

REPORT OF THE REV. R. B. MONTGOMERY.

To the Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN—By the instructions of your most efficient Secretary, Rev. J. Gemley, I visited the Counties of Norfolk for the third, and Middlesex for the first time. The meetings in Norfolk in a majority of instances were well attended. In several places they were interfered with on account of *special meetings* in some of the churches. This is to be regretted. The Bible Society meeting does not come frequently, and we would respectfully ask our esteemed brethren of all churches if they would not hereafter consent to yield all local considerations, and let us unite once in the year in aiding and advocating the Bible Society cause. A good Bible Society meeting would aid and intensify religious feeling in any community. The income of the Society in this County has not yet reached as high a standard as it should. It is a wealthy and prosperous County, and as I do not expect to visit it again in the capacity of Bible Society Agent, I would, through the *Recorder*, appeal to every reader and lover of the Bible in it, to give more liberally than they have ever yet done.

In reference to my work in Middlesex, I need not say much, a lengthy report of my visits there having been sent to the London Auxiliary. It is a County of great wealth, great intelligence, and has a wide-spread, deep love for the Bible Society. There is a large army of enthusiastic workers for the cause in Middlesex. But for my removal to an Eastern field of pastoral labour, I would gladly have visited it, and would rejoice at the privilege of repeating my visits to that County in the capacity of an Agent of your noble Society.

In both Counties I was kindly and hospitably entertained by many friends, for which I feel deeply grateful.

Hoping that the Society which we all so much love may be abundantly prospered, and that the dark places of the earth may soon rejoice, not only in possessing, but in believing the Word of God,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

R. B. MONTGOMERY.

Agent.

Oshawa, November 27th, 1873.

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Cheering intelligence from the Rev. George Young, Vice-President and ex-Secretary of the Society at Winnipeg.

The following interesting communication, in which a letter recently received from Mr. Young is given almost entire, will be read with gratitude by the friends of the Society, not only in Upper Canada but throughout the Dominion. It is a cause for more than ordinary thankfulness, that this new Province which, presents so inviting a field to the intending emigrant, should, through the zeal and devotion of godly men, ministers and laymen, who are already established in the country, have such institutions as the Bible Society recognized by them at so early a date in its history, and should also be enabled to present such a report as that of which so complete a synopsis is given below, of the first public meeting of their own but recently organized Branch Society. We are highly pleased, though not surprised, to hear of the interest taken by Governor Morris in this God-honoured institution. Such proceeding on his part only harmonizes with his well-reputed Christian character in Ontario. We deeply regret that there is even the slightest indication of any feebleness of his health. In the list furnished of officers and committee several names well known and respected in this Province will be gladly recognized by many. We rejoice to find these gentlemen taking a prominent part in the activities of Christian work, and thereby doing good service to strengthen the bonds between the new and the older Provinces.