

scious providence of the wonder-working God. Clouds and darkness do at times surround the throne of the Eternal; but when the Lord hides his face for a little from his people, it is only that they may see it again in still clearer light. With wonderful delight may we review the ways of God in respect to our native Scotch, English and Irish Canadian population, many of whom have the happiness to have been brought up by pious Christian parents, in whose happy company they were wont in youthful years to ascend the holy hill of gospel ordinances in their father land. But when called, in the providence of God, to leave it and settle in Canada, there were no such privileges here to be enjoyed by many of them for many years. But let all glory be given to God for establishing and enlarging his Church in the midst of us. With the cultivation of the rough and pathless forest, the wild immoral wastes of sin are being reclaimed—The gospel of the blessed God is spreading from forest to forest, reverberating from hill to valley, finding its way to the hearts and homes of thousands throughout the length and breadth of the land. It is matter of joy and thanksgiving to any lover of Emmanuel, and friend of man, to hear of the rapid progress of the Church in every corner of the land, and in few places is its progress more signally manifest than in Cartwright. It is now about two years since the Township of Cartwright and Mauvers were formally constituted into missionary stations. At that time, the number of Presbyterian people recognized as such in those townships were few; but, through the blessing of God, their number so increased that they were able to support their missionaries in a manner which does credit to themselves and the church. They have erected a new, comfortable place of worship, without leaving themselves in debt.—It is but justice to those people to observe, that during Mr. Boag's missionary labours of fifteen weeks previous to his settlement amongst them he was treated with the utmost kindness and as a substantial evidence thereof, £2 was paid by them at the full rate of his present salary. This was a satisfactory evidence (and one worthy of imitation) of their zeal for a preached gospel; and accordingly it pleased the Lord to establish it amongst them. Since that time they have experienced the good hand of God upon them. The congregation has rapidly increased in numbers and, I trust, in spiritual life. They evince much interest in the spiritual well-being of the young. Three promising Sabbath-schools are regularly kept up. They shew no want of zeal for the spiritual and best interests of their fellow-men. That valuable and interesting periodical, *The Missionary Record*, is read by very many of them, and they seem to have imbibed much of its spirit, as they have given willingly and largely to the support of mis-

sions, as they have had opportunity. But, above all, I cannot but allude to the large and constant attendance on the public services of the sanctuary. The several places of worship are well filled on each Lord's day. But on one specially happy and interesting occasion there was not nearly room to receive them. I allude to the observance of the Lord's Supper. On that occasion the day was unusually fine. A large congregation had filled up the church before the hour appointed for public worship, so that before the services commenced the church was not able to receive all who had come together. The passages were filled up to the pulpit, with many outside around both door and windows. The services of the day were commenced by the minister of the congregation, who addressed his people from Isaiah xxx. chap. 8 v. The Rev. Mr. Smith assisted in dispensing the sacred ordinance to a large and deeply solemnized part of the congregation. Mr. Smith, at the close of the service delivered an able and suitable discourse from Isaiah liii chap. 10 v. After which the meeting separated, expressing their joy and gratitude for such a happy season. May the same token of God's goodness which these people have hitherto experienced ever continue to follow them. R. B.

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