

tendency, moreover, of such an attempt must be, as facts have abundantly shown, to prostrate reason, or produce infidelity. On the other hand, let it be assumed that the whole Christian system is to be found in the sixty-six Canonical books of Scripture, then we are prepared to maintain that in the harmony of the different parts of the system, in its sublimity, in its purity, in its simplicity, and in its adaptation to human wants, there is resistless evidence of its divine origin. Thanks be to God that it is so ; and thanks be to the Father of lights, who hath not left us to grope our way through darkness, either to the guidance of reason's glimmering ray, or of the bleaded cross-lights of Scripture and Tradition. as both may be interpreted or misinterpreted by the Romish priesthood ; but that He has given us in the sacred volume itself, a celestial lamp, which, while reflecting, by its own light, the evidence of its divine origin, is fitted to instruct us in every doctrine necessary to be believed, to guide us in every foot-step of our path through life, to indicate the dark valley of the shadow of death, to reveal to us a glimpse of the glory beyond, and finally to conduct us to that bright abode, " which hath no need of the Sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of the Lord doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

Missionary Intelligence.

MISSIONARY FIELD NORTH OF PETERBOROUGH.

Peterborough has been looked on, in Western Canada, as a far back town, with a fringe of population on its northern side, poorly eking out a subsistence on the edges of rocks and barrenness, verging into Greenland frosts and snows. This veil of error has suffered its first rents within the last two years. It has too long concealed from the eyes of young Canadian cultivators of the soil a splendid region for the remunerative exercise of their energies. Peterborough has now a few most highly productive wheat fields, twice the distance north of it, that it is north of Cobourg and Port Hope. The township immediately north of that in which Peterborough is situated, is bounded north by a belt of sterile, though wooded rock and swamp, a number of miles wide, lying east by south and west by north ; which stretches its length across several counties, and sends off numerous spurs to north and to south. Among its northern spurs the land is sandy, and of inferior fertility. Still on these spots new settlers are prospering. But farther on, to the north and east, land of the best quality stretches over the extent of many townships. In the eastern and larger part of the township of Chandos, in Cardiff, in Dysart, for example, deep black, loamy, vegetable soil prevails. A glance at the map will show that though thirty or sixty miles north of Peterborough may sound of colder and shorter summers, yet it is considerably south of some of the fine farming townships in the region of the Ottawa. The seasons and the weather compare more nearly with Belleville than with Ottawa. A comparatively good road has been made by the Government into the middle of Cardiff. The mail already goes into Chandos once a week.

The first visit by a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church among the settlers in Burleigh, Anstruther, Chandos and Cardiff, was made by a member of the Presbytery of Cobourg, Mr. James Thom, of Lakefield, early in March of the present year. That and a few succeeding visits, by ministers of the Presbytery, with preaching on the Sabbath and week-days, and household visitations, have been received with great eagerness