

severity of the weather. Collections also good. The deputation consisted of brothers Ebbs, Pullar, and King, with the Pastor. It is evident that brother Allworth is made the instrument of a good work here, both in strengthening the foundation and rearing the superstructure.

GUELPH.—Tuesday evening, Jan. 11. If this thriving town feels the influence of the "hard times" as much as other parts of Canada, its appearance belies it. Handsome and substantial buildings are rapidly improving its streets; and business seems uncommonly brisk. The attendance at the Missionary Meeting was small, owing partly to other meetings in the town at the same hour. Congregation addressed by brothers Allworth, Barker and Ebbs, aided by Messrs. Ryan and Delve of the town, the pastor in the chair. Collections and subscriptions nearly the same as last year. It is to be hoped that the church here has weathered the worst storm, and is keeping pace with the town in its progress.

On Wednesday the 12th, the deputation drove through the beautiful villages of Elora, Salem, and Fergus, all of which have the prospect of being united in one at no very distant day. In the two former, there are about 8 or 10 persons, heads of families, who are anxious to be organized into a church of the Congregational order, and who now keep up a regular Sabbath evening service under the ministrations of our excellent and active, though aged brother—the Rev. James Middleton. There are also a number in Fergus who earnestly solicit our efforts. In the evening a public meeting was held in the chapel in

GARAFRAXA.—Addressed by the same deputation as at Guelph, with the addition of brother Pattison, who is supplying there for a few Sabbaths during the vacancy of the pastorate. The meeting was very interesting; collection fair; subscriptions not completed.

ERAMOSA.—Thursday evening, 13th. An excellent congregation, ably addressed by brothers Ebbs, Howell, Pattison, and Allworth; with the valuable help of the Rev. W. Barrie, U. P. minister of the neighborhood. Contributions to the Society about one-third more than last year. The tour of the deputation was finished by the meeting at

EDEN MILLS.—Friday evening, 14th. Weather very unfavourable, and congregation necessarily small, addressed by brothers Barker, Howell, Allworth, and Ebbs. Taking all the circumstances into account, the amount raised was considered good, though falling somewhat short of last year. The pastorate in this ambitious little village is also vacant; but the pulpit is being well supplied by Mr. F. Mould, who, we trust, will yet take his place among the ministers of our Body.

On the whole, this first week's work was pleasant and encouraging, beneficial alike to the churches visited and to the Society, which received thus about \$100 to its funds. May the coming meetings be even more successful.

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MIDDLE DISTRICT.—No. 2.

To the Editor of the Canadian Independent.

DEAR BROTHER,—The following is a brief account of a Missionary meeting tour in the Northern and Eastern sections of the Middle District.

Monday, Jan. 10th.—Left Etobicoke, where the writer had been engaged at the re-opening of the church at St. Andrews, now seated and otherwise much improved, before sunrise, on that bitter morning, to meet the Northern Railway cars at Thornhill. Took up Brother Hooper at Newmarket, and were met by Brother Raymond at Barrie, drove on 12 miles to Oro. Owing to the extreme cold and defective notification, the meeting was small. Several dollars, arrears of last year's subscription, were handed in, an example worth commemorating, and a good subscription list commenced, and paid in part.

Tuesday, Jan. 11th.—Went to Oro 2ND CHURCH, in "the Scotch settlement." A better attendance. Mr. Raymond again presided, and Messrs. Marling and Hooper made addresses. Collectors were appointed to secure contributions.

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