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DUNBARTON.—“The annual meeting was held in the church here on the evening of Thursday, 1st February. * * * After suitable devotional services, John Parker, Esq., President of the Society, took the chair. Brief reports by the respective officers of the Society were then given. From the Treasurer's statement it appeared that notwithstanding the exceeding deficiency of crops, and the dulness of trade, the subscriptions for this year, amounting to \$49.30, were a little over those of last year, a result by no means expected, but which testifies to the unabated liberality of the comparatively few who thus give of their substance to the cause. The money was allocated as follows, viz.: \$24.50 to the B. & F. Bible Society, and \$24.50 to the U. C. Bible Society. * * * After the respective funds were thus disposed of, the chairman called on the following gentlemen to address the meeting, viz.: the Rev. Messrs. Peattie, of Claremont, Ross, of Duffin's Creek; Dunbar, of Dunbarton; Hogg, of Oshawa; and B. Bunting, Esq., of Duffin's Creek, who delivered excellent addresses, and most appropriate to the occasion. * * * The meeting was altogether of an exceedingly pleasant, and we trust profitable character.”

ELORA.—The thirty-second annual meeting of the Elora Branch was held in the Methodist Church, on Tuesday, February 20th. The weather was fine, and the attendance good. In the absence of the President, the Rev. Mr. McGregor, one of the oldest Vice Presidents, occupied the chair. The Secretary, Mr. Joseph Carder, read the report, which was exceedingly encouraging. Sales at the Depositories, 147 Bibles and Testaments, value \$36.96. Number issued since the commencement of the Branch, 6,296. Income of the Society from collections and subscriptions, \$211.29. Received on purchase account, \$68.91. The Committee recommended the following appropriations: \$100.00 to the B. & F. Bible Society, \$65.00 to the U. C. Bible Society, and \$35.00 to the French Canadian Missionary Society for Colportage purposes, which appropriation was adopted by the meeting. The Rev. Messrs. Cobb, Denchfield, Middlemiss, Sparling, and Macdonald, and the Secretary, Mr. Joseph Carder, successively addressed the meeting, and an excellent choir added greatly to the interest. Elora, considering its population, is one of the very best Branches of the Society, very much of this success being due to our excellent friend Mr. Joseph Carder.

EMBRO.—The Secretary writes:—“The annual meeting of our Branch Society was held in the Methodist Church on the 5th February. The meeting, for several reasons, was not very largely attended, but the interest shown by those present was very marked. Addresses were delivered by the local clergy and others present. At the meeting all the collectors had not made returns, and there are one or two not yet heard from. When these report we will, I think, be up to last year's collections, notwithstanding that a section of our ground has, by agreement, been made over to Lakeside and Thamesford Branches this year.”

FERGUS.—The annual meeting of this Branch Society was held on the 4th December, 1876. After reporting the financial results of the preceding year, and the appropriations made thereof, the report presented at the meeting goes on to say, “only one or two collectors have yet been at work. However, their entering on their duties being considered by the Secretaries in Toronto better to be deferred till the annual meeting had been held, and then at once proceeded with, the Committee anticipates no unnecessary delay in the matter, and hopes by the beginning of February, as last year, to be able to present through the local papers a full statement of receipts and disbursements.” We are happy to find that this anticipation has been realized, as we find by an abstract statement to February 1st, 1877, sent us by the Secretary, A. D. Fordyce, Esq., this month (March). From this we learn that the total receipts for the year amounted to \$280.06, of which \$71.55 was paid on purchase account, and \$200.00 appropriated in equal proportions