

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

They preached in the open air, in the woods, in houses, barns, workshops, shanties and schoolhouses. In Cobourg Mr. Eynon preached in a dwelling house, and formed a class of four members. In unreserved surrender to Christ they went wherever need and an open door were presented. Mr. Wetherall soon had a circuit extending over a hundred miles, with 36 preaching places. My Eynon's circuit extended nearly 200 miles. Think of a young woman coming seventy miles through the woods to urge Mr. Eynon to preach in the township where she lived! Privations and dangers amid the wild beasts of the forest were not of small account. Once Mr. Eynon missed his way, and was all night in the woods. After kindling a fire he lay down to sleep, but was soon aroused by the rustling leaves and a prowling bear, and began to sing—

“How happy is the pilgrim's lot,” etc.

Mrs. Eynon preached also. Someone asked her if she had been ordained. “No, but I was fore-ordained.”

In 1834 John Kemeys was sent to Upper Canada and Philip James to Prince Edward Island. They returned 154 members for Canada and 67 for Prince Edward Island. Two years later the total number of members was 350. John Edwards and Philip James were sent to Upper Canada and Absalom Pickings to Prince Edward Island. The next year John Kemeys returned to England and Robert A. Hurley was sent to Canada. The preaching in those days was attended with wonderful power and many conversions—sometimes twenty at a service. If anyone ask the secret of such power and the success of those early preachers, I can only say they lived much in secret prayer and meditation. Alone with God they became men of decision and strength. They were evangelists, and helped to leaven literature, business and