

Saviour. Last evening we held a public service, it was largely attended; we purpose to hold a meeting on Wednesday evening and again on Friday evening. We think these are called for owing to the seriousness that prevails.

Though we have been praying for this very thing, were our Master to draw near as we journey, He might justly say, "O fools and slow of heart to believe!" Oh that what we now see, may be as the *little cloud* of Elijah's servant, that shall spread not only over the churches of Lanark, but over all our churches, yea, over the whole land! that there be not only "a sound of abundance of rain," but a general, copious, gracious shower of heavenly grace. Grace be with you.

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Presentation.—We learn with much pleasure that the Rev. J. Durrant, the respected pastor of the Congregational Church, in Stratford, was on Friday evening last presented by the lady members of his congregation with a purse containing \$46 75, which they had succeeded in collecting. The purse was accompanied by a feeling address, signed by Mrs. Sharman and Miss Williamson on behalf of the donors. Rev. Mr. Durrant made an affectionate reply. The presentation took place at the residence of the Rev. gentleman's daughter, Mrs. Kirk, and after the formal ceremony, the pastor and the assembled members of his flock spent a pleasant evening together.—*London Advertiser*, Feb. 23.

St. Francis Association met at Waterville on Tuesday, the 12th March. The Rev. A. Duff was chosen moderator. In the evening, the primary, Rev. M. A. Sherring, having left Canada for England, the Rev. Arch. Duff, alternate, preached the Association Sermon. Text, 1 Cor. xvi. 13: "Quit you like men." On Thursday morning the Association met, and after some conference on the state of the cause in Waterville, the Rev. J. Rogers read a plan of sermon on Rev. ii. 10, and Rev. A. Duff on exposition of Rom. vii. 14, 15, 16, 17, in which it was shown that the person speaking there was the apostle himself *after* his conversion. In the evening a public meeting was held, Samuel Johnston, Esq., J. P., in the chair, and was addressed by Mr. G. Purkis, at present preaching at Waterville, on "*The Bible*;" by Rev. J. Rogers on "*Prayer*;" by Rev. E. J. Sherrill on "*Fear not, little flock*," &c.; and by the Rev. A. Duff, "*To the unsaved*." The audience was large for the place, and the attention very marked. It is hoped good was done. In consultation with the friends of the cause in Waterville, it was found that there was no small desire and even anxiety on the part of the people to have among them the ministry of the word, and that they look earnestly to us for a pastor. Our excellent brother, at present supplying them for a week or two, has had much acceptance among them, and we trust his visit will be productive of some good fruit. E. J. SHERRILL, Scribe.

WESTERN DISTRICT—MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Rev. J. Wood furnishes the following:—Depending upon others to supply them I have omitted to send you notes of missionary journeys in the Western District, until I am afraid they will be regarded by your readers as almost out of date. Editorial urgency, however, induces me to send them even at this late hour.

The *Burford* meeting, which I attended as a supernumerary, and the first of my tour, has already been reported by your correspondent, the Rev. R. Brown.

That at *Stratford*, attended by Brother Clarke, of Guelph, and myself, was large and interesting. Proceeds, about as last year. The improvements in the chapel, and its surroundings, indicate not only appreciation of the services of the pastor, but growth in the congregation. Our brother Mr. Durrant, has been in the habit of regarding himself as only *locum tenens*, keeping the house open until some younger man can be obtained to fill his place. Let him do so no longer. He is doing far more, he is "bringing forth fruit in old age," and will I trust, be long spared to labour there.