

geses and essays, re-assigned. Plans of sermons, Rev. J. Howell, and J. Shipperly. Scribe elected for the year 1871-2, Rev. A. Duff.

Rev. Mr. Handsforth, Wesleyan Methodist, sat by vote of the Association as honorary member, and took part in the discussions.

A. D., *Scribe*.

**MISSIONARY MEETINGS. — EASTERN DISTRICT.**—In October last, 27th and 30th, the annual missionary meetings were held at Lanark Village and Middleville. The meetings were held earlier than usual, to meet a local necessity, to have them in the pleasant season usually following the ingathering of the harvest, and to give an opportunity for united work for the Master at the season of the Autumnal Meeting of our Association. The experiment proved a success, warming our hearts who preached, cheering the churches and securing a good contribution to the C. C. M. S.

The services were peculiarly interesting. At the village several circumstances gave special character to the addresses of the brethren—Rev. K. M. Fenwick being so closely allied to them in the work the Lord gave them to do, and in which the Lord so blessed him; and it being the first visit, since my resignation, to the church, for and with which I laboured for four years. It was pleasant indeed to renew the fellowship of former years. Our brother, Rev. J. Brown, the present pastor, is working with evident acceptance.

The meetings too of the previous day all contributed to give a healthy tone to the missionary meeting. The chair was occupied by the pastor. Addresses were delivered on the claims of the Master upon the people in connection with the missionary enterprise, by Revs. R. Lewis, E. Ebbs and K. M. Fenwick. As the custom here is to collect by collectors after the meeting, the financial result is not known. But this church in this matter has attained a good degree, and our prayer is, that the gracious Lord will abundantly bless both pastor and people, increasing them with men like a flock.

At Middleville, on Monday evening, we had the largest meeting we have at-

tended there. It was a precious season. The addresses were fervent, and the addresses of Rev. J. Brown and Rev. K. M. Fenwick specially timely. The demise of many who were the first fruits of that precious revival, and also a few years ago of the earnest man—Rev. J. Chimie—whom the Lord so graciously blessed, was touchingly referred to by Brother Fenwick, while the faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God was seen in the fact that the children of the third generation were taking the place of their fathers in the conduct of the worship of the Lord's House. The collection at the meeting and subscriptions the following Sabbath, Brother Douglas writes me, amounted to over \$60, being \$20 more than last year. The Lord bless the Lanark churches!

R. L.

Belleville, Dec. 9th, 1871.

**TORONTO MISSIONARY MEETING.**—The annual meeting of the Congregational Missionary Society, was held in Zion Church, last evening. Owing to the severity of the weather the meeting was not large. Mr. George Hague occupied the chair. Rev. Mr. Sanderson moved a resolution to the effect that, a pure gospel, godly ministers and scriptural churches were necessary in every part of the Dominion. He gave a very interesting account of the mission work of the churches in South Simcoe, and warmly asserted the liberality of the dwellers in that district. The resolution was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Dickson in an eloquent address, in which he extolled the labours of the church in mission work, and professed his belief in its future extension and success. The Rev. Mr. Allworth moved a resolution in effect—that the work performed by this mission and the influence exerted had been such as to reward past effort and encourage to larger plans for the future. He referred to the difficulties which had been overcome, and the devoted spirit of members of the Congregational Churches in overcoming them. He hoped the time was approaching when all the stations at present receiving assistance would be able to render help to others. The Rev. Mr. Jackson seconded the resolution with a short address. The