

over Sabbath and preach missionary sermons; and so, after the Vespra meeting, we separated. Bro. Gibbs staid over night with some friends, who engaged to set him down to Barrie in time for the train next morning; and the others elsewhere.

On Friday, some time through the day, we got back to Rugby, the storm and drifts still continuing. Saturday was a quiet day at the parsonage; and on Sabbath (a bitterly cold day) I preached at each of the three places, to good and interested congregations. Collections at each service for the Society. I followed Bro. Sanderson's usual Sabbath round. It involved thirty miles travel, being a couple of miles extra on account of avoiding a drifted-up piece of road.

On Monday, February 6, we started in a well-built "jumper," for Pine Grove, our meeting here being on the following evening. Forty and some odd miles brought us to Newmarket, where we staid over night, being anxious to know how things were doing there. Next day, twenty-seven more miles in the jumper brought the deputation (Bro. S. and self) to Pine Grove.

Yours,

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PINE GROVE, 10th Feb., 1871.

## NOTES OF MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

### MIDDLE DISTRICT, No. 2.

The deputation appointed to visit Bolton Village on Friday, 20th January, consisted of the Rev. M. S. Grey, and the Rev. J. G. Sanderson, who was on hand in good time. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Joseph Wheeler, who opened the meeting in his happy humorous way. The congregation, a very respectable and intelligent one, listened with attention to the remarks of the speakers. The choir had evidently prepared some special pieces for the occasion, which were well sung. Bolton has some sweet voices, in the church, which on this occasion rang out loud and clear, and cheered us with their harmony. The collection was \$7, and collectors were appointed to take up subscriptions.

The next meeting was on the following Monday, at South Caledon. The day was intensely cold, and travellers were in great danger of being frozen. Bro. Sanderson went to the Union Church, but learned that the meeting was to be held in the Hall, and consequently had to continue his drive some three or four miles farther, when he found Father Denny and a few persons gathered together. We kept up good fires—held our meeting, and took up a good collection. The South Caledon people are liberal. At one house where we visited, we were voluntarily presented with four dollars for the cause; at another house we received two, at another the same. These people evidently give from principle, not waiting to be asked, but giving of their own accord. They have no pastor and are much neglected. We trust that some arrangements will be made soon whereby they may have the gospel more regularly preached to them. Our Missionary Society must exercise a more authoritative supervision over these weak churches in the country, if they would have them prosper—must not only send them funds, but also men, and help to govern them until they are able to stand alone. The churches, except in rare cases where they are spoiled, will cheerfully accept care during the time of their minority.

From South Caledon we were about to proceed to Alton, when Bro. Reikie, driven by James Barber, Esq., reached us. Bro. Reikie, was soon transferred to Bro. Sanderson's cutter and Mr. Barber, returned to Georgetown. Then the procession wended its way to Alton, Father Denny taking the lead. We stayed with a worthy member of the Alton church, at Bellfountain for dinner, where we were very kindly entertained. After religious