

closed, ending with the 31st December, 1872, the amount paid in is \$6825.00, showing an advance of \$1220.00, as compared with 1871, and \$2169.00, as compared with 1870. But the complete returns for the three quarters of our year are not quite as favourable. They are as follows.—

Quarter ending June 30, 1872...	\$1818.27	1871...	\$2702.11	1870...	\$2392.86
“ Sept. 30, “ ..	1440.40	“ ...	3058.83	“ ..	1991.10
“ Dec. 31, “ ...	6825.94	“ ...	5605.04	“ ..	4656.62
Totals.....	\$10084.61		11365.98		9040.58

These totals shew that the receipts of 1872 are \$1044.03 more than they were in 1870, and \$1281.37 less than in 1871. However, we are confident that the contributions during the final quarter will be such as to maintain the advance in resources obtained last year. So far as we have ascertained, there is no diminution in the remittances from the Branches that have made returns, and several of them have exceeded their former givings. The meeting of the Board closed at 10.20, p.m., after prayer by the Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A.

NOTICE TO TREASURERS AND SECRETARIES OF BRANCHES.

The Treasurers and Secretaries of Branches are respectfully reminded that we are now in the last quarter of our Bible Society year. All remittances, in order to due acknowledgment, should be forwarded by the 31st of March, at which date the year closes. Free contributions for the Parent Society should reach us in the first week of March. The year of the British and Foreign Bible Society also closes on the 31st March, by which time all moneys for home should be received at the Bible Society House, London.

GUELPH REPORT.—As we were going to press, we received a copy of the *Guelph Mercury* containing a report of “the 37th annual meeting,” held in the Wesleyan Church, on the 9th inst. The Rev. W. S. Ball, Agent of the Society, the Rev. Mr. Dickson, of Toronto, and several ministers of the town, addressed the audience. The meeting was evidently most successful; and, judging from the report—furnished in full—of last year’s proceedings, the friends of the Bible cause there are thoroughly alive to the value attendant upon the dissemination of God’s Holy Word. We have special pleasure in commending to other large and flourishing Branches, the example presented in the following extract from the Committee’s Report:—“Your Committee, in seeking to further the cause, decided to hold a series of auxiliary meetings in the neighbourhood of Guelph. For this season four meetings were announced—the latter part of October being the time chosen—one in Paisley Block, one in Scotch Block, and two in the upper part of Puslinch. These meetings were addressed by different members of your Committee, and were in general very well attended.”