

The agents of spirituous liquors are endeavouring to secure every important post for the purpose of erecting their hotel signs; and shall not the standard of the cross be erected before the people grow matured in vice? I believe there are more than a thousand persons gone back into this new country, who have no one to care for their souls. And will not our own Missionary Church do something to save those lonely settlers?

There are many difficulties in the way of establishing Methodism in this place, arising principally from the length of time it has been settled without being taken into the number of your domestic missions. Brother James Ash, the first who was sent here by the Wesleyan Conference, laboured to good effect in

removing some of these difficulties, and in gathering persons into the Church, but did not secure any church property. This year we succeeded in securing three building sites, consisting of two half acre lots, and a small village lot. One of these half an acre lot in the village of Bobcaygeon, on which we have built a respectable parsonage and stable; and on other, situated about eight miles from here, the side-walls of a church are built, and we expect to have it ready for use immediately after Conference. More than 20 persons professed conversion during the year, and three new classes have been organized, so that we are making slow but certain progress. All praise to our gracious Lord for all his blessings!

DEVONSHIRE.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. W. Dignam, dated May 13th, 1859.

In starting for District Meeting to-day, I thought I ought not to leave before informing you of our remarkable prosperity in Devon, (a place where for many years our Church has had but little interest. Supposing you are in the *Conference hurry*, I will try to abbreviate. Last year missionary money was upwards of £30, this year I think it will be upwards of £60; no reflection on my predecessor, but thanks to God, who gave us 132 of increase at three appointments. By the aid of a willing and excellent colleague we spent upwards of six months in extra efforts. Of course many of them are young—32 in one Sabbath School, and 14 in another, but they are old enough to sing "Hosannah to the Son of David." We painted the parsonage—closed in a stable—have done some fencing round the garden—dedicated a house in poor McGillivray, and paid off the debt, and got a stove—without any foreign aid

from friends. One Branch that paid £1 last year, has paid £13 6s, this year; but alas! one branch sent in about £10 of missionary money, and and 5s of quarterage. I have been frequently told that my unbounded zeal in the missionary department operates banefully on my own interests. I cannot help this, except I reorganize and put in ladies for stewards and leaders, and put in the *masculine* for missionary collectors.

Think of the above from a township that had to deal out 500 dollars this spring to needy applicants, at the small moiety of 15s per applicant, and had not enough. Tight living here, thirty miles from market, and *ten of a family*. Last year McGillivray was worked alone and they paid the Missionary £12 10, and the missionary paid £10 for board; yet here two houses of worship have been dedicated. We will want a small balance on our board.

MICHIPICOTON.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. James Ashquabe, dated March 3rd, 1859.

I am happy to learn what you have done for us; do all your ability for the School and Meeting House in this place. We also offer thanks to our God and Saviour for the Camp-meeting on

Lake Superior which we have long expected for the benefit of the poor Indians. My prayer is, may God give his blessing to every poor sinner in this place. We are trying to do the best