

In both counties, your agent was everywhere welcomed and hospitably entertained by ministers and people of all denominations. May God reward them for their kindness to me.

Permit me, in closing, to thank your Secretary for his kind and prompt replies to all questions; and, above all, to God, who kindly watched over me and mine during our weeks of separation.

Praying that next year may be as this, and even more abundant in the success of the great and good work,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

R. B. MONTGOMERY.

#### REPORT OF THE REV. JOHN MONTGOMERY.

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

GENTLEMEN,—With the two reports now presented, there have been furnished by the Agents of the Society, a synopsis of their labours for the year ending March 31st, 1872. in the field occupied by the Upper Canada Bible Society. With respect to the Branches assigned me, and those which by invitation I visited, I have much satisfaction in reporting encouragingly. My first visit for the year was to Orillia. I preached in the Presbyterian and Wesleyan Churches on Sunday, 2nd JULY, 1871, assisting in the communion service in the former. The meeting on the 3rd, held in the Temperance Hall, was large and enthusiastic. Collection treble that of last year. Subscriptions to be taken up hereafter. Wednesday, 5th, in the Congregational Church, Rugby. This is a good Branch, and promises to be fully equal to last year, when all the subscriptions will have been received. Spent Sunday and Monday, 16th and 17th, at Parry Sound. This new Branch is doing well, and occupies an important position to the new country surrounding. On my way home, tarried at Collingwood. On Sunday, 23rd, preached in the Wesleyan and Presbyterian Churches. Meeting, following evening, in the Wesleyan Church. Everything satisfactory. Sunday, October 1st, at Bradford: preached in the Wesleyan Church. On Monday, an excellent meeting. Notwithstanding their recent disastrous fire, the friends here are resolved, as heretofore, to sustain the Society. The collection very good under the circumstances. At Bond Head, on the 3rd, a most unfavourable evening, yet a goodly attendance. This Branch is well officered, and, therefore, efficient. On Thursday, the 19th, at Aurora. The congregation not quite as large as at last anniversary. But there are many active friends here, and the Branch has under its care some sub-branches, which yield good fruit. I spent Sunday and Monday, the 5th and 6th November, at Penetanguishene. I had a cold and dreary drive by stage from Barrie. This Branch was formed chiefly by the zeal of Mr. Gilray, a student of Knox College. It has been well organized, and promises to be extensively useful. I cordially accepted an invitation to be present at the Galt Annual Meeting on Thursday the 9th. It was held in the Town Hall, and was largely attended. All the ministers here give a practicable and valuable support to the Society. The meeting was one of a most encouraging character. Sunday and Monday, the 4th and 5th December, found me at Newmarket. Some of the congregations here withdrew their evening services, and united for worship in the Town Hall, which was filled to overflowing. The attendance at the meeting on Monday evening was interfered with by a very severe storm, but the occasion, notwithstanding, was one of interest. On Wednesday, the 27th, I had a very satisfactory meeting in the Methodist Church, Minesing, ten miles from Barrie, and one at Dalton on the following day, with encouraging prospects for the future. Some weeks previously, I preached, in behalf of the Society, in the Minesing and Union Churches.

1872. On Monday, January 8th, I attended the meeting in Hamilton. The congregation would have been much larger, were it not for the unavoid-