

be exceeded by them, as the smaller may not attain to it. I will only add, that the result of this movement shall be fully reported in the *Canadian Independent*, and remain, dear brethren,

Yours, in the Gospel,

F. H. MARLING.

Toronto, January 28, 1860.

P. S.—Should any individuals wish to aid this cause, who may not have an opportunity of contributing to the Church collections, I shall be very happy to receive and forward their personal donations.

F. H. M.

THE WORLD'S UNION PRAYER MEETING.

It fell to our lot, last month, to advert to the proposal for united prayer in all lands for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and we have now to record the result, so far as known.

To what extent the call was responded to by Christians in Europe, Asia, and Africa, we have as yet no information. In London, we read of "an extraordinary number of prayer meetings" having been appointed. Similar services were arranged for in many of the leading towns of the kingdom. In the United States, we do not know how far the proposal was adopted. The services in Philadelphia, were numerous and overflowing, as also in several other cities.

But in Canada, the observance of the week specified, seems to have been almost universal. We have no materials at command for anything like a complete report, but from every part of the Province whence any tidings have reached us, there is but one story,—and that a most cheering one. We have scarcely heard of any place where "the spirit of grace and supplication" has *not* been bestowed. Compliance with the invitation has been ready and universal, the nightly meetings have been large and earnest, an unusual measure of Christian unity has been manifested, and there has been a general desire for the continuance of the services for another and yet another week. In towns like Galt, and Stratford, no room was found large enough to contain the multitudes assembling. What the Middle District Missionary deputation (west) found on the recent tour, is narrated elsewhere, and there was nothing to show that they had struck an uncommon vein. In Toronto, as we write, the *fourth* week of nightly union services is in progress, and a fifth is contemplated. The numerous meetings, separate and united, held during the first week, were all crowded, and still they are very large. During a seventeen years acquaintance with the city, we have never witnessed such a feeling as prevails.

What does all this betoken?—This felt need of the Holy Spirit, this fervent and importunate prayer, and this blending of Christian hearts? Is not God about to visit our land? Has He said, "seek ye my face in vain"? Is not "the time to favour" Canada, "yea, the set time, come?" *We believe it has, if we "quench not the Spirit."* Tremulous with eager expectancy, but also with conscious short-coming, do we write thus. There is enough of sin within us, one and all, to turn away the blessing. But God is very merciful!

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