

day evening. This is the sphere of Bro. Black's labors, which we were happy to find highly appreciated by the community. The friends at Milton are paying off their debt, which they have undertaken to diminish £100 per annum. Bro. Black has the advantage of the majority of his brethren in occupying a parsonage, for which the ladies deserve thanks. It is commodious, not quite so large as it ought to be perhaps, but well adapted for use and pleasantly situated. Some of us would be much gratified to occupy one like it. The church building at Milton—well I hardly know what to say about it. It seems a needless expense to take six feet from the width of a wooden building to make it resemble stone, but it looks well. Once fairly out of debt, and the church in good repair, the extra cost will be forgotten. So far as my observation and experience go, no church should allow its edifice to fall below the average in appearance and comfort if it hopes for prosperity; neither should it contract a heavy debt in the erection of a fine building. Mean edifices and burdensome indebtedness are to be equally and heartily avoided.

We had a good Missionary meeting. The speaking was confined to our own ministers. Bro. Black has persuaded the friends to abandon the subscription cards and adopt the envelope system. We look with interest to see the result, desiring its success. It certainly commends itself to the intelligent and conscientious.

A drive of thirty-four miles on Friday brought us to *Pleasant River*, where we held our next meeting. The section of country through which we passed was not all *pleasant* to the eye, but the locality bearing the name deserves it. We had an interesting meeting, which did not break up till (I am almost ashamed to say) half past eleven. No one left. Was it too long? Bro. Gray, your correspondent, and Bro. Black, were the speakers, strangers all, and we occupied an aggregate of two hours and thirty-five minutes! thirty-five, forty-five and seventy-five minutes respectively. The longest speech was prefaced with the remark, that it would be short, as an opportunity of addressing the audience at greater length (!) would be had on Sabbath. I do not believe any one who heard it wished it shorter. One brother exceeded himself, which is saying much.

Bro. Sykes is well adapted to his present sphere, and is much esteemed in the community. He too occupies a parsonage, to which eleven acres of land are attached. May his fields, material and spiritual, yield an abundant harvest!

Bro. Gray and I returned on Saturday to Milton, thence seven miles to *Bruch Meadows*, another station of the Liverpool Church, where a church building is in process of erection. Through a misapprehension on our part, Bro. Howell was prevented from attending, and my companion and I had the field to ourselves. We did not prolong the meeting however, for we were weary, and had each three services before us for the following day. No collection was taken, but a subscription was promised.

Bro. Gray preached at Milton in the morning of Sabbath, at Brooklyn in the afternoon, and at Liverpool in the evening. Your correspondent at the same places but at different hours. The following day we set out on our homeward journey, preaching once each by the way, and arriving safely on Wednesday evening. Of the minor mishaps, as breaking down twice, and the minor inconveniences, as travelling all one very rainy day, I say nothing. The tour was very pleasant on the whole, and I trust was not without profit. My home was pleasant too, and an *entire* night's rest a luxury unknown from