

and the latter at Markham. The total amount collected is considerably more than last year, and, besides, a healthy impetus has been given to the cause of Missions.—*Economist*.

**MISSIONARY MEETINGS: EASTERN DISTRICT.**—No arrangement having been made for holding missionary meetings in the Eastern District, the writer, at the request of the District Secretary, left home on Friday evening, February 11th, and spent the Sabbath at Athol and Martintown. The day proved unfavourable, but still a good congregation assembled at Athol, and a still better one at Martintown, to listen to the word preached. The distance between the two places (14 miles) makes Mr. Macal-lum's work very laborious.

The Missionary meeting on Monday evening at Martintown was well attended. Mr. P. Christie occupied the chair, and the pastor and the writer addressed the friends present. Collection \$26, being an advance of 50 per cent. on last year.

Next day we drove nearly 40 miles, in the face of a blinding storm of snow and hail, to Vankleek Hill, which we reached with great difficulty, having once had to take the horse from the sleigh, and drag the sleigh along till we got through the drift. The meeting under these circumstances was small, but very spirited and effective, with excellent singing under the leadership of Mr. Wm. McKillican Jr. J. P. Wells, Esq., the father of the Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, occupied the chair, and hospitably entertained the deputation. Collections not yet completed, but will be fully up to last year.

Mr. Wells kindly sent us over to Hawkesbury with a pair of good horses, and excellent driver, the next afternoon. Friends were doubtful about our getting through, but we managed it at last, and had an interesting meeting. Some of the people there are intensely in earnest about getting a minister, and we doubt not the Lord will hear their prayer. He always does hear "the effectual fervent prayer" of those who really cry to Him.

We did purpose going on to St. Andrews the next morning, though no appointment was sent forward, but the storm prevented us going further.

Friday evening we had an excellent

meeting at Athol church. The interest was seen in the voluntary offerings which were brought up to the table at its close, amounting to \$41—\$10 more than last year. We are glad to hear that Athol is arising to build. They need a new house of worship badly, and would have had one, doubtless, before now but for having had to rebuild their parsonage.

On Saturday, Mr. A. McDougall kindly drove the writer to Cornwall (25 miles), where we took train for Ottawa, which we reached about 4 p.m.

There was a fair attendance on Sabbath morning, and a good audience at night, while we sought to present the claims of the Society. The pastor, Mr. Sanderson, has been much tried of late, by the busy efforts of a certain sect much given to proselytizing, especially in time of revival, and he has also lost a number of families by removal from the city.

The meeting on Monday evening was small, as it seems it always is in cities. The collections, however, will probably not be behind those of last year. When at the Sabbath-school, in the afternoon, the children presented to the writer a nice little address, bringing \$20 for the Missionary Society, and asking that their beloved Superintendent, Mr. Jarvis, might be made a life-member thereby.

Our last meeting was at Belleville, on Tuesday evening. The audience was small, but the people seemed interested. Collections not yet complete. The church much needs a pastor. May the Lord soon send them one.

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**OUR INDIAN MISSIONS.**—Mr. John L. Lister, our missionary to the Indians, is so far meeting with much encouragement in collecting for the mission, notwithstanding the depression of the times. He has visited Speedside, Garafraxa, Fergus, Elora, Guelph and Georgetown, and has had excellent meetings in some places, especially where he had with him the worthy native pastor of the church at French Bay, Mr. Walker. Mr. Lister is now on a tour through the churches at Galt, Paris, Brantford, Scotland, Embro, Hamilton, St. Catharines, London, Southwold, Warwick, Sarnia, Stratford, Listowel, &c., where we believe he will be well received.