

ministerial duty in connexion with his other engagements, in behalf of the Society. The mission now entrusted to him is one of no easy description, whether it relates to the distances to be travelled, and the nature of the roads; or the moral and educational wants of the people, residing in the places of which it is composed. Whilst the places comprising this mission are situated at distances from Halifax varying from 20, to 14, and 6, miles, the residences of the people are few and far between, widely scattered, and in many cases almost inaccessible. It is generally understood that a few years since most of the inhabitants of those places were nominally members of the Church of England; but from the lack of pastoral superintendence, a large number have become papists, whilst others have joined the first denomination that opportunity placed in their way. At the present time the Church of Rome is particularly active among these poor people; and but for the establishment of this mission, many more might have been led into the meshes of that false and perilous system.

In one portion of this mission a Church has been erected, but is still wholly unfinished in the interior; and consequently cannot be used in the winter season for Divine Worship, owing to the exposure to cold. The exterior also will soon decay, if left in its present state, as it has never yet been painted.

Mr. Dunn reports the general desire of the people, living in the different localities he visits, to hear the Word of God, and to attend Divine Worship, and that the congregations vary from 15 to 80; that in every case there is the utmost attention and proper behaviour, although to most of them the services of our Church would at times appear tedious, from the fact that scarcely any can join in the services, as they cannot read. Your Committee, however, desire to state that whilst they have permitted this arrangement to be carried out for the present, they cannot but hope that a mission in or near the city may be found for the General Agent of the Society, more in accordance with the known wishes of the Parent Committee.

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