

of whom spoke effectively. A new plan had been adopted in this place for raising funds which seemed to work well, and might be tried in other localities with equally good results. A small card, with the name of the missionary society whose claims were about to be presented, written upon it, was placed in each of the pews on the day before the annual sermons were preached, upon which all who were disposed to contribute to the Society were requested to inscribe their names, together with the sums they felt able to give to it, and drop them into the collecting bags after the sermon. \$46 were pledged in this way, "not grudgingly or of necessity," (as is sometimes the case where "*first-rate beggars*" are sent round,) but cheerfully and "with simplicity," according to Apostolic direction. (Rom. xii. 8.) To this sum about \$30 more will be added, from collections, missionary boxes, &c., so that the contributions from Brantford will be more than \$20 in advance of last year. From thence we proceeded to *Paris*; deputation the same as at Brantford, with the addition of the writer. The attendance here was scarcely so large as on former occasions, but the interest of the meeting was manifest, and well sustained. Collections, and a donation of \$20 to constitute a lady a life-member, \$80,—being an advance upon last year of nearly \$25. We were pleased to see a new lecture-room and vestry in course of erection here. The Lord is evidently blessing the labours of Brother Ebbs in his new sphere, giving him seals to his ministry, and constantly increasing favour with all the people. The church in *Paris* is in every way one of the most vigorous and flourishing of our causes in the Western District.

On leaving *Paris* the deputation divided their services, for one night, between *Burford* and *Kelvin*,—Messrs. Clarke and Robinson proceeding to *Burford*, the latter having to supply the lack of service occasioned by sickness in Brother Ebbs' family, rendering it necessary that he should remain at home. The meeting in *Burford* was somewhat smaller than usual, I believe, in consequence of the state of the weather and the roads; and the subscription list not being yet completed, the result cannot be given, but it will probably not be behind last year. The same cause operated against the meeting in *Kelvin*, whither the writer had to proceed alone. The chairman of the meeting, however, at Brother Armour's suggestion, made the most of the only deputy, by calling upon him, first, for his speech as *Secretary*, and later in the evening, for the speech Brother Robinson *was to have made*! The contributions from *Kelvin* are slowly rising to what such a well-to-do neighbourhood ought to give us,—*slowly*, I say, being \$19.84 this year, or 76 cents more than last; but to their credit it should be spoken, that what they give is always ready for us, so that there are "no gatherings when we come." More would have been given, probably, but our friends there are making a vigorous effort to build a chapel, and have already secured a good site for it, and a handsome subscription list towards its erection.

The deputation, assisted now by Brother Armour, reunited again at *Scotland*, where we had an average meeting, but the collectors not having completed their work, the result cannot be given. This field, until recently, has been cultivated almost exclusively by Brother Hay. Several other denominations, however, have lately been feeling their way into it, though without much success, most of the people in the neighbourhood seeing no necessity for the introduction of rival interests into a locality so well occupied as that has been during the thirteen years of Brother Hay's ministry among them. Our brother's congregation is, therefore, but very slightly affected by the