

most kindly manner. I preached in the morning and delivered a lecture in the evening. The congregations were good, all things considered, and the collections showed that the people have not been made selfish by their straightened circumstances, and are willing to help other good works even as they would be helped in theirs. In the afternoon I addressed the Sunday school at an open session. The attendance was not very large, but the children were well behaved, and there is every reason to expect that their numbers will increase and that the school will improve greatly. The Rev. C. E. Gordon-Smith is struggling manfully against great odds. He deserves the sympathy of our people, and if he succeeds, as he no doubt will, if he continues, as in the past, to press forward, he will prove himself to be a workman who needeth not to be ashamed.

CENTRAL DISTRICT—BOWMANVILLE.

My welcome to this place was very hearty indeed, and there is reason to believe that seed was sown which will bring forth a good harvest for the foreign field. In the morning I preached to a good congregation in the beautiful little church building. In the afternoon there was an open session of the Sunday school, at which several addresses including one from myself, were delivered, on foreign missions. The attention of the scholars was all that could be desired. At the close of the session it was decided to form an F. M. Band among the children. In the evening I delivered an address on "Africa and our proposed Mission Field," which was enjoyed by the people, if one can judge from their assurances to that effect. Pastor Warriner is well known to the denomination. He is faithfully pursuing his work. His congregation is on the increase. His large choir and orchestra render stirring music at the services. He is cheerful and hopeful himself and with good reason.

MANILLA.

The Rev. George White, a fellow-graduate, is now settled in this field, and is working as vigorously as he was wont to do of old. A short time before my visit he announced a series of special meetings to be held in his church; scarcely had they commenced when a professional revivalist connected with the Methodists began meetings in the church across the road, and conducted his work in such a way as to give one the impression that he was like a wolf in search of lambs from the Congregational fold; but brother White is a careful and attentive shepherd, and doubtless will be able to care for his own flock. At the evangelistic meeting held Sunday night I delivered an address, the meeting was very impressive and augured well for the results of the movement. On Tuesday night, the church was filled with people who gave me a very attentive hear-

ing on the subject "Our Mission to Africa," and at the close the pastor announced that an organized effort in support of our society would at once be made, and that the people would assuredly help our work.

STOUFFVILLE.

In the evening the children met to practice for their Xmas tree. After the services were over I gave them a short address. May it lead some of them at least to an interest in our work. At the usual hour for the Wednesday evening prayer meeting a number of friends gathered with the children in the basement of the church, and we had a pleasant missionary meeting, at the close of which the pastor, Rev. J. Unsworth wished me God-speed in very kindly terms, and the people in a formal way expressed their appreciation of the address, and a determination to help in the work. May they be generous in their assistance, as they desire the Lord to be to them. The cause is progressing here.

UNIONVILLE.

Dec. 24, 1885.—I called at this place on my way home. The signs of progress were marked. A new lamp stood at the door, a new fence surrounded the property, and new sheds appeared in the rear; while the church debt is being reduced more rapidly than the mortgagee desires, and it is said that the membership is increasing, and that persons who attended no place of worship until recently, may be found not merely at the services, but also taking part in the prayer meetings. It was Xmas eve, the people were busy and had heard me before on the Missionary and other subjects, so that it was unnecessary to hold a meeting on that occasion, but I am sure that the brethren are going to do what they can for our cause. The Rev. Mr. Wilmot is pastor here, he has only recently joined our denomination and is not known to our people at large, but he is sincerely loved by the members of his own congregation for the good work he is doing among them. May he go on and prosper.

TORONTO.

Here I enjoyed a week of rest, and the first Xmas at home I have spent for many years.

WESTERN CHURCH.

I preached here in the morning to a good congregation and not without result, for at the close of the service a brother put into the pastor's hand a neat little subscription for our work. Why should not more of our interested friends do likewise? Their voluntary gifts would act like a charm, and spur on to redoubled energy in the work. In the afternoon it was very wet, yet there was a fine attendance at the Sunday school. I addressed the children. They have been helping our cause. They will no doubt increase their efforts in the future.