

the hour the people usually attended Service, 6½. The time was too short to allow of assembling them earlier—and at the same hour, even had I a place, I should be unwilling to contrast the regard the people had for Phrenology, with their zeal for religion; so I reluctantly left.

From the Journal of Rev. R. L. Stephenson.

Sunday, June 23rd. 1850.—Held Divine Service at the Gore Church, baptized five children after 2nd lesson, and two others who were brought to me at the conclusion of the service. Introduced Mr. Smith who was licensed by the Bishop to act as Catechist and Lay-reader, and urged upon the people the duty binding on them as Christians to do something towards the support of the Church amongst them. In the evening made arrangements with the Sunday School Teachers respecting the distribution of their Sunday School Libraries which they had lately purchased in Montreal. 24th.—Visited several families. Heard of the destitute state of the Township of Moran (distant from the Gore, 10 miles) where there are a number of Church families completely beyond the range of her ministrations, intend to visit it, (D. V.) on my return from the Eastern Townships. Tuesday.—Baptized two children at the Gore Church, one twelve, the other eight, years old. They walked five miles that they might have this Sacrament administered to them. Next day officiated at St. Scholastique, in a private house, to a congregation of 14 persons: living amongst the French Canadians, they have not had an opportunity of attending the Service of the Church for the last 7 or 8 years. Left next day for St. Jerome; here I visited a Church family, and arrived that evening at New Glasgow, the Mission of the Rev. A. Lockhart. On the following Sunday gave the people of New Paisley a Sunday service, as many of them by reason of age, and want of a mode of conveyance, are unable to attend at New Glasgow, being distant 7 miles.

July 2nd.—Started for the Eastern Townships.

Sunday 14th.—Conducted Divine Service in a private house in the Township of Ely. As it rained heavily, only 20 persons were present. Rode five miles to Mr. Armstrong's in the neighbouring Township in whose house I officiated, owing to the rain which still continued, only 16 persons were in attendance, 1 Baptism after 2nd lesson.

July 21st. Sunday.—Proceeded through the Township of Ely to fulfil an appointment made by me to officiate for a number of Church people employed on the railway passing through the Township of Durham adjoining Ely. Owing to the heavy rains which had fallen in the preceding week, the road through the woods to the place of appointment was impassable, had to send back my horse, and by the assistance of the settler who carried my gown, managed to scramble for five miles to "the shanty" where we were to assemble, ankle deep in mud and water; 30 persons were in attendance, the responses were duly made and all seemed very attentive, and grateful for my visit; expressing a wish that I would soon come again. After Service I had to retrace my steps through the mud and mosquitoes, to Mr. Armstrong's, where I conducted evening service. 80 persons had assembled. 1 Baptism after Second Lesson.

July 23rd.—Set out for Dudswell, the mission of the Rev. T. Chapman, to obtain some information respecting those parts of the Townships bordering on Lake Memphramagog, and which he had visited when Travelling Missionary. Having obtained the necessary information, visited the Church families at Mansonville in Potton, the Outlet of Magog lake, and Stukely Mills; and finding it impossible at this season of the year to collect a congregation at those Stations on a week-day, made arrangements for giving each a Sunday Service. Travelled this, and the preceding week 258 miles, which, as my horse was still unfit for service, I was enabled to do by the kind assistance of the Rev. H. G. Burage, who not only lent me his horse, but took me round and introduced me at the different stations, in his locality. On Sunday, the 28th July, intended to have held Service at Ely, but as many of the people from that settlement intended to come to Melbourne

to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which was to be administered by the Rev. Dr. Falloon, I remained at Melbourne to assist the Doctor, and to communicate, which I had not had an opportunity of doing for some time past. Next week drove Dr. Falloon to Ely that he might administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to a dying woman. The following day left for Stukely Mills, distant 70 miles. Here I celebrated Divine Service on Sunday; about 60 persons were in attendance, this was the whole strength of the Settlement. Many of them formerly belonged to the Church, but since they were thrown off from the Shefford Mission, many of them have joined the Dissenters. Same evening drove to "the Outlet," after waiting for an hour after the time appointed, from 35 to 40 persons straggled in. Conducted the Service, none responding. Next week visited the Township of Clifton, (distant 60 miles) here I found 10 Church families dependent for religious instruction on a Baptist Teacher, who gives them a monthly visit, they are within ten miles of Eaton, the mission of the Rev. J. Dalziel. Here I held a week day Service at which about 25 were present, mostly women and children; 1 Baptism. Returned towards Mansonville, where I had an appointment for Sunday, the 18th of August. As I had given notice some time before, about 100 individuals had assembled, ten of whom only belonged to the Church; in the evening officiated again, when about forty persons were present. Mansonville might be made the head-quarters of an itinerant mission, as the leading people belong to the Church, and many of those who belong to no particular denomination have expressed themselves in favour of the Church. The Missionary here might give the people of Stukely Mills, and the Outlet, monthly Services on a Sunday, and I have no doubt that they would after some time contribute something towards the Missionary's Stipend.

September 2nd.—Proceeded towards the Gore of Chatham, as Mr. Smith, the Catechist, informed me that a number of children awaited baptism. 4th.—Performed Divine Service at the Gore Church, about 60 persons were assembled. 5th.—Accompanied by Mr. Parker, who kindly offered to accompany me as guide, rode to the neighbouring Township of Mille-Isles, where I had appointed to hold service; owing to some mistake no appointment had been made, 4 children were presented for baptism. Pressed on towards the Township of Moran which I reached at two o'clock: notice being given of a Service at 5 o'clock, P. M., I met about twenty persons at the time appointed, at the house of one of the settlers, where I conducted service; 3 Baptisms after 2nd lesson. This Township is fast filling with Irish, chiefly belonging to the Church. They had never seen a Clergyman of the Church in these wilds before. Distributed tracts at the different houses at which I called, they were thankfully received. September 6th.—On my return through the woods the parents came trooping to me from all quarters presenting their children for baptism. At the different houses where I stopped to administer this sacrament, I made some remarks on the nature of it, the parents were mostly Presbyterians. Reached "the Gore" Church about two o'clock, P. M., and having obtained a fresh horse, rode over to the adjoining Township of Wentworth, held service in the School-house, and after 2nd lesson baptized three children, all bringing Sponsors. Travelled this day through four Townships, held Service, and baptized 23 children.

The following week proceeded up the Ottawa, holding Service at "the Augmentation of Grenville," and Petite Nation, where I also next day read the burial service over a child of two years of age, whom I had baptized a few months previously. A number of persons, as is usual on such occasions, having assembled, I addressed them on the necessity of being always ready. Gave a few tracts to the afflicted parents and some others who were present, and then proceeded on my way towards Buckingham. Here, on Sunday, Sept. 15th. after an absence of nearly three months, I again held service, having first catechised the children, a great number of whom were present. 1 Baptism after 2nd lesson. I also distributed amongst the children and the poorer part of the congregation, some Bibles and Testaments. In the