

the neighbouring Presbyterian Sabbath school were present by invitation. The choir was again present and added greatly to the entertainment. Recitations from scholars, and recitations and speeches from deacons, elders and teachers, went to swell the tide of enjoyment, which rose higher, if possible, than on the previous evening.

**MISSIONARY MEETINGS, WESTERN DISTRICT.**—At Elora, Fergus, Speedside, Garafraxa 1st, and Douglas as per programme in *Canadian Independent*.

**Deputation.**—Revs. E. Barker, R. W. Wallace, M.A., Jos. Griffith, and C. Duff. All were present at all the meetings save Brother Barker, who has been, we are sorry to say, for the past few weeks, unable to take any active part in public meetings, or to attend to his ordinary Sabbath services, a matter of great regret to the deputation, who, as well as on his own account, were thus obliged to forego his aid and company. The spirit and harmony of the deputation were all that could be desired; everything falling into line at each place, as if by some law of nature without effort or jar.

**Weather** exceedingly favourable, except Monday evening, the 6th, and on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The roads were good; fine sleighing after Monday, and kind friends at every place, some of whom transferred us to the next appointment.

**Contributions** it is expected will be in excess of previous year, save at Speedside, which will be an exception, owing to the increased burden assumed in the settlement and support of a pastor by itself.

**Congregations** small (all of them) compared with those of the Sabbath. Among the subjects presented to them were the following:

The encouraging nature of the last year's Missionary Report. When true to their own genius, our churches are revival churches. They are in harmony with the best spirit of the age. Have ever been and still they are in the vanguard of civil and religious liberty. The word and spirit of truth, by which men are brought into saving relationship with Christ, are alone to build them up

and give them an inheritance among those who are sanctified. Our churches are not injurious, but helpful to Christianity in all denominations. The missionary spirit for the benefit of our churches, our country and the world, was largely insisted upon.

C.

**REVIVAL SERVICES.**—Reports of a very cheering character reach us from a number of our churches.

**SARNIA.**—Is receiving what we trust may be but the beginning of a blessed baptism from above. The Rev. J. Salmon has been assisting the pastor, Mr. Claris, and ten persons, it is believed, have been brought to Christ through means of the evangelistic services held.

**VESPRE.**—Through its pastor, the Rev. E. D. Silcox, has been appealing to us for help, which we have not yet been able to give. Mr. Silcox says, "it really appears that the set time to remember Zion has come. We anticipate a rich harvest of souls. Last night (Sunday, Dec. 12) quite a number were in tears."

**LANARK VILLAGE.**—Has just received fifteen additions to its membership, making fifty-four in all as the result of the revival there. A number more stand proposed. The young men's Association is very active, and is doing much good.

We also hear of more or less of special interest in connection with the churches in Galt, Kingston and Quebec, of which we hope to give more particulars next month.

**PERSONAL.**—THE REV. J. DAVIES, late of South Caledon, writes us from Prescott, England, under date of Dec. 2nd—"I cannot say what my future course will be. My health at present is very much impaired. Whether I shall ever be able to take the oversight of that beloved flock again, I cannot say. In the meantime much prayer is offered on their behalf. It would pain me very much if I thought they were to be left without an under shepherd. In regard to myself, all medical advice seems to agree that I must be very careful, and take all the rest I can." We trust our brother may not be long laid aside.