

Band Tidings.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

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After a few days of home life at Tilsonburg, on Saturday morning, July 17, I took G.T.R. for Hamilton. At Burford I watched for brother Hathaway to board the train, but in his place Mrs. H. and their son Roy entered our car *en route* for Wesley Park to enjoy a family reunion there, as brother H. has taken an engagement at the Park as musical conductor for perhaps the balance of the season. At Hamilton I was joined by brother John Clemens and Sister Hall, and by 4 p.m. we were on our way to Beeton per N. W. R. Glad to meet with brother D. Sutherland and his associate, brother Eger-ton, on the train. Both of these brethren are engaged in evangelistic work in the country adjacent to Collingwood. Bro. S. has a good record of work through this section for the past winter. It was almost dark when we reached Beeton. Three conveyances were in waiting to drive us across country to Newton Robinson, twice as many Band workers being expected as came. Roads heavy after the rains of the week, making it almost ten o'clock when we reached our destination. My home was with brother G. Ogilvie, where a hearty welcome and comfortable refreshment were accorded the tired traveller. My associate workers also renewed the pleasant associations of last winter at the hospitable homes of Mr. R. Downey, sen., and Mrs. Long.

The section of country to which we had come was the scene last winter of remarkable manifestations of Divine power. On an urgent request from Rev. T. Campbell, of Bond Head, I had wired brother Moody, who was then operating with his Band at Milton, to come on to brother C. He did so and the work broke out at once and swept on in a wonderful manner for many weeks. Bond Head, Newton Robinson, Beeton, Tottenham and Bradford were among the places that enjoyed this gracious Divine visitation. Hundreds of souls were born into the Kingdom, and the churches were abundantly quickened and revived. Our visit was with a view to confirm the converts and strengthen the hands of ministers and people in caring for and extending the work. New ministers had just arrived on the ground, Revs. G.

Edwards and W. P. Brown, who welcomed us most cordially and regarded our coming as auspicious and timely in helping to introduce them to their large constituency and its heavy responsibilities and labors. Bro. N. A. McDiarmid, the genial Superintendent of the District and an old personal friend, also took part in the services during the week, extending a hearty greeting to myself and associate workers. Other ministers were also present during the week of our stay and took brotherly part with us in the services that were held. Rev. S. Wright preached on Sunday afternoon, and Rev. R. McCullough, the newly appointed pastor at Cookstown, preached on Tuesday afternoon.

Arrangements had been made for out-door services to be held for three consecutive days at Newton Robinson. A pleasant slope of ground in a piece of woods belonging to — Armstrong, Esq., just adjacent to the village, had been seated, a stand erected for speakers and singers, and a boarding tent provided. Sunday morning, July 15, opened cloudy, damp and chill. But no building was available for the accommodation of so large a company as had even then assembled. So we repaired to the encampment. In the afternoon the congregation increased, despite the unfavorable conditions of the weather, to perhaps fifteen hundred or more. We stayed on the ground till dark and then adjourned for a fellowship and prayer-meeting to the church, which could only accommodate a part of the crowd that remained. Though the temperature was uncomfortable for out-door worship, we had much blessing in the services and closed the day with thankful hearts. Monday opened brighter and warmer. A crowded funeral service was held at the church in the forenoon, conducted by Rev. R. McCullough. In the afternoon and evening we met on the camp-ground with a fair attendance and good meetings. Tuesday was still pleasanter and we had three interesting and profitable services. The balance of the week we spent at Bond Head, holding one afternoon and three evening services in the church. The congregations were good, the friends coming in freely from Newton Robinson, some indeed from as far as Cookstown.

While there were no such manifestations as had marked the movement of the previous winter, the presence of the Master was graciously vouchsafed to us through the week, particularly in the quickening and perfecting