

was unable to do more damage than break his old van, he concluded at once to change the vehicle and his rate of driving, and for the rest of the night travelled at a more moderate rate, if not an easier one. On the way the stage was drawn to a halt at the door of a restaurant, and the passengers went in for refreshment; and what a charming place it was, about as elegant in its outfit and as neat in its surroundings as a native's hut in Africa, as a cow's stable in some other parts. It is however but just to say, that as a rule, the places of entertainment in this section of country are very tidy and home like, and not a trace of intoxicants was seen by me in any of them. Night having thus passed away, I continued all next day through a large tract of country apparently bereft of everything except large rocks and scanty trees, in some places sadly charred by fire, and long after darkness had covered a scene of so little beauty I arrived in the town of Liverpool, and soon found shelter and a much needed rest beneath the hospitable roof of pastor Sykes.

#### MILTON.

From Liverpool I was driven to the village of Milton. The people here are like sheep without a shepherd—they are in need of a pastor. An interesting congregation attended the missionary meeting, Sunday morning the 15th inst. At the close of the meeting a short conference was held with the members of the church, about organizing in the interests of our missions, and some of the ladies assured me that they would do what they could for the maintenance of our work, and afterward sent in a subscription.

#### BROOKLYN.

This place is from Milton about four miles down the river on the opposite side. At half past two in the afternoon I met by special arrangement the scholars of the Sunday school, and delivered them an address, which was listened to with real interest by the children. Already a F. mission band has been organized among them, and will no doubt bear its share of our work in a creditable manner. At three o'clock the church was filled with people, the meeting was opened by pastor Sykes and addressed by myself. I had but one opportunity to interest the people in our work and had to make the best of it, and I think the effort was not in vain.

#### LIVERPOOL.

From Brooklyn I returned to Liverpool. In the evening a specially large congregation assembled in the church. The first seats were occupied by the members of a little F. missionary band to whom I delivered an address (just before preaching,) much to their delight and the pleasure of their friends. After singing a hymn, I then preached to the whole congregation a sermon which took about an hour and a quarter in its delivery, and yet even the children in the front seats were neither restless nor sleepy at its close.

#### BEACH MEADOWS.

This is a small district, situated on the sea shore about ten miles from Brooklyn, and settled principally by people of Dutch descent. The neat little church building in this place was filled with people on Monday, the 16th inst., and nothing could surpass the attention given by them to the missionary address. At the close of the meeting I urged the people to organize,

so that they would be able to help our work in a systematic way, and it is expected that a children's F. missionary band will be organized under the pastor's direction, and that the older people will adopt such methods for assisting our work as are best adapted to their peculiar circumstances. The last three churches are under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Sykes. It was pleasant to hear this brother's praises spoken not only by the people of his charge, but also by many beyond the reach of his ministry. He is interested in our work, and will do what he can among his people to further the object of our society. The ladies of his flock are going to render us their assistance.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING.

Some time ago a F. M. Society in connection with the Cong. Union of N. S. & N. B. was formed. Its object was to undertake some special F. M. work, such as the support of a native teacher. In 1883 a committee was appointed by the Union, with executive power to act for the society, but no meeting was ever held nor business ever transacted by the committee. For the past two years no mention was made of the society at the Union meetings, further than to authorize the treasurer to send the funds on hand to our treasurer in Montreal. Still this society was one of the powers that be—not a very strong one nor very active, yet it could not be overlooked, so a meeting of the executive to take place on Monday, the 16th inst., in the house of Rev. Mr. Sykes was called. A number of the members were present, and appeared to be in hearty sympathy with the new F. M. enterprise of our churches in Canada. An opinion was expressed that my visit was meeting a long felt need of the churches in their provinces. After carefully considering the matter, it was resolved by the committee to aid in connection with the Canadian F. M. society in the prosecution of F. M. work and that funds collected by the society during the year, should be sent to help the work in Africa.

#### ON THE WAY TO CORNWALLIS.

Leaving Liverpool on Tuesday afternoon he travelled by stage a distance of about forty miles, through a barren, rocky, dismal looking country to Caledonia. The people in this place were somewhat troubled with the gold fever. It appears that a short time ago the precious metal was discovered by two Indians about six miles from the village. Claims were immediately taken by miners, professional and amateur, and some of them appear to be rather rich. One company of amateurs secured a claim of twelve acres, and it is alleged that fifteen lodes of quartz have been found in them, and that two hundred ounces have been extracted from one of them in an unscientific way and without much expenditure of time. After waiting a few hours here, I again started on my journey at five o'clock in the morning and continued till noon, making thirty-four miles, seeing nothing on the way more showy than bleak looking hills and nothing so abundant as the hard gray granite rocks. At last and with infinite delight I descended into the beautiful valley of Annapolis and continued along into the Cornwallis valley, famous as the scene of Longfellow's Evangeline, and more beautiful by far than his poetic pen could picture.

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