

not much more favourable. A large congregation met in the Wesleyan Church, and we had an excellent meeting, notwithstanding the inconvenience especially on a keen frosty night—of one of the stove pipes falling down, and thereby depriving us of the warmth and comfort of one of the two stoves in the house.

On Tuesday, the 21st, the annual meeting of the Barrie Branch was held in the Town Hall. The congregation was not large, but those present evidenced their interest in the cause. The committee resolved to exert themselves and to forward their contributions to Toronto. The Bond Head meeting was to have been held on the day following that at Bradford, viz., on Tuesday, the 5th November; in hopes of getting better roads, it was postponed until Wednesday, the 22nd of this month (January,) but we were favoured with a stormy night, yet a good few assembled in the Wesleyan Church, and the contributions were in excess of the previous year. This speaks well for a branch whose history is one of conspicuous efficiency.

On Sunday, the 23rd February, I preached in Knox Church, Guelph, and its pastor, the Rev. W. S. Ball, gave his services in behalf of the Bible Society in Orangeville. On the following day I joined Mr. Ball at Orangeville, and took part in the annual meeting of the society there. The meeting was one of a most enthusiastic and profitable character, amply repaying me for a long day's journey in getting to it. I did not reach the village until after the meeting had commenced, and at once found my way to the Wesleyan Church where the services were in progress. Being somewhat exhausted by travelling, the Rev. Mr. Sexsmith, the pastor, kindly invited me to a cup of tea in his adjoining residence, and to the hospitality of his cheerful home during my stay. Since that time it has pleased God to remove him—after a short sickness—from labour here to rest in the haven above. May God bless and care for the young widow and her little family. On the 3rd of April, just after the close of the current year, the Rev. J. B. Muir, M.A., of Galt, kindly obliged me by the formation of a branch in the enterprising Village of Hespeler. We have every reason to believe that it will be one of our most flourishing branches. Two of the branches had not remitted at the end of the Bible Society year. The receipts of some were in advance. Receipts about equal to last year. With the reports of agents found in the present number there has been furnished a brief account of the labours of each of the 14 agents engaged during the year closing March, 1873, in the service of the Society. From their number it was not possible to have presented all at an earlier date. They furnish a record of faithful and devoted exertions to aid and encourage a greater love for the Bible and a deeper interest among the privileged people of Ontario in the distribution of the Word of God to all nations.

I am, Gentlemen, faithfully yours,

JOHN GENLEY,

Secretary.

Toronto, February, 1874.

OTTAWA AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the above Society was held on Thursday evening, the fifteenth January, in the Metcalfe-street Wesleyan Church. There was a good attendance; George Hay, Esq., the President of the Society, was in the chair. The speakers on the occasion were the Revds. Messrs. Sanderson, Young, McEwen, (Pembroke,) Gordon, Hunter, Ward-rop, (Guelph,) Gavin and Codd.

The Rev. Mr. Gavin, the corresponding secretary, read an abstract of the annual report. After a most interesting introduction, the report presents a very full and satisfactory statement of the history of the past year of which the following is a summary.