

Rev. T. Pullar alternate. Brethren from the East will please take the trains from London at 2.15 P.M., and at Watford, conveyances will be in readiness to convey them to Warwick.

### PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

At the last meeting of the Congregational Union the following resolution was unanimously adopted. Will pastors and churches please take notice of the recommendation?

"Whereas the great interests of our Lord's Kingdom are involved in the spiritual character of our educational institutions, and of those who receive training in them, therefore resolved, That it be recommended to our churches, to co-operate, so far as practicable, with churches of other denominations, in observing the LAST THURSDAY IN FEBRUARY, as a day of *special prayer for colleges and other institutions of learning*, that the Lord would graciously and copiously pour upon them the Holy Spirit."

The day above named is observed as a day of fasting and prayer in this behalf throughout the United States by the various branches of the Church of Christ, and signal answers have been received to such united intercessions.

EDWARD EBBS, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

*Congregational Union.*

PARIS, C.W., 24th Jan. 1859.

## Correspondence.

### MISSIONARY MEETINGS FOR 1859.

#### MIDDLE DISTRICT.—No. 1.

*To the Editor of the Canadian Independent.*

DEAR BROTHER,—As it has been customary to furnish a few details of Missionary tours in previous years, I beg leave to submit to your readers the following brief record.

Your correspondent, with brethren Durrant, Denny, Noble, and Unsworth, occasionally aided by others, were associated, in a recent Missionary tour through the western portion of the Middle District. The public exercises were throughout of a serious, evangelical, and practical character; the particulars, I extract from notes taken by the way.

*Monday, Jan. 10th.*—A bitter cold morning. Left Whitby for GEORGETOWN. Being detained by the way, had an opportunity of hearing from a fellow-traveller, some of the absurd extravagances and childish fooleries of *spiritualism*. Rank infidelity became apparent as the conversation proceeded. What a contrast to the glorious gospel of the Son of God! I felt grateful that I had a better light to guide my steps and cheer my heart in the missionary enterprise. Brother Durrant arrived in time for the meeting, after a journey of fifty-two miles in his cutter! All the deputation took part in the service. About 40 hearers. Collection \$6. A subscription list yet to follow.

*Tuesday, 11th.*—Brother Denny purposed driving me to TRAFALGAR, but just as he was ready to leave, his wife arrived with the intelligence of their eldest daughter's death, which led them to start immediately on a journey of about a hundred miles, to see the remains of one they loved, and who had left behind her the savour of a christian life. May the Head of the church sanctify this bereavement! Thus deprived of one of their number, and one long known in this region of country, the deputation proceeded to Trafalgar, a distance of sixteen miles. At the public meeting about 120 were present. It was a solemn and practical meeting.

*Wednesday, 12th.*—Had a pleasant drive to CHURCH-HILL, or Swackhammer's Corners. This is the birth-place of our Upper Canada Missionary Society, 18 years ago. The adverse times have much affected this region of country. About