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THE COMPENSATION.

When a man of distinguished ability is led to devote himself to the cause of foreign missions, regrets are sometimes expressed at the loss which the churches at home are thereby to suffer.

Mr. Meredith made good use of his opportunities while on his tour to attend religious services, and he was not always particular to go to a Methodist church.

Why did the 'summer travel' prefer the Baptist church to others in town? Because they were invited to it, shown seats by the leading men of the church, and greeted by the pastor at the close of the services.

BETTER THAN HE EXPECTED.

Rev. W. H. Meredith, a Methodist minister of Springfield, Mass., came this way for his summer vacation and has written to Zion's Herald, of Boston, some account of his trip to the 'delightful provinces where dwell those charming people who speak of their country as 'Bluenose Land.'

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Ontario Letter.

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In addition to these mammoth displays, every county and township will have its local fair, a smaller imitation of the larger enterprise.

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York and Sunbury Quarterly Meeting.

Pursuant to appointment the York and Sunbury quarterly meeting convened with the Baptist church at Springfield, York Co., on Friday evening, September 8. Preaching by Bro. D. W. Estabrooks, Lic. Saturday morning prayer meeting at 9 a. m. At 10 the business meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. H. U. Clark.

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DENOMINATIONAL FUNDS.

In looking over the accounts of the various Boards of our Convention, I see a deficit all along the line. This is to be regretted; and, in order to maintain our interests and vigorously push the work, a remedy must be sought to meet all necessary demands.

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