

"As to Brother Schmidt, I esteem him very highly: he is evidently pious and zealous for souls. He was with us four or five days during the week of prayer, &c. He preached for me twice or thrice during that week. There is not much system, but there is originality and piety. Of course, his sermonizing is after the French type to some extent, and a little differing from the English. I believe Brother Karlos Schmidt is calculated to be useful, and will make a valuable agent for our work. I think, however, he will not study theology systematically for some time: this may not be of much consequence if he gets correct views of our doctrines. The Germans have such views of ordination that I fear we may suffer to some extent in their estimation on that account. They bring their children, want the sacrament, &c. I hope we will maintain confidence, by explaining matters, and the Ministers being present with Schmidt,—he saying the service, and *they* performing. We had him at some Missionary meetings. People much pleased, and hearty for the special fund. We called for volunteers at the meetings. I like the idea of keeping a special fund for the German Mission for some time. Our Missionary Meetings have been good thus far. Renfrew was in advance of last year for interest.

"As to Brother Schmidt being employed by the Bible Society, it does not meet my mind. *First*, I think the agent should do his own work. I think he has not too much to do. *Secondly*, there is a heartiness in subscribing to the German special fund;

the Ministers in some cases heading the list with \$2; confidence would be lost. *Thirdly*, I think he cannot be as useful. I might add to the reasons, but forbear. I may be mistaken however; I would not set up my judgment against a multitude; but what will we do? We have begun, shall we change now? I expect the deputation this afternoon, and will consult with them, and know their mind upon the subject."

"*Monday Morning, Jan'y 28th, 1861:*
DEAR BROTHER,—You discover that I have rested some time since writing my last sheet. I laid the matter of the Bible Society's proposition before Brothers Tomblin and Masson—my right hand men—and they entirely disprove of Brother Schmidt making any change in his vocation; whatever he could do in his field of labour he might. The Germans will not heartily attend our service unless they understand, and even *then* they do not comprehend Methodism. There is a good field for Brother Schmidt, both among the Germans and English in this region. Wilson is acting P. E., attending quarterly meetings, &c. Is that right? Should he not do his work? There is quite an interest in our missionary meetings in this District. God has blessed us with some revival here. Praise God! Brother Schmidt is here now. He seems to think Portage-du-Fort is properly the centre of his field. I rather think it is. We are badly off for a teacher here. If you know a good one, please let us know, and also the terms.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. Wm. Morton, dated Portage-du-Fort, February 7th, 1861.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I received of brother Carroll \$140; I think the amount will meet the pressing necessities of the brethren just now. I may however, have to apply for more ere long. I feel grateful for you affectionate regard. I hope our Mission funds will be augmented this year. I think we are advancing "up here." I had a long campaign this year. I closed the general tour yesterday—a

tour of nearly four weeks—stormy weather &c., made it laborious, but health has been preserved. I may just say a few words, *first of the German Mission.*

I left brother Schmidt at Renfrew last evening, on his way to Ottawa to visit the Germans there, and to see brother Carroll. Brother Schmidt seems to be truly pious, and possessed of a considerable amount of talent in