

meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Webster. The pecuniary results of these two meetings are not yet fully developed; the collections, taken together, were the same as last year; the subscriptions are yet to come. We returned to Owen Sound on Friday evening, reaching brother Rogerson's home between 12 and 1 on Saturday morning, to start at 4 o'clock by stage. Saturday from an early hour was spent in ceaseless effort, leaving not even room for refreshment by the way, to reach our next appointment. The point of rest for that evening was gained at half-past 10. This is enough to show that in future arrangements for missionary meetings, it will be unwise to follow the plan of 1863. In *Ore* we preached three times on the Lord's day, travelled eighteen miles, and got one collection. The want of missionary meetings during the week was much felt. Many encouraging circumstances connected with this field show that the friends there should not be left without sympathy and help in the absence of a pastor. They expect to do as much for the missionary cause as formerly.

On Monday evening and Tuesday forenoon, we had the pleasure of meeting with the brethren of the North-Western Association in Toronto, and in due time arrived safely at home from our Northern missionary tour.

Bowmanville, January, 1863.

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MIDDLE DISTRICT, WESTERN SECTION.

The first appointment was at *Georgetown*, on Wednesday evening, January 14th. Rev. J. Unsworth, pastor, presided over the meeting, and the deputation consisted of Messrs. Marling and R. Hay. Though the night was dark and wet, the attendance was larger than we had seen on any previous occasion. The collection amounted to the handsome sum of \$19, an advance of \$3 upon last year. The subscription list will be but little less, if any. These facts were very cheering, in view of the loss of many members by removal during the year. An interesting circumstance brought out at this meeting was an unexpected donation of two dollars from a labouring man, who, in consequence of what had been said at the last meeting on the subject of "laying by him in store as God had prospered him," had accumulated this sum, and others for other benevolent purposes during the year. The example deserves record and *imitation* by rich and poor.

Thursday evening, January 15th, brought us to *Trafalgar*, where a good attendance (the storm being considered) presented itself. The same chairman and deputation. But the want of pastoral oversight was painfully apparent in the diminished collection and subscriptions at the meeting. It is to be hoped that the efficient collectors will be able to bring up the amount to the proper standard. This church is supplied once a fortnight from the College, and will probably have a student labouring with them during the summer vacation. The field is interesting and important.

Our next meeting, Friday evening, was at *Church Hill* (Swackhammer's), on the Erin and Esquesing town line, a place noteworthy as the birth-place of the first organization for home missions among the Congregational churches of Upper Canada. It was not without considerable effort and endurance that the deputation reached the place, through a severe cold and violent northeast snow storm. They were not rewarded with a large audience, though no one