

out that it is just such places that have need of a deputation. The house—a good brick building—was unlocked and warmed up. We were agreeably surprised that we should have so good a congregation, though it was not large. Bro. Salmon did double duty as chairman and member of deputation; Bros. Hay, Barker, and McCallum (W. M.) also took part, and we had as happy a meeting as at any other place we visited. We were happy to receive a collection and subscription of over \$18, and we left the next day, regretting deeply that a growing town of 3,000 inhabitants, with only three Protestant ministerial charges, should have an empty Congregational church. We pray the Lord of the harvest to send a labourer into this harvest field, who will go not to seek his own welfare, but the things which are Jesus Christ's.

Here this deputation was re-formed by the dropping of Bros. Hay and Salmon, and the substitution of Bro. Hindley, to meet at *Tilbury*, on the following evening—after a journey of 150 miles on the Great Western. By the way, this excellent road, in granting half-fare tickets to ministers living on the line, has contributed in this way to our Missionary Society this year, in the reduction of the fare of one single member of the deputation, no less an amount than \$5.98. For a fuller description of the locality in which the *Tilbury* church is situated, see *Canadian Independent* of April, 1869, pp. 395-7. From this and other descriptions that we had read and heard of the place, it was almost a disappointment to us that we had not to sail or skate all over the country. It is evident that one's impressions of the place are dependent to a great extent on the weather or season at the time of visiting it. With us, the plains—half marsh and half prairie—were most enjoyable, and the higher, arable land was only a little too dry. The magnificent forests indicate great strength of soil; and if the oak stumps prove an obstacle in clearing, there are no stones to contend with. The great drawback is the almost floor-like flatness of the country, there being a steady decline towards Lake St. Clair of only about six feet to the mile; while this will be favourable to the use of machinery in farming, after the stumps are removed, the disadvantages will be mostly overcome by draining. The land is being speedily occupied and the forests subdued, so that the designation of Bro. Burgess' church, as "the church in the wilderness," is becoming inappropriate. His influence, combined with that of other good people around, is being felt in the reformation of the habits of the people, and especially in the entire prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors in the township. At our Missionary Meeting, in the snug log chapel, there were only about thirty-five present, nearly a third of whom were children; but when the hat was passed around and the contents emptied on the table, there rolled out one five dollar bill after another, with smaller amounts, until the whole summed up no less than \$44! The deputation remained with this little church for five days after the Missionary Meeting, holding two services each day, enjoying intensely the affectionate fellowship of this Christian and intelligent band, and preaching the Gospel to such of the unconverted as were disposed to attend the meetings; while the right royal hospitality of our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. B., with the kindness of their excellent family and of other friends in the neighbourhood, made us feel, in parting, as though we were leaving home. May God bless them abundantly!

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MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

WESTERN DISTRICT, No. 2.

STRATFORD.—The Meeting here was held in the Church on Monday Evening, January 30th. The attendance was rather poor, but the addresses were heartily enjoyed by those present. The Deputation consisting of Brethren