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It will no doubt be of interest to you to receive a few notes from this Mission, which appeared in the minutes of this year for the first time as occupied. Rev. Geo. Young, late Chairman of this District, was the first minister who visited this section. He preached on that occasion to the few scattered ones, and his memory is still like oil poured out. I have laboured on all the Missions in the Province, excepting Palestine, but I think the natural advantages here are superior in every respect. The soil is excellent, and the wood is of a far better class, being chiefly oak. Here we have the only elevations which are worthy the name of hills, and these are of a picturesque nature. The dull monotony of the plain is broken by frequent spring creeks, which come out of the mountain through deep ravines. Some of these furnish water the whole year, and it is very clear and pure. The settlements are very scattered at present, but much of the land is taken, upon which settlers are expected to come next spring. Our congregations are very good indeed, considering the inconveniences under which the settlers labour. There is room for many more settlers in this section, and intending emigrants who are Methodists will, we hope, find their way among us. Much vacant land can be procured in Ranges 6, 7, 8, and 9 W., Townships 1, 2, 3, and 4. It would be well if Canadians would follow the example of the Mennonites and settle together in villages that they might enjoy advantages of which they are now deprived. Our German friends are nicely settled in villages, and enjoy the privileges of school and sanctuary. Canadians are so isolated that it will be many years before churches and schools can be built. We contemplate erecting buildings of some kind next spring in Townships 4 and 2, but

they must, of necessity, be very inferior. I came here last August, and, by the blessing of God, I have missed no appointment through ill health. All was in a crude state, and two denominations occupying the field. We set to work in earnest, and gathered the scattered members into classes. We have two classes with leaders, which met each week until the severity of the winter interfered, and we were obliged to discontinue until warmer weather. We hope very soon to hold our class-meetings again, which we consider the bone and sinew of Methodism. We held one special service, which was a season of great grace and enjoyment. Our success is not all that could be desired, but we bless God for His presence, and our hearts bound to hear believers rejoice in Christ and seekers tell of hope in a merciful Saviour. We are often constrained to cry, "Bless the Lord, O my soul!" I love my field of labour very much, and humbly trust that even here God has given souls for our hire. We have five Sabbath appointments, and some that we fill occasionally on week-days.

We held our Missionary Meetings in October, which were the first ever held in this section. Our deputation, Revs. J. F. German, M.A., and W. R. Morrison, were well received, and we were greatly profited in listening to their heart-stirring words. Much of our success, which was great, was no doubt due to these brethren. I think our subscription list will approach \$100. Here let me say that our beloved Chairman is the right man in the right place, and I think it would have been difficult for you to send one better adapted to the sphere in which he is called to move. His friendly bearing, genial sympathy, hearty co-operation, and pointed counsels have greatly endeared him to all with whom he came in contact while on this Mission.