

The above three churches are under the care of the Rev. Mr. Wright, and are all doing well. New sheds have been building in Edgar, and other signs of internal progress were noticeable. Mr. Wright is an enthusiastic foreign missionary, and would gladly go to the field if he could. His wife is as much interested in the work as himself, and told me that although she could not go herself to foreign lands she would be glad if all her boys would grow up to be foreign missionaries. Mrs. Wright conducts a children's foreign mission Band, and is President of a Women's missionary society in connection with a church in Edgar.

This ends my trip throughout the central district. My experiences have been very pleasant. Pastors and people received me kindly, as they have done in all parts where I have visited. The churches generally promise well, and appear to be in a flourishing condition, although two or three will require a little careful, skilful management. The people throughout seem willing to help support our foreign missions, and if encouraged to do so by the pastors, as I have no doubt they will be in a hearty manner, a fine missionary spirit will soon be found throughout the country, and our society will be called on to say of the number willing to go to the foreign field, which one will next be sent.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

SPEEDSIDE.

I drove out here on Monday morning in company with the Rev. D. McGregor. The pastorate has been rendered vacant by the resignation of the Rev. W. T. Clarke. The cause is not strong, and in consequence it is hoped soon to unite it, under the care of some suitable pastor, with the church in Fergus. Mr. McGregor urged the claims of the home society, and I those of the foreign; what the result will be the future must tell, we hope it will be good.

GUELPH.

On my return from Speedside to this place, I went to visit the Sunday school. It is one of the largest and finest we have in Canada. It is attended by such a large proportion of the gentler sex however, as would tax the nerves of any ordinary man who may be called upon to address them. If only the missionary spirit would brood over the school, Mt. Holyoke itself would not be a more interesting place for missionaries to visit. In the evening we had an unusually large congregation and a good rousing meeting. At the close of the service a young man came to consult with me about his going to college to study for work in the foreign field. This is not the first missionary in embryo I have met with. A number in the country long to go to the foreign field. Let us take hold of this work

with zest and a new field of usefulness will be opened to our young people, students will flock to our college, and funds will roll into our missionary treasury, home and foreign, in sufficient quantity to meet all the law-ful requirements of our work.

BELWOOD.

The church was just about filled with people. They all wanted to see a real live missionary, or the makings of one. Some also wanted to shake hands with him and show him their sympathy with the work, and wish him God-speed. Surely the meeting will not soon be forgotten, and its fruits will be seen in due time. The people want to have a share in our work, and they are heartily welcome to as large a one as they like to take.

GARAFRAXA.

There was quite a nice gathering in the church. We missed the pastor very much though. He was away hunting a magistrate to enforce the Scott Act. Still, the meeting passed off well and we enjoyed a pleasant, and I trust, profitable visit.

FERGUS.

The pastor came home after his Scott Act business with a headache, and did not feel able to attend the missionary meeting. The people in the community were insufficiently notified, and in consequence the meeting was rather thinly attended. We made the best of the situation, however, and there is reason to believe that seed was sown in good ground which will bring forth fruit in the interest of our foreign missions.

LISTOWEL.

The newly-settled pastor was prevented by previous engagements from being present. Dr. Gunner discharged the functions of chairman in a happy manner. Our attendance was not large. The week had been one of feasting for the church, and the people had imbibed so much at the beginning of the feast that when at last the good wine was brought in, they had no appetite, at least most of them had not, for only a few could be induced to try it. Those who did, however, went away thinking what a fine thing it is to have a large capacity. The church here has suffered some serious losses of late which have crippled it very much; but it is hoped that under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Burgess, who has just been ordained, it will regain its former strength, and even attain to greater power and usefulness. We wish both pastor and people joy and great blessing in their new relationship. Assurance has been given that our work in Africa will not be forgotten by the people here.

STRATFORD.

My visit to this place was a very enjoyable one. Both pastor and people received and treated me in a