

office-bearers, and afterwards upon the Rev. Mr. McLean. The meeting was held in the Methodist Church, Mr. McLean in the chair. A very excellent and suitable address was given by the Secretary in connection with his Report; besides, matters were in readiness, thus reflecting great credit upon the zeal and faithfulness of the office-bearers. The stock on hand is a small one.

"*Varna*.—The day following I came to Varna, through a blustering wind and pelting snow-storm. The Branch here is only in its infancy, having been organized about a year ago, but the office-bearers have applied themselves faithfully to their work, and met with an encouraging measure of success in the neighbourhood.

"*Brucefield*.— . . . I walked from Varna to Brucefield, and then to the manse occupied by the Rev. Mr. Ross, who is President of the Branch in this place. The meeting was held in the church, and he presided on the occasion. The Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. George Walker, had his Report ready in a very clear and business-like manner. The sales during the year amounted to \$15 75.

"*Kippen*.—Through the kindness of Mr. Walker, of Brucefield, I was conveyed to Kippen, another young Branch. The meeting was held in the church of the Rev. Mr. Cameron, who gave us a cordial welcome and the benefit of his services. A Report was read of what had been done since the Branch was formed. The audience scarcely numbered fifty, most of them young people, but they were evidently deeply interested in the good work."

REV. CHAS. FISH.—"I visited Dunsford Branch on Friday, Dec. 17th. Very cold night. Congregation small; had a good meeting, however, and I left President and Committee quite hopeful of surpassing former remittances.

"*Manilla*.—Had an excellent meeting. Received from Treasurer \$48, which they assured me would be supplemented by a second remittance in February.

"*Little Britain*.—Had the church filled with attentive hearers, and a good collection and subscription by cards. . . . I introduced subscription cards at every meeting, and found them good."

REV. J. BURTON.—"(Roslin) is all but dead. The meeting, though by request put off, very much to my inconvenience, and the night fair, was miserably small. I endeavoured to stir up some interest, with what results the future must declare. . . . I believe the colporteur is doing good Bible Society work, and some more life may by-and-by be infused into the work of the Branches."

REV. W. W. CARSON.—"I think it better that the collectors do not go round until after the Agent's visit, although it renders it impossible for him to make correct returns. The interest created by the announcements, and the public meeting, prepare the way for the collectors. I gave strict instructions to the officers of all the Branches to meet and appropriate the funds as soon as they are collected, and forward them to Toronto, which in each instance they promised to do. The financial results from this route will be largely in advance of last year. Almost invariably the books are kept out of sight. I did my best to have this remedied. In some instances I succeeded; in others failed."

REV. JOHN RENNIE.— . . . "Shortly after receiving my appointment, I corresponded with the officers of the Branches assigned to me, and on Monday, the 8th November, I began my work at the Village of *Melbourne*. I had a very good meeting there in the Presbyterian Church, and was ably assisted by the Rev. A. Sutherland, who gave an excellent ad-