

the evening was very dark, and the epizootic influenza, which was epidemic with horses, depriving those who live at a distance—and most do—of means of transit. No forethought could have provided against this last difficulty, but the former could have been avoided by selecting a time when the moon would willingly assist with light on the occasion, an important matter in the country. The pastor presided at the meeting, which was very interesting. Collection \$2 13. Collectors to be appointed immediately.

ORO.—A large audience gathered here a large proportion being young people. Great attention and appreciation was given to the addresses delivered. Meeting two hours long. Collection, \$3 27. Collectors intend doing their work at once. Deacon Thomas, as usual, hospitably entertained the visitors. The day following, the gentlemen of the delegation, with the pastor, gave place to their antiquarian taste, by opening two *tumuli* and one *fosse*, relics of the remote past in the history of the aboriginal race. One *tumulus* was very large, and about five feet high. Aside from the testimony of the contents, its antiquity was shown by the stump of a large tree, which had grown upon the top. On opening this there were discovered the fragments of earthen vessels of various sizes, and some almost entire, made and ornamented in the usual Indian style. Most of these contained ashes, and others parched corn. Remains of beasts and fishes were found, but no vestige of human beings; seeming to indicate, with the presence of the ashes in the urns, the ancient custom of incineration. Pipes made of clay and ornaments of bone and shell were all found. A *fosse*, about fifteen feet in diameter and of great depth, was also dug into, which brought to light a very great quantity of human skeletons. There could not have been less than several hundred. When uncovered the bones appeared entire, but they easily crumbled in the hand. The great number promiscuously buried here, and the absence of the usual Indian utensils ordinarily interred, indicated this place as the battle-field of fearful slaughter. We are aware that this region of country was the scene of many

fierce conflicts between the Mohawks and their inveterate enemies the Hurons. Once more covering up these long buried remains we closed our investigations with the close of day.

VESPERA.—We had a good meeting here. Good attendance and attention, good addresses, and, considering the circumstances, a good collection. The church was opened but one year ago, and through their own generous efforts and the assistance of kind friends, the people have given it to God, free of debt. The collection was \$2 66. After driving until one o'clock in the morning, the delegates reached Barrie, where they waited for the morning train for home.

Altogether the tour was pleasant, interesting and successful. The weather was most genial, the roads were good, and the people exceedingly hospitable. It was felt to be regretted that the missionary reports had not been received and distributed before the meetings. They were printed more than a month ago, why were they not sent to the churches? The pastor of the churches last visited made a suggestion that should be considered, viz., that in future a delegate or delegation be sent to his field for Sunday rather than on week evenings. The whole field would thus be visited in one day, and very much larger numbers addressed in behalf of the society.

In conclusion, if there are those who are discouraged or displeased with the workings of the Missionary Society, let them visit the churches of Rugby, Oro and Vespra, all the offspring of this society. They will find them all strong, healthy and active; blessings to themselves and the community, and an honour to God and the denomination. The day is near at hand when they shall have asked for the last draft from the society. And yet for years two of them were weak and seemed to linger. Judicious pecuniary support, a continued and energetic pastorate, and a loving liberal people, have, under the manifest blessing of God, made them what they are.

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MISSIONARY MEETINGS, W. D. —
Fergus: Monday, Oct. 6. Speakers