

In 1734 Sergeaut commenced his labours among the Mohicans at Stockbridge, and after 15 years had the satisfaction of seeing over 200 of that wild, wandering tribe sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in their right mind. Here also labored for six years the illustrious Jonathan Edwards, who deemed it not beneath him to teach the poor Indian, and who found a relaxation from his "delightful task," in writing his immortal works on the "Freedom of the Will," and on "Original Sin." There, like the Baptist, he "grew and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel."

In 1743 commenced the brief but brilliant career of that saintly Connecticut youth, whose memory Edwards has done so much to embalm. David Brainerd was the chosen vessel of a Scottish society to carry the unsearchable riches of Christ to the Indians by the Forks of the Delaware, and on the banks of the Susquehanna. In four brief years he finished his course, at the age of thirty, but he left a luminous track behind him. To the altar on which his "whole-burnt offering" was laid, and from which his seraphic soul went up within the veil, many have repaired and have found the live coal that has kindled and fed their missionary fervour. Wm. Carey and Henry Martin were of that number—and who can tell how many more have been induced to go and do likewise, stimulated by the example of him who being dead nigh a century and a quarter, yet speaketh. Where is our Canada Presbyterian Eliot or Brainerd? Alas! that echo should answer—where? Is no one willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord? The season is advancing. Whoever goes should be at the Red River early in June. Knox College has had the honour of furnishing three of our Missionaries. Is there no one ready to come forth from within its walls now, and to say—"Here am I, send me." Are there none out of 250 hard-working, devoted Ministers, who feel that they have a call to this work? We have put our hand to the plough and must not look back.

R. F. B.

OUR HOME MISSION FIELD.

As many members of our Church are beginning to take a deeper interest in our Home Mission Field, the Church should endeavour to set before the people at large some facts that would show the extent and resources of the field and the work done each year. These facts would no doubt be found interesting to those especially who are seeking the advancement of the work of Christ. The field—known as our Home Mission field, is so very extensive, that it is impossible to give in one paper anything like a satisfactory account of it. The object may, however, be as effectually accomplished, if a statement be first given respecting the part of the Mission work carried out by each Presbytery, and then by a synopsis of the whole, the Mission work of the Church at home may be seen. There is a great deal of Mission work done by ministers, elders and members of our Church that never comes under the observation of any Session, Mission Committee, or Presbytery. Ministers are holding week-day meetings in destitute places altogether unknown to the Presbytery. Elders and members visit families or settlements regularly, get them together in some convenient place, and read the Scriptures and engage in prayer. In this way there are many families brought to the house God, and to attend the public means of grace there, who would have remained in total neglect of all religious duties. Now, this kind of Mission work is largely carried on in some congregations. The more there is of this kind done the better for the Church.