

There has been no branch in Delhi for years. On the evening of my visit, the two resident ministers, with a number of leading laymen, came together and formed themselves into a branch, after which the ministers and your agent addressed the meeting, presenting the claims of the society. I have strong hopes that the resuscitated branch will give a good account of itself next year. This finished my work of visitation for this county. Your agent was everywhere kindly received, and left the county feeling that if the Bible agent had some discouragements, he had also many encouragements, the amount collected from this county being \$426.66.

My first visit in the County of Wentworth was to Jerseyville. The meeting was a very small one. This branch has been visited only twice in five years, the consequence of which is, the people have lost interest in the work. The few who did come together, left, determined to have a better state of things in the future.

Through the confusion caused by sickness and death in the family of the Secretary, the meeting for Alberton was not announced, hence one day was lost. I proceeded next day to Ancaster, where we had the best meeting they have had in that town for years; Rev. T. S. Cartwright aiding by his presence and eloquence. Binbrook gave us a splendid meeting. This branch is well worked, and in a healthy state. Glanford did poorly, but promised better things for the future. Bartonville refused to announce a meeting, as there was no prospect of doing anything, the old supporters having nearly all removed. Ontario meeting was small in numbers, but spirited. Strabane fully sustained its past reputation in numbers, spirit and funds. Waterdown gave us a large meeting. Nearly all the ministers of the town were present, and aided in the exercises. Ministers and people determined that henceforth Waterdown must double its funds.

Dundas disappointed your agent. In a town of 3,000 inhabitants we expected a large gathering, but found it small for the place. This branch, though in a better state than for some time past, is yet far from what it should be. Lynden Secretary had not received my notice, hence, when your agent went, there was no meeting. Copetown had published for the wrong evening, consequently no meeting, as your agent was engaged to revisit Alberton on that evening. Visited Alberton accordingly, and was warmly received. Meeting large and funds liberal.

Your agent had arranged to hold a meeting at Carluke, for the formation of a branch, on the afternoon of the same day he visited Alberton, and in company with the Rev. J. Baikie, of Ancaster, proceeded to that place; but the fearful state of the roads, together with the breaking down of the buggy, the people had dispersed before we arrived.

Revisited Lynden, and had a small but profitable meeting. This branch needs reviving. Also, revisited Copetown, but, unfortunately, it was the night of the Ontario elections, and could not secure a meeting. Their moneys were, however, collected, which I received, and promised them a Sabbath afternoon address in May.

Kirkwall I did not visit. The night of my appointment there, your agent was suffering from diphtheria. The meeting was held, however, and as the report from its Secretary shews, a successful one. Hamilton was attended to by special arrangement, consequently your agent was not present.

In conclusion, permit me to say that some change in the system of agency is absolutely required. The fields of your past agents have been too extended, and many of the branches have not received that fostering care which they require, the sad results of which have met your agent in many places. The present system I consider far in advance of the old one, as the limited fields of your agents will enable them to revisit those places which, through stormy weather, or other unavoidable circumstances, may have been omitted on the first tour.

Permit me, also, to express my gratitude to the Secretary, who has always kindly and promptly given all information desired; but above all, to our