

unbelief denies it. If God's voice were heard, "Son, go work *to-day* in my vineyard;" "Let him that heareth say come,"—the truth would soon be patent. Brethren, hear ye the Master's call?

Work, brethren, work;  
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"Is not the Lord gone out before thee?"

I am, yours affectionately,

J. A. DICKSON.

## News of the Churches.

**Missionary Tour—Ontario Middle District, No. 1.**—The Revs. W. W. Smith and S. T. Gibbs, having been appointed to visit Georgetown, Churchill, Alton, and South Caledon, a public meeting was held at Georgetown, on Monday, January 24th. It was feared that a necessary change of the day of meeting, and local circumstances, would affect the attendance; but the result was satisfactory, both in respect of the interest manifested, and the amount contributed. After suitable opening remarks by the Rev. J. Unsworth, the meeting was appropriately addressed by Revs. J. G. Manly, S. T. Gibbs, and the resident ministers of the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Wesleyan Churches. Subscriptions and collection, \$104—a gratifying increase.

**TUESDAY**—The Brethren Unsworth and Gibbs proceeded to Churchill, where they were joined by Bro. Smith. The Rev. J. Unsworth in the chair. The meeting was addressed by the deputation, who adverted to the interesting fact communicated to them, that our Missionary Society originated many years ago, in that place, when it was with it but "a day of small things." Subscription and collection, about \$13.

**WEDNESDAY** was spent in travelling and visiting several families, on the way to Alton, and, a heavy snow storm prevailing, we were kindly received by the parents of Bro. John Brown, whose hospitable roof we left next morning. Not far off, an unexpected sight delighted us—a castellated structure, among the trees of a Canadian forest. From the massive tower, fifty-nine feet high, of "Rackside Castle," we were gratified by the courtesy of the owner, with one of the finest views in Ontario, and indulged in pleasant reminiscences, concerning some old, secluded mansions in beloved England and Scotland.

**THURSDAY, 27th**—Alton—A good meeting. Bro. Denny presided. Addresses were delivered by Revs. W. W. Smith, J. Unsworth, J. Brown, and S. T. Gibbs. Contributions again larger than last year. A Council convened for the purpose of advising on certain temporal matters, consequent on the resignation of the pastor, and in relation to a successor, terminated most happily, both for the pastor and the Church. A very pleasant meeting of ministers, deacons, and members, at the residence of one of the members, closed our visit at Alton.

**FRIDAY**—South Caledon—Isolated and difficult of access, as is this station, with a scattered population, the attendance was not large. Yet, the collection amounted to \$13 27.

The cheerful liberality shown at all these meetings was a pleasing feature. In each case, the subscriptions exceeded those of last year; and, the manner of giving was so beautiful, that one may well remember it for a lifetime. Yet, no sacrifices are too costly to be made for Him who "loved us, and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God, for a sweet-smelling savour."

S. T. G.