

I found teaching a Bible class. His Worship the Mayor and his lady were among his pupils. Let boys and girls, yea, let young men and maidens note this, who think themselves too big or too old to attend such places for religious instruction. I reached Burford next day, and was informed by my much esteemed friend, Mr. Wm. Nichol, that not one of the deputation had been present at the meeting there the previous evening! Rev. W. Hay had been detained by a surprise party, but Rev. J. Wood knowing how things were *walked* all the way from Brantford in the face of a cold wind, and nobly represented the Missionary Society, and with the assistance of some laymen successfully represented its claims. The contributions will be nearly double the amount gained last year. Friend N. drove me to

Scotland, where we found a warm house but a thin congregation. Addresses were delivered by the Revds. W. Hay, J. Armour, R. Brown, and the Baptist minister in that place. On Wednesday we drove to

**Kelvin:** the church there is at present without a pastor. As no intimation of our coming had been given to friends, except the two short notices through the "C. I." no meeting had been announced. Mr. Hay thinking this would be the case at New Durham also, returned home that night. I joined a Wesleyan Minister in a protracted meeting that was then in progress, and gave some assistance to what seemed a good work. On Thursday morning I set off over rough roads for

New Durham, and was pleased to find that a meeting had been announced. We met in the village School-house. The attendance was good, considering the shortness of the notice and the state of the roads. I alone presented the claims of the missions to the people. The collections and contributions will be forwarded.

A letter from *Norwichville* informed me that it was useless to proceed thither, so on Friday I took a *chance* to visit the Rev. J. Armour, and on Saturday I went to Kelvin, where I had arranged to preach on the Sabbath. A great snow storm rendered the attendance small, but to those present I endeavoured to point out the prominence given by the Scriptures to religious finances, and the best way for Christians to attend to the duty of giving, viz, by *system*, "As the Lord hath prospered you." The roads were in such a state that it was impossible for me to reach New Durham for an evening service, so I made no attempt to do it.

And now a word about these two stations. I found some, as I think good material to work with, much to lead me to hope that if they had a pastor to their mind—a young man,—one who would put his hand to and say, "*come on.*" something might be done. At present I should be glad if we could send them an evangelist occasionally, that these little flocks might be kept together. I cannot but think however that there is in these places a richer vein of material than has yet been developed for the Lord's cause, and I can only repeat what a good brother said to me when speaking about these stations, "were I as I have been, I would not hesitate about taking a pastorate in these mission fields." Let us pray the Chief Shepherd to have a care of these few sheep in the wilderness.

**Methodist Union.**—The re-union of the different Methodist bodies, in England, the States, and Canada, has already been declared desirable, by nearly all their conferences. Perfectly one in doctrine, having the same means of grace, they have far greater differences than the Presbyterian bodies, on points of church government and discipline. Not much progress has yet been made in devising a plan likely to be acceptable to all. No one seems to have a clear idea of what kind of mutual compromise ought to be made. Ought the original Methodist bodies now to yield, in order to union, all the demands made by seceding bodies before they seceded? or all the extreme principles adopted after they seceded? The first would be doing much; the second, too much. We have not yet seen evidence that any Methodist body is quite prepared to yield less or more of their peculiarities. They seem not to have got that far, and until they do the prospect of re-union is exceedingly indistinct. We do not on this account regret that the different Conferences have expressed a desire for union; we rejoice greatly that such a desire is so general, and if it continue, and increase a little, it will find its way to a union sooner or later.—*Christian Guardian.*