

Rev. Jeremiah Bancroft, Baptist minister, then preaching in the neighbourhood. The meeting was tolerably well attended and the people appeared interested. The collection amounted to \$4 44.

The people at Pleasant River have for some time indulged the hope, that they might soon have the more extended services of some one of our ministers. Brother Rawson and I, since the meeting of our Union at Keswick Ridge in 1860, have sought to supply for them occasionally, as nearly as possible on one Sabbath in every two or three months. Our visits have not been without a blessing. One result has been, that the people have been led to guarantee the sum of \$60 towards the support and meeting the expenses of some young Brother from Canada, who could labour there during the summer months; accordingly, an application was made through our District Secretary for such a labourer.

Our next Missionary meetings were appointed for Chebogue and Yarmouth. To assist our Brother Ritchie in holding them, I had arranged to go, and up to Sabbath, the 17th, I fully expected to have gone, having everything prepared for the journey of upwards of 100 miles with my own conveyance; but on that day we were all taken ill with influenza colds and alarming symptoms of diphtheria. Brother R. has favoured me with the following account of the meetings, under date February 20. He writes:—

“We held a meeting last evening at CHEBOGUE, and though the notice of the meeting could not have been very widely circulated owing to a very thin attendance on the previous Sabbath, by reason of bad weather, we had nevertheless a very encouraging congregation. Mr. Sykes (schoolmaster, and an acceptable local preacher connected with the Yarmouth church) and I conducted the exercises. The thing being entirely new to them, there was not that preparation and arrangement which have so much to do with the interest of such a movement, as we might otherwise have had. The result of the meeting, however, is beyond my expectation; the collection amounted to 11s. 2d., but Mr. Sykes obtained upon subscription papers more than two pounds in addition, and as much more, he thought, was promised by those who would not sign till they were better informed as to what this Missionary matter meant. Some of the little boys present, taking the hint that I had given, signed their sixpences and yorkshillings, which they mean to earn by the time the collectors call for subscriptions. We advertised the meeting at Yarmouth for to-night, but we had an old-fashioned snow storm to-day, which necessitated a postponement till next Thursday. I hope to obtain on that occasion the presence of those who expressed their willingness to aid me this evening.” In a subsequent letter, dated March 19, he reports concerning it: “We postponed our Missionary meeting in YARMOUTH for a week on account of the weather. So after all it was providential that you did not come. We received in collection and subscriptions five pounds, which is very good for a beginning.”

Our meetings in this quarter were held during the past two weeks. On Sabbath, April 13, Brother Rawson and I exchanged pulpits, preaching Missionary sermons at Milton and Brooklyn, which we also did at the former place and at Liverpool to our own people, at the subsequent services of the day. On Tuesday, the 15th, 7.30 P. M., we held a Missionary meeting at BROOKLYN, Captain George McLeod in the chair. After his opening address