan Missionaries are making swift advances to it from the front by the Hastings, Addington, and Bobcageon Roads; and every advance makes it the duty of the Missionary Society to send, if possible, more Missionaries.

This is the exhilarating process of Missionary zeal and heroism, and on some scale or other it is similar to that of every frontier district of Canada. It never stops; and the liberality and prayers of Christians continued, God shall say to the lands of Canada, as he once said to "the mountains of Israel," "Behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown: and I will multiply men upon you."

*Extract of a Letter from the Rev. J. Carroll, Chairman, dated Ottawa, April 11th, 1859.*

Your condescending request for an article for the forthcoming "Notes," "upon the Missionary openings within the range of your own district," has aroused anew a number of cogitations with which my mind has been labouring a great part of the year, which I fear I shall find great difficulty in systematizing; such as they are, both with regard to matter and manner, you shall have, and you can make whatever use of them your superior judgment may indicate. Although I entirely concur in the wisdom of the proposed inquiry into the state of the Missionary department of our work, with a view to economise men and means, now it is to be initiated in the several District Meetings, where the subject can be best considered and understood; yet I am of the firm persuasion, that it will be found that not a man can be withdrawn from any part of this District. And as to the appropriations, they are already down almost to the starvation point.

It may be stated that though some of our Missions on the Lower Canada side of the Ottawa river seem to yield a small return of members gathered in, compared with the amount of labour and money bestowed upon them; yet it must be remembered that the population is sparse, and that there has been hitherto a constant drain on our membership by emigration to the more western parts of the country. But this will now cease; yea, an immigration is now setting into it, as to a common center. Lochaber, Onslow, Gattineau, Pembroke, Westmeath, and other places are of great importance, and must advance. Onslow has been blessed with a gracious revival of religion since the Conference.

Then, what shall I say of the country between the places last mentioned, to the North East, and the Bell's Corners' Mission, which includes Torbolton and a part of Fitzroy, and the Pakenham Circuit, in the Perth District, which takes the west of Fitzroy and the township which gives its name, to the south; and then, stretches away west till it meets the Mission fields of our brethren in the Belleville District, on the Addington and Hastings Roads? Here is a section of country, embracing at least eleven or twelve townships, in which there are more Missionaries needed. It is true, a large proportion of the population are Roman Catholics—a large proportion also is Scotch. Then there are Protestants everywhere among the Roman Catholics, and they, too, generally live in the neighborhoods by themselves. A man from one of these little coteries, listened to me in Burnstown last winter, who said that mine was the first sermon he had listened to in sixteen years! Many old friends of ours are mixed in with the Scotch, while many of the latter would be very grateful for our ministrations, and not disinclined to profit by them besides. I have the very best means for knowing that very many persons had last autumn a strong desire to have the labours of a Wesleyan Missionary. There are neglected places enough to occupy Wesleyan labourers, while there are townships continually being settled and filled up with inhabitants. The truth of this position will further appear from an extract of a communication to a secular paper in Belleville, giving an account of a tour made through that country during the time of sleighing:

"I have lately taken a journey from