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THE termination of the time for which the Committee of Management was elected, calls upon them to present to the Society a notice of its operations for the last year, and while many causes of thankfulness exist, they regret their being obliged to announce that they have not at present any Missionary engaged—The Rev. P. J. Maning, closed his engagement in June last, preferring a stationary mission, to which he has been appointed, to the itinerating duty of his former office, and the Committee not having succeeded in supplying his place, the important station of the Ottawa has been deprived of the services, which for a short time it had enjoyed. The Missionary District of Odelltown, Hemmingford, Sherrington, &c. having been assumed by the Lord Bishop, (according to the intention noticed in last year's Report), the Rev. Mr. Dawes, has also left the employ of the Society, and has been appointed to an important station. The Society has, therefore, closed its labor in that interesting section of the Province, and may look back to the results of its endeavours with great satisfaction and with gratitude to God, for having been instrumental in the spiritual instruction and, the Committee trust, in the eternal benefit of many destitute Members of our Church, whose separation and poverty may have long kept them

from its Ordinances and Worship, and who might in time have become wholly alienated from the Church, whose ministrations they revered and preferred. The Committee trust that the good seed which has been sown has not fallen upon stoney ground, but will spring up and bring forth fruit abundantly, and they rejoice to know that the Rev. Messrs. Bond and Plees, successors of Mr. Dawes, will not fail to water that which has been planted, and they have confidence that the increase (which God alone can give) will not be wanting. Mr. Dawes' engagement terminated in September last. The Committee felt it their duty to manifest their satisfaction with the conduct of their Missionaries by presenting to each of these gentlemen a donation of books; and, though they did not feel at liberty to make a large appropriation for this purpose, they hoped the fact, and not the amount of such donations, would be most prized by the gentlemen to whom they were made.

When made aware of the probability of the removal of their Missionaries, the Committee immediately took measures to procure successors: application was made to the Lord Bishop, and, with his sanction, to the Rev. W. J. D. Waddilove, in England, but hitherto they have not been successful in obtaining a Missionary. The principal field at present requiring the attention of the Society, is the banks of the Ottawa; but they rejoice to find that a considerable portion of the upper townships has been placed by the Bishop under the charge of the Rev. D. Falloon, and thereby much of the destitution supplied.

Though they had surrendered the charge of the Russeltown mission, along with the other portions of Mr. Dawes' district, yet the Committee felt it expedient to assist the Bishop in defraying the expenses of the Missionary to be there stationed, and, consequently, a portion of the salary of Rev. R. G. Plees is paid by this Society. It is not intended that this arrangement shall be permanent; but it is to continue for a year or two, till the Bishop can meet the expense in some other way, and Mr. Plees is bound to report to this Society his proceedings in the same manner as its own Missionaries. The Committee desire to bring under consideration whether a similar plan might not be followed with advantage in other places. It has come to the knowledge of the Committee that there are destitute portions of the Province where

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the inhabitants would willingly furnish a part of a Minister's stipend, could the balance be made up in other ways; and, as these situations are precisely those for whose benefit the operations of the Society are conducted, it is submitted whether it might not at times be more beneficial to employ the means in assisting to support a Clergyman in a station comparatively narrow, than to confine them exclusively to the support of Missionaries travelling over extensive portions of country. There are also several Townships of the Province where the ministrations of religion (under any form) are scarcely ever furnished to the residents. Would it not be well occasionally to ask some of the Clergy in the Townships adjoining, to make an occasional Missionary tour through those destitute places, at the Society's charge, it being obviously improper to expect them to defray the necessary expenses out of their slender stipends. This plan seems peculiarly applicable at the present time, when, from the great demand for clerical labourers, the Society is unable to obtain persons fitted for employment, and the need of assistance is of too urgent a nature to be neglected, if it can by any means be afforded.

There is one point of much importance which falls legitimately within the Society's sphere of operations, and which cannot be referred to any other means of relief. The Committee allude to those Protestants who are scattered among the French settlements throughout the District, and whose families, separated from all religious instruction, are liable either to grow up totally unacquainted with their spiritual concerns, and without any religion, or, as the lesser evil, to embrace Popery. Many are the instances of such effects resulting from the peculiarly difficult position in which such persons are placed. Though in a temporal point of view they are greatly more favoured than their fellow-countrymen in the back townships, yet, when spiritually considered, they may be looked upon as equally, if not more destitute, whilst those of them who might retain a measure of reverence for religion, without sufficient knowledge of the differences, would easily slide into the arms of the Church of Rome, ever ready to receive them. Even within a short distance of this city, there is a large scattered population of members of the Church of England, who reside too far off to allow of their coming regularly to the city to worship,

while they are scarcely numerous enough in any part to form a congregation. Last year witnessed the pleasing spectacle of the building and consecration of a Church at St. Martin's, only nine miles from this city, where a considerable number of Protestants had gradually established themselves without the power of procuring Ministerial help, except through the occasional visits of the Clergy of the city. Another instance is afforded at Longueuil, in the neighbourhood of which a sufficient number of Protestants reside to form a congregation, but who, except in occasional visits to the city, are without the worship of God, though their proximity to the city allows them, in urgent cases, to receive the ministrations of the Church. Here, also, a Church is in the process of erection, and, when completed, it will be supplied by the Missionary stationed at Laprairie. If such circumstances occur within the immediate vicinity of the city, how much more destitute is the situation of those who are placed at a distance, and who, from their fewness, have not the support which those in more numerous settlements derive from mutual encouragement, to continue in the faith of their fathers.

It will appear from the Treasurer's Report, that the funds of the Society are in a flourishing state, and that a balance of £195 15s 4d is in hand, which the Committee trust they may soon have it in their power to lay out with advantage. During the year, four sermons have been preached in Christ Church, by the Rev. Messrs. Bond, Wood, Brethour, and Parnter, after each of which a collection was made in aid of the funds, amounting in all to £140 9s 2d. There have been received from the country only two congregational collections—one made at Lachine, after sermon, by the Rev. D. Robertson—the other at Sorel, after sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, in the Church of Rev. W. Anderson.

JAMES REID, PRESIDENT.

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FROM THE

JOURNAL OF THE REV. WM. DAWES,

TRAVELLING MISSIONARY.

January 23, 1841.—Hemmingford.—Attended a School Meeting this morning, and drew up the necessary papers, with a view of establishing a permanent School here, which is greatly needed. They had not had a School for some years, until I introduced a master last summer, with a six months' engagement. There must be between sixty and eighty children within reach of the School House. Visited a sick man, and rode to Napierville.

24.—Sunday School at half-past eight. Divine Service followed—a large congregation. Then rode in a snow storm to Odelltown, where, in the afternoon, we had Divine Service.

25.—Visited a large family to instruct the children, who are preparing for baptism. Rode to a settlement near the Lines, the people of which wish me to assist them in the establishment of a School. Rode after dark to the lake shore, and visited afterwards a very sick man; spent an hour with him, and left some Tracts.

26.—To Beaver Meadow, where, at half-past ten, we had Divine Service. Was driven afterwards to visit a dying man at Champlain Village, in the States: prayed with him, and left him three suitable Tracts. Then to Roxham. Examined the School, and afterwards had Divine Service. Remained the evening. Made several arrangements for the better conduct of the School; left regulations also, respecting the Sunday School, which will commence on Sunday next.

28.—Went to Fisher's School House, where we met for Divine Service. Left a Bible and Testament for use in the Guard House, and some Tracts. Visited a sick young man; visited also a very sick young girl, and prayed with them.

29.—Rode about four miles to visit a sick woman, and, by their particular request, to administer the sacrament to her and her aged

husband. She appeared resigned to the Divine will, trusting in the Saviour. They have been in this part sixteen or eighteen years; she said she had often prayed that the Church might be established here as at home, and felt that her prayer was being now answered. Her husband afterwards said, that with her latest breath she expressed her great satisfaction at having received the Sacrament from the hand of a Minister of her own Church. Rode to the English River, and had Divine Service in the School House, after catechising several children.

31.—Rode very early to Covey Hill: stormy, and roads bad. On calling, I found that the old woman to whom I administered the Sacrament on Friday, died yesterday. At the Hill, where I attended in the absence of Mr. Bond, the School House was so dilapidated by the storm, as to oblige us to meet for Divine Service in a private house, which was well filled. Visited a very sick old lady: left medicine and prayed with her and the family. She is meekly resigned to God's will, resting, as she touchingly said, on Him who hath borne her griefs and carried her sorrows, "who will be with me," she said, "through the dark valley of the shadow of death."

Rode to Hemmingford. Service at 3 P.M. A sick young man called on me afterward. In the evening instructed the children until the hour of family prayer.

February 2.—Rode early this morning about five miles, to officiate at a funeral. The house being quite full of the friends and relations of the deceased, after reading the lesson, I preached on the miracle of our Lord's raising the Widow's son of Nain. Accompanied the body to the burial ground, nine miles distant, at the particular request of the poor husband: a very bleak day.

4.—Rode to Bogtown for Divine Service; but the weather being stormy, they did not expect me, and had not congregated. Then to the Crown Reserves School House, where, after examining the School, we met for Divine Service. Settled some matters in dispute between the parents and schoolmasters. Two Romanists attended service this afternoon; the sermon was on Prayer.

5.—Rode to Hemmingford, No. 3 School; carried them books—examined the School, and made several arrangements with the

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11.—Visited a sick man, with intention to baptize his children; but the family being unprepared, it was deferred. Then rode to Roxham, where, after examining the School, we met for Divine Service as usual. Rode home.

12.—Went early to Fisher's School House, South Hemmingford: visited two sick persons, and had Divine Service at 11, A.M. Then rode 10 miles to the English River School House, where, at 3 P.M., we had Divine Service. On returning home at night, called on a family, where a very old man had just departed this life. Several of the neighbours being present, I read an appropriate chapter, and commented on it, and led them in prayer.

14.—Rode early in the morning to the Crown Reserve School House; and, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10, had Divine Service; the house was well filled. Then went to Hemmingford Corners, and officiated at 2 P.M., at the funeral of the old gentleman: after the lesson in our Burial Service, delivered a short extempore address. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3, we met as usual for Divine Service—the Troops attending, and a large Congregation. Rode home, and received the children with their usual Scripture lesson.

March 2.—Saw several sick persons; administered medicine to them, &c.

3.—Rode to the School No. 3, Hemmingford; examined it, and made some arrangements toward commencing a Sunday School here. Then went on to North Hemmingford, where I expected to meet a congregation; but they were not aware of the appointment. Rode on to Henrysburgh, visiting a few families on the road. Examined one School, established in this part, and was much gratified with the improvement of the children: we had Divine Service here. In the evening visited a sick woman.

4.—Rode to Bogtown School House: catechised and instructed upwards of a dozen dear children, who always attend here for the purpose; Divine Service followed. Then went to the Crown Reserves School House; examined a School, and adjudicated in a matter of alleged cruelty, on the part of one of the children, in

which were several implicated; Divine Service followed. Rode home.

5.—Went to Sherrington: on the road called on a family, to arrange for the Sunday School at No. 3 School. In the evening, had Divine Service at Sherrington; a large congregation attended. Singing School met after service.

6.—Went to the Mills, to select timber, for the Church built here. We trust it may soon be ready to meet in. Then on to Napierville. Visited Mr. Clark in the evening; read and explained 15th chapter John, and prayed with them: he is drawing near, very near his end—a solemn thing is it to visit the dying. Gracious Lord! grant thy Word may be a savour of life to him.

7.—Baptized an infant a few days old, this morning; Divine Service followed. A heavy snow storm last evening, had blocked up our roads; but few present, except the Troops. After service, baptized another little child who was sick. Then rode on toward Odelltown, but could not reach it, owing to the state of the roads. Stopped at Burtonville: in the evening, visited the family of children, who have been so long under instruction here; and after instructing them and leading them in prayer, I baptized the whole of them—nine in number. May the good Shepherd have indeed received these, as his own lambs; and hereafter give them to repose and rejoice in the pastures of Heaven.

8.—Rode to Lacole: met the Notary and others, and settled the case of Mrs. Durham, one of the widows, whose husband was killed at Odelltown, during the late disturbances. Paid for her land, and provided her with the Deed.

9.—Went to Odelltown, and made arrangements toward opening a School in a very desolate part. This will be the sixth School in my District, in connexion with the British North America School Society, which the kind liberality of its most worthy Superintendent has enabled me to establish. We have now in this part upwards of 330 children under instruction, at the comparatively small cost to the Society of £55 currency, per annum. With three of these Schools, we have Sunday Schools attached, under pretty efficient direction. I am also seeking to organize Sunday Schools, in connexion with two others; and trust, soon, with

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the Divine blessing, to succeed: may the Lord of the harvest smile upon these humble efforts—these seeds, and cause them to spring up, and bear fruit to His glory. To him we would wholly commit these Schools. Rode to Beaver Meadow; Divine Service at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10. Then on to Roxham: visited and examined the School; Divine Service followed. Returned home unwell.

19.—Visited a School; and then rode to our own School, and examined them throughout their studies. Visited a poor sick woman, who has a remarkable and painful antipathy to Divine things. Though very ill, she strives by every means to silence you, on those things which alone concern her. She had read some tracts, however, which I left with her on a previous visit, and said she liked them. An instructive comment is such a case, on the great Gospel truth, of the necessity of Divine Grace in the salvation of man: what else could move such a perverse will—change such a heart? that, from antipathy towards, it may delight in God. May the change be hers, O, Lord! Then rode to Sherrington, where, in the evening, we had Divine Service; a considerable congregation present.

26.—Went to Fisher's School House; and at 3, P.M. met for Divine Service. Spoke with a young man, who desires to be baptized, and left him a suitable book, with instructions. Visited two families. In returning home at night through the woods, broke my sleigh.

28.—Divine Service in the morning; the house full. Rode to Hemmingsford in the afternoon, and had Divine Service as usual; the Troops all present, but few others, the roads very bad. Rode hence, and visited the cottage of a Frenchman, and read and explained in a French Testament I had given them. Afterwards, received the children of one family, and instructed them in their Catechism and Scripture lesson, and closed with family prayer. Gave medicine to a little child.

31.—Visited Hemmingsford No. 2 School. Then rode to Hemmingsford No 3 School; examined the scholars, and left some school books. Then on to North Hemmingsford; and at a private house, after catechising some children, we had Divine Service. Baptized one child; gave medicine for two sick persons; gave a Testament to a poor orphan boy, who received it thankfully; may it be a

blessing to him, and lead him to the Father of the fatherless. Then rode to Henrysburgh: on the road visited a sick woman; I left her medicine. Visited the School, and addressed the children on a few points; Divine Service followed: though the School was dismissed, and I bid the little ones amongst them to retire home, yet they nearly all would remain. After Prayers, I addressed them and the congregation familiarly, on the 1st v. 23d Psalm: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

April 1.—Visited the poor sick woman: then visited another sick woman, and prescribed for her. Then to Bogtown School House; catechised 8 children, and held Divine Service. Rode to the Crown Reserves' School House; examined the School throughout, and at 4 P.M., had Divine Service. On returning home, visited two families.

2.—Rode to Hemmingford No. 3 School, after meeting the Trustees. Called on two families, to leave medicine, and rode on to Sherrington, in the rain. Divine Service in the evening: after service, I met those who design to attend the Sacrament at Easter, for present instruction and prayer. Had particularly urged the attendance of those who had been confirmed, when the Bishop visited us, and have since lived orderly and consistently.

3.—Visited several of our families this morning, especially those in which there are young persons, who were confirmed; and left with many of them, a tract on the Lord's Supper. Settled for Mrs. McIntyre's Land, and had her Deed prepared by the Notary, and du'y signed. She is one of the poor widows, who lost her husband in the Odelltown engagement in 1838, and has two small female children dependent on her. Rode to Napierville, and called on a family on the road; also, on poor Mr. Clarke, in a dying state: read and prayed with him. Visited other persons also.

6.—Rode early to Beaver Meadow: here, at 11, we met for Divine Service. Then on to Roxham; after examining the School, and catechising the children, we met for Divine Service. Visited a sick woman on the road, and returned home.

9.—Good Friday. Divine Service at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 at Hemmingford. Before sermon, on giving notice for the Lord's Supper on Sunday, urged on all the duty and privilege of participating, and appointed to meet those designing to attend, after service. At this

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private meeting of the communicants, I stated in a familiar way the doctrine of the Sacrament, the advantages of a faithful attendance, and the state of soul in which we should ever seek to approach the table; closed with prayer. Then rode in a snow storm on horse-back to the English River, where at 4 P.M., we met for Divine Service. On the road home, called on a poor Canadian; the old father very sick. After recommending a mode of treatment for his illness, and marking several passages in a French Testament I had given some time since, that the son might read to him, the son accompanied me home, for medicine.

11.—Rode early to the Crown Reserves' Hemmingford School House: met the Sunday School—a large attendance of children; instructed the first class. Some Roman Catholic children were present. Divine Service followed; the School House quite full. Rode to Hemmingford, where, at 3, we had Divine Service; all the Troops attended, and a large congregation; the chapel nearly full. Administered the Sacrament after; upwards of twenty communicants. In the evening received the children for their usual lesson, and closed with family prayer.

12.—Visited the School near my residence, and examined the children; and called on the poor sick Canadian.

15.—Rode early to the Crown Reserves' School House. After examining the School, Divine Service was held; delivered a familiar lecture on the parable of the Sower, to the children: many parents also attended. After service, made new arrangements for our Sunday School; appointed some new teachers, and commenced subscription for a library; collected nearly sufficient on the spot. Gave medicine to a sick woman, and then met the Church Building Committee. In the afternoon rode to Henrysburgh: on the way called on a sick woman. Divine Service in the evening; a good congregation.

18.—Sunday School children as usual; Divine Service followed, but the badness of the weather and roads, prevented any but the immediate neighbours from attending. Rode to Odelltown, with great labour, but reached too late; the Troops who alone had attended, having left.

19.—Visited a large family of children I had baptized, to instruct them. Then rode to Lacole village, and attended a

meeting of the Church Building Committee. Then on to Odelltown. In the evening I baptized two children, and the youthful mother of one of them. 'Tis an interesting and touching duty to baptize a mother, with her first child; may the Lord Jesus preserve them both His, to whom they are dedicated.

25.—Continuing unwell and hoarse, was obliged to put off my morning duty at Sherrington. I attended our Sunday School near my residence, which I have not been able heretofore to visit; made some arrangements for the future management of the School, and instructed the first class. Before addressing the children, and closing the School with prayer, I distributed a few little books as presents to the children. In the afternoon, Divine Service at Hemmingford: in the evening, went to the Canadian's cottage, and read and commented on two or three chapters from the French Testament.

27.—Visited the poor Frenchman twice today; read the Scriptures to him, also, a good tract.

28.—Visited the poor Canadian this morning early; read many passages to him from the Word of God, and as it proved, saw him for the last time; he expired in the afternoon of this day. Rode to Mr. Whitfords, where, after catechising some children, we had Divine Service at 11 o'clock. Visited a sick man, and left him medicine: another sick person came to me. Then rode to Henrysburgh, and visited the School; Divine Service followed. Visited a sick woman after. In the evening, a young man, who offered himself for a School Master, came to the house at which I stopped, for examination.

29.—After visiting a sick mother, and giving medicine to her sick child, rode to Bogtown School House: after catechising several children, had Divine Service. Left medicine with a sick woman. Went on to the Crown Reserve School House; examined the School, and closed it with prayer; Divine Service followed. Baptized one child, and gave medicine to a sick woman. Rode home at night.

May 3.—Engaged all the morning in drawing up rules, &c., for a Sunday School. Then rode to our School, which I examined, and closed with prayer, and made arrangements for the commencement of a Sunday School forthwith, leaving there the rules I had prepared,

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9.—Went early to Hemmingford Crown Reserves' School House. Met the Sunday School, and instructed a class ; Divine Service followed, the School House completely filled, with an attentive congregation. Rode to Hemmingford for afternoon service as usual. Visited the Canadian cottage in the evening, and read two or three chapters from the French Testament ; they are very attentive, as I read and simply explain ; occasionally make interesting remarks, and always thank me on parting, for the visit. May the Divine Spirit bless his Truth to their souls !

21.—Rode to the English River, where we had Divine Service. After Prayers, I baptized three children. Met some of the neighbours afterward, to organize a Sunday School ; prescribed the rules, &c., and left some books.

23.—Divine Service in the morning. Then rode to Hemmingford, where I met a large congregation ; after service, I baptized one child ; visited a sick person. Returned home, and visited the Frenchman's cottage, and read and commented on portions of the Scriptures. Then received the children of our family, with three others, who came for their usual evening instruction ; closed with family prayer.

26.—Rode to Mr. Whitford's, where, as usual, we had Divine Service ; afterwards, saw several sick persons, and gave medicine. Then rode to Henrysburgh, and in the afternoon, had Divine Service. Visited a sick woman after service, and returned home about 12 miles.

27.—Attended a funeral this morning : after the lessons, there being many present, I preached from the 25th Matthew : " Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour, wherein the Son of Man cometh." After proceeding to the grave yard, rode to the Crown Reserves' School House, where I examined the children, and subsequently held Divine Service.

June 3.—Visited a sick woman ; gave medicine and prayed with the family. Then visited the Hemmingford No. 2 School ; examined it thoroughly, and made some new arrangements. In the afternoon, rode to the Guard House near the Lines, where, as

usual, we had Divine Service; the house full: baptized four children. Then rode to Russeltown Flats, 14 miles, calling by the way on a house fitting up for a School House.

4.—Rode early to Norton Creek; Edwardstown, a part of Mr. Bond's present District; visited the School, and catechised several children, and held Divine Service. Mr. Bond's absence at the present time, induced this visit to an interesting part of my former large District. Then went to Beech Ridge, Williamstown, where, in the evening, we met for Divine Service.

5.—Rode to Covey Hill, 16 miles: visited some families on the road. At one of them saw some dear little children, who used formerly to be instructed by me; gave them some little books. Called at the School at the Flats; examined the children, and closed the School with Prayer.

6.—Met my old Sunday School—the first which I established in the country: it now appertains to the charge of Mr. Bond. Many of the little ones seemed as pleased, as I myself felt, at our meeting. Before closing the School, I addressed the children; Divine Service followed—a large congregation. In the afternoon, rode on to Hemmingford; on the way, called for a short time at another Sunday School, which Mr. Bond has established. At Hemmingford, we had Divine Service as usual; a very large and attentive congregation. After service, visited a poor man who had recently broken his leg, and also a sick child, and prescribed for her. Then rode, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5, P. M. to meet the Sunday School, No. 2, Hemmingford, which I had appointed to assemble late today that I might visit and examine it. Upwards of fifty children were present, many teachers, and some of the parents from the neighbourhood. After ending the lessons, I addressed the children, and teachers, and parents, and closed the School with Prayer. Many of these children never attended Sunday School until this was formed; or, indeed, any School, before we erected this house and established the Day and Sunday School.—May “the Good Shepherd” bless these humble means in providing for, and guiding into “the green pastures,” these lambs of the flock.

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8.—Visited the School No. 2, Hemmingford, and the sick man.

9.—Walked some distance to attend a meeting of the Committee of the Widow's Odelltown Fund. Visited a sick man; engaged a new Sunday School Teacher.

10.—Visited the School and addressed the children. Then rode to Crown Reserves School. Examined the children throughout; met the Trustees to determine some points of difference; then held Divine Service—several adults attended and the whole School. Delivered a simple extempore address on our Lord's words: "My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me." Baptized one child—met the Church Building Committee after, and arranged with the mason, &c.

Then rode to Bogtown: here I met and catechised several children; but there not being a sufficient congregation for our ordinary service, I closed the examination with Prayer. Then rode on to Henrysburgh. Here in the evening we met for Divine Service—a very attentive congregation. Gave medicine to a sick man.

11.—Visited a family, and rode to another School House, where we had Divine Service as appointed. Visited a sick Woman, and rode to Sherrington, calling by the way on a family. Divine Service in the evening. Afterwards met the Church Building Committee.

13.—Sunday School as usual. Divine Service followed: a good congregation.

Then on to Odelltown, where in the afternoon I met a large congregation. Immediately after service, I rode to our lately formed Sunday School, near the Lines. Between 50 and 60 children were present and many parents. I opened the School, by an address and prayer, and in a similar way closed it. Baptized one child—and instructed several older children who are to be baptized. Rode after dark, 5 miles, to the house where I had appointed to stop the night.

14.—Went to St. Johns. On the road visited a School and catechised several children, and left an appointment to meet on a future day some of the heads of families, to endeavour to establish a Sunday School in this neighbourhood.

15.—Returned to Beaver Meadow, 26 miles. In the evening we met for Divine Service.

16.—Met the neighbours this morning to establish the School:

drew up the Subscription paper, &c. Then rode to Hemmingford, and went to a house 5 miles distant to marry a couple.

17.—Rode to the Guard House near the Lines; Divine Service at which several attended. Visited the School, and made arrangements towards establishing a Sunday School here; passed the evening in drawing up rules, &c., for the Sunday School.

18.—The Superintendent of our new Sunday School called on me, to whom I gave some Bibles and Testaments and Catechisms—also children's books and Watts' Hymns, (with the rules, &c.) as School Stock.

Our new master for Sherrington School, called for his instructions.

Rode to the English River, where in the afternoon we had Divine Service: baptized 3 children after prayer: prescribed for a sick man. Made some arrangements for the Sunday School in this place and left some books. On returning home, visited 2 sick children, and requested them to send next day for medicine.

20.—Rode to Crown Reserves' School House, met the Sunday School and instructed the 1st class, and the smallest children in their prayers. Divine Service followed; a full congregation. After Service, I met those intending to be present at the Sacrament today.

Then on to Hemmingford, where I met a large congregation. Divine Service at 3 P. M. after which I administered the Lord's Supper. In the evening received the children of our family, for their usual lesson.

23.—Rode early to Mr. Whitford's, where we had Divine Service. Relieved with medicine a few sick persons.

Then rode to the Crown Reserves' School, which I examined—and for which it is gratifying to have to say, that it is prospering. Divine Service followed, after I had dismissed the School with Prayer. Several of the children waited for Service. Gave medicine to a sick woman, and Prayer Book to a poor man.

28.—Rode early to our School; thence to a house where I baptized 5 children; visited another School, and rode back to Lacole village, to attend a meeting of the Church Building Committee, and, at 6 P. M. went to the Lake Shore, where in a large room of a private house, we met for Divine Service. Baptized 3 children before Sermon, which was founded on our Lord's words, "Except ye be converted and become as little children," &c. There was a large attendance: many came from the opposite side of the Lake.

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FROM THE

JOURNAL OF THE REV. P. J. MANING,

MISSIONARY IN THE DISTRICT OF MONTREAL.

January 20, Wednesday.—Left Paisley for a scattered settlement by the name of St. Columbia. At the house of one of the settlers, I conducted Divine Service, at which about twenty persons were present. Two children were brought to be baptized, which service I performed; some of the persons present had come nearly twelve miles, and were most thankful for the opportunity of once more hearing a Minister of their Church.

Thursday, 21.—Left for Wentworth, *via* Lachute, twenty-seven miles; roads very bad. Called upon one or two families, as I passed along the road, and was most kindly received. Arrived at night at the Township of Wentworth.

Friday, 22.—Wentworth.—This morning, at the hour of ten o'clock, proceeded to the School House for the purpose of catechising the children, with which the School House was filled. At twelve o'clock the congregation met for Divine Worship, the number of which amounted to from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy; two children were baptized, and an appointment made for my future visit. There are two schools in this vicinity, both of which I examined.

26.—Left Longueuil for La Petite Nation, eighteen miles; arrived at four o'clock. At five o'clock conducted Divine Service in the School House, at which about forty persons were present.

27.—Conducted Divine Service at George's Lake Settlement, at which about fifty persons attended, and were most thankful for my visit. There is a good School House and Teacher in this settlement, and most of the people are very anxious that a Clergyman should visit them. They have already assented in sending a petition to the Lord Bishop of Toronto to that effect. After distributing some Tracts to them, I left for the South Nation River, in the Township of Plantagenet, U. C., thirteen miles distant.

Saturday, 30.—At Hatfield, according to appointment, I proceeded to hold Divine Service at eleven o'clock. Many persons were present from a distance of more than twelve miles, although the weather was intensely cold. The number of persons present amounted to about one hundred and seventy in all. Five children were baptized, and another appointment made for a future day.

Sunday, 31.—Lochaber.—At the hour of eleven o'clock, proceeded to conduct Divine Worship, according to appointment. About seventy persons were present, and most attentive. A few respectable persons expressed a desire to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on my next visit. Leaving a few pious works for their perusal, and recommending them carefully to examine themselves, I promised to comply with their desire on the fulfilment of my next appointment. Left same day for the Settlement of Fox's Point, in the Township of Clarence, U. C. Most of the persons here are belonging to the Baptist denomination, but are well disposed towards any pious Minister who will visit them. They were attentive during service, at which about fifty persons were present; and, on leaving, expressed a hope that I would renew my visit, and therefore made an appointment for a future day.

February 1, Monday.—Left Clarence for the Township of Cumberland, U. C., and at a small and secluded settlement, three miles back from the river, held Divine Service in the evening, at five o'clock. About fifty persons were present, and most attentive. Some of the people came several miles to attend, and expressed a hope that I would visit them again. Baptized one child, the father of which said that I was the first Clergyman of his own Church that he had had the opportunity of hearing since he left the old country, a space of twenty-one years.

Wednesday, 3.—Left Buckingham, L. C. for Bytown, U. C. I had not proceeded five miles of the way before I encountered a furious storm of snow and cold wind, any thing to equal which I have not before met with; the wind blowing down the river, and I proceeding up, made it uncomfortable to travel. Arrived at five o'clock—27 miles.

Thursday, 11.—Wakefield.—This Township lies back of Hull, and is settled by about twenty families, most of whom are mem-

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12.—Left for Bytown ; roads very bad. Arrived in the evening—29 miles.

Sunday, 14.—Performed Divine Service at eleven o'clock, at Bytown ; at three o'clock at Hull ; and at seven o'clock again at Bytown, to assist Rev. S. S. Strong.

Tuesday, 23.—Went this day to keep an appointment at the Settlement of Eaton's Falls. The cold was so severe that very few people ventured out. Baptized two children ; catechised those that I could assemble, and distributed some Tracts.

Thursday, 25.—Wakefield.—The attendance here, as at my last visit, was good. They very much deplored the want of a Schoolmaster, as there were nearly seventy children in the Township fit to attend School. They gave great attention at Divine Service, and after it was over they signed a petition, which they gave me to forward to the Bishop, with the hope that something might be done to relieve their spiritual wants.

4.—Left Cumberland for Lochaber Bay, where I held Divine Worship. After which, I proceeded to the English Settlement called Foxes' Point, about thirty-five persons attended here, most of whom appeared blessed by a spirit of true devotion ; there is scarcely a member of our own Church in this place ; but as they have no Minister of their own denomination, and gladly received my services, I as freely and willingly rendered them, and spoke to them, I trust "The Truth as it is in Jesus Christ." Left same night for Clarence Township, U. C.

Friday, 5.—Left for Lochaber, where I conducted Divine Service, baptized a child, and administered the Sacrament to four per-

sons, who much wished to receive it ; but never, since their residence had an opportunity ; about twenty people attended Divine Service ; left same day for the Township of Plantagenet.

6.—At eleven o'clock conducted Divine Worship at this settlement ; about one hundred and fifty persons were present ; three children were baptized, and after the service, several of the chief men in the place came and consulted with me upon the best method of having their Spiritual distress relieved ; they stated their willingness to subscribe a sum each, to assist in building a church, and also in maintaining a minister ; indeed they appeared fully to feel their spiritual need, and each countenance betokened a claim to have that need supplied. I promised to lend them every assistance ; and encouraged them to proceed in their own plans.

Monday, 8.—Left Alfred, via the Caledonia Springs, for Van Kleek's Hill, in the west of Hawkesbury Township. This country is thickly settled, and many of the settlers are true members of our Church. At the Service I held here, there were more than ninety persons present, and the roads in a bad state ; I was informed that a clergyman regularly attending there, could have a certainty of obtaining more than one hundred on an average, as his congregation. There is an excellent School and School master ; this place is five miles from Longueuil, and seven from the Caledonia Springs. Promised to visit this place again first opportunity.

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FROM THE

JOURNAL OF THE REV. R. G. PLEES.

August 22, 1841.—After Divine Service at the Flats, rode to Norton Creek and Beech Ridge, at both which places Divine Service was rather thinly attended.

29.—Assisted Rev. Mr. Dawes in the Administration of the Lord's Supper at the Flats. Owing to the unfavourableness of the weather about forty-five persons only attended, thirty of whom communicated. Afterwards proceeded to Goodsell's School House for Divine Service; visited a sick man who had lately been baptized by Mr. Dawes, and read and prayed with him. He appeared thankful for my visit, and expressed much relief.

September 5.—Went to East Covey Hill, to bury the body of Mr. S's. child, thence to my appointment at West Covey Hill, and preached to a small but attentive congregation; thence to Gentle's, eight miles, where, in consequence of the miscarriage of my notice, only a small congregation (about twenty) attended.

8.—Rode to Norton Creek, to fulfil my appointment. Owing to the business of the season, the male portion of my congregation was very few in number. The same may be said of St. Remi, where I preached in the evening.

9.—Visited an aged servant of the Lord and member of the church; though arrived at the age eighty years, he retains the use of his faculties in a remarkable degree. His hope is in Him who alone can solace age and smooth the bed of death. Visited two Schools on the road, and catechised the children; called on a woman who has been in a very infirm state of health for the last two years; gave her and her daughters some tracts, which I trust will conduce to their spiritual comfort.

12.—Took a class in and addressed Sunday School at East Covey Hill. After Divine Service, proceeded to Goodsell's; catechised the children of Sunday School; heard recitation of Scripture

lessons previously given them ; conducted Divine Service, and thence proceeded to Moerstown, where, in the evening, I had the pleasure of addressing a large congregation.

19.—After Divine Service at the Flats, rode to Norton Creek, and thence to Beech Ridge, where I finished my labours of the day by officiating to a large and interesting congregation.

20.—Visited some families and instructed the children in the Church Catechism ; heard recitations of Scripture lessons ; called on Captain L—— ; found him more feeble than at my last visit. It is gratifying to observe the heartfelt pleasure which is plainly manifested by this aged pilgrim to Zion, in every opportunity afforded to him to join in supplication to the Throne of Grace. Rode thence to Angel's, on the English, River and made an appointment to preach there on the 7th proximo. Visited Mrs. D——, found her still very infirm ; led her in prayer to seek the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

21.—At East Covey Hill, met Sunday School as usual, conducted Divine Service,—a much better attendance than for some time past ; thence to Goodsell's after Sunday School ; conducted Divine Service—attendance rather small ; thence to M'Gilton's, on the English River, whither I was conducted by a zealous member of the church—road very bad. Officiated at Divine Service to a congregation as large as the School-house would admit ; urged the duty of “redeeming time,” and preparing for eternity : may the Lord bless the seed sown, and give a profitable increase. Started on my return to the Flats ; but the equinoctial storm raging with great fury, obliged me to avail myself of the hospitality of a worthy member of our communion ; trees were falling on every side of us.

27.—Returned to the Flats by a road barely passable ; rode five miles to officiate at a marriage ; returning, went round by the new road, and called on several families, chiefly to urge a more regular attendance on public worship. They thanked me for my visit and promised to make a better improvement of the opportunity afforded them every Sabbath, either at the Flats or at Covey Hill, to attend church.

October 4.—Visited several families, catechising the children, and hearing their assigned Scripture lessons ; distributed books and tracts, which were gladly received.

6.—Rode to Moerstown, where I had the pleasure of addressing a large congregation at St. R's church, with Mr. R's assistance.

7.—Visited several families, catechising the children, and hearing their assigned Scripture lessons ; distributed books and tracts, which were gladly received.

8.—At East Covey Hill, met Sunday School as usual, conducted Divine Service ; attendance rather small ; thence to M'Gilton's, on the English River, whither I was conducted by a zealous member of the church—road very bad.

24.—Rode to East Covey Hill, where I had the pleasure of addressing a large congregation at St. R's church, with Mr. R's assistance. He expressed a desire to visit him, and was pleased to hear of the success of his mission after Divine Service. He expressed a desire to reach the place, but was prevented by the storm, fearing that it would be dangerous.

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6.—Rode to my appointment at Norton Creek. Before Divine Service heard Scripture lessons and portions of Church Catechism ; at St. Remi conducted evening service, and stayed over night with Mr. R.

7.—Visited several families. Met a class of children to catechise and hear Scripture lessons ; much pleased with their deportment and answers. Proceeded to Angel's, but my notice had not been circulated, and no congregation assembled ; left another appointment, and took measures for its circulation.

8.—At M^cGilton's examined school and conducted Divine Service ; returned to the Flats after dark by a road both bad and dangerous—a merciful Providence conducted me safely.

24.—East Covey Hill Sunday School improving ; attendance at public worship very large. In compliance with a request to visit a poor old man, who had expressed an earnest desire to see and converse with me, I visited him on my way to Goodsell's ; found him in great pain of body and distress of mind. Read a portion of Scripture, and led him in prayer to seek Divine consolation. He expressed himself much relieved by the exercise ; I promised to visit him again, D. V., on the following day. At Goodsell's I was pleased to see a large congregation assembled. Immediately after Divine Service started for the English River ; but, in consequence of the next-to-impassable state of the roads, was unable to reach that place at the appointed hour ; and, the congregation, fearing that I would not come, dispersed before night should set in.

29.—Rode about sixteen miles, calling on several families, and distributing books which were gladly received by the children. Visited the school at East Covey Hill.

31.—After Divine Service at the Flats, rode to West Covey Hill for afternoon service, and thence to Gentle's, where a large congregation was in attendance, and joined in the service with much apparent devotion. A Church is much needed in this part.

November 7.—At East Covey Hill took class in Sunday School. Divine Service followed ; thence to Goodsell's, where, after hearing my interesting little class, I held Divine Service. To Moerstown ; roads bad—night very dark ; rain falling heavily ; congregation larger than I expected.

14.—Re-opened Sunday School at the Flats ; Divine Service

followed. At Norton Creek congregation small: roads and weather very unfavourable. Evening service at St. Remi. Went two miles to administer private baptism to a sick child; night very stormy.

15.—Visited several families; conversed and prayed with the sick.

17.—Left home for Moerstown, sixteen miles; but the roughness of the road, now frozen, and the severity of the storm, rendered it impossible to reach that place at the time appointed. Called on Mr. S. and was pleased to find his mind much more at ease; his hopes being more surely fixed, and his affections weaned in a great measure from earthly and raised to heavenly things. Visited Mr. B.: his health much better. Catechised some children.

20.—Went twelve miles to inter the remains of the late P. R.; preached a funeral sermon on the occasion. Deceased had been called into his Lord's vineyard at a late hour, and there was great reason to rejoice over him as "a brand plucked from the burning."

21.—Increasing diligence observable in East Covey Hill Sunday School. Distributed some small books, as a mark of approbation; Divine Service followed. Thence to Goodsell's, calling in my way (by request) on old Mr. S.; a visible change had taken place in him; it was pleasing to observe, that in the midst of bodily suffering, great and severe, his mind was enabled, by grace, to rest calmly on his Saviour. He seemed fully to experience that though sin had abounded in him, grace had much more abounded towards him. Sunday School at Goodsell's; Divine Service followed. Being assured by a young man from the English River that the roads to that place were next to impassable, and that I should not be expected there, I desisted from going, but appointed the next Friday instead, and an earlier hour.

December 8.—Divine Service at West Covey Hill; attendance very numerous; baptised an infant; thence to Gentle's for evening service; addressed an unusually large congregation. Succeeded in raising a subscription for a poor man deprived of his right arm, and consequently unable to provide for himself.

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12.—Pleased to see an increase both in the Sunday School and in the attendance at public worship at the Flats ; thence to Norton Creek, where the congregation was larger than the bad state of the roads led me to expect. Evening service at Beech Ridge ; roads were very bad : went to bed greatly fatigued.

13.—Visited several families and two schools.

18.—Left home in a snow storm, for the purpose of visiting several families at Covey Hill ; but was compelled to return without accomplishing my object.

19.—Left home for my appointment at East Covey Hill, suspecting, however, that the snow which had been drifting all night, had made the roads worse than ever ; and my suspicions were fully borne out by my experience, nor did I reach the hill without great labour and difficulty. Arriving, I found that the people did not expect me ; I succeeded in assembling the nearest neighbours at a private house for Divine Service. Thence to Goodsell's : attendance at Divine Service very small. Proceeded to the Corners, and attended Mr. Bond's Bible Class meeting.

21.—Called on several families to catechise the children. In trying to make my way through a snow-drift, got into a deep hole and broke my sleigh.

25.—Divine Service at East Covey Hill ; large congregation ; in the course of the service baptised five children. Thence to Goodsell's for Divine Service ; at five, P. M., officiated to a numerous assemblage of persons, at M'Gilton's. Returned to the Flats, to be ready for tomorrow's duties.

26.—Was pleased to address a large congregation this morning ; sleighing good. Afternoon service at West Covey Hill, also numerous attended ; at six, P. M., officiated at Gentle's ; School-house crowded to excess. Our heart-felt thanks are due to the Almighty Disposer of hearts and events for inclining the people of this part to attend regularly and with alacrity His stated public service.

27.—Went over Covey Hill by the roughest road I had ever

seen. Was in imminent danger of breaking my sleigh and injuring both my horse and myself; yet Providence graciously preserved me, and I returned home late at night, having visited several families, and taken measures for the opening of two schools, and agreed to pay for three scholars. A woman, eighty years of age, though too feeble to speak, gave tokens which could not be misunderstood, of inward satisfaction in hearing God's Word read, and in joining in the simple prayer in which I recommended her to Almighty protection.

January 6, 1842.—Divine Service on West Covey Hill, in the course of which I baptised nine children. Returned to the Flats, after leaving an appointment to meet the children of this part once a month, at the house of Mr. P.

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