

Mr. Tocque, who enforced what the previous speakers had said. The Secretary further states that these Rev. gentlemen used great exertions to sustain the interests of the Society, so that should there be any falling off in its income from that neighbourhood it cannot be attributed to them. We hoped that when we heard from the Treasurer; his remittance would prove that the collectors had caught the fire from the speakers, and had been equally zealous in their part of the work but only \$34 have been sent against \$67 last year.

BOWMANVILLE.—Owing to several circumstances this Branch did not succeed in getting up an interesting meeting, but the officers and collectors exerted themselves that they might, at least, not fall behind former years in their contributions. They have remitted \$85, free.

BRAMPTON.—Jan. Meeting addressed by the Revs. Messrs. Curts, Lea-royd, Pringle, Jolliffe & Baikie. They have sent \$136 free. Last year they sent nothing.

CALEDONIA.—Dec. 21st. The evening was very wet, and the President, Mr. Mc Kinnon, unfortunately met with an accident on his way to the meeting. The chair was taken by Mr. Ellwood, one of the Vice-Presidents, and the meeting addressed by the Revs. Messrs. Black, Wilson and Willoughby. Although circumstances were so much against the success of the meeting, the collectors promise to do well. The Treasurer has already remitted \$70 free contributions, and the Secretary expects he will be able to send more before the year closes.

COBOURG.—The annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Dec. 1st. The chair was occupied by C. Lawes, Esq. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. Jas. Douglas, and excellent and interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Jeffers, and the Rev. R. E. Lund.

ELORA.—The annual meeting of this Branch was held in Chalmer's Church on the 9th of March. There was a good attendance, the different denominations being well represented, and much harmony and unity manifested. The collection was larger than last year; but the free contributions remitted amount only to \$200, which is \$20 short of last year. However, Mr. Carder, one of the oldest and most zealous friends of the Society, who has been Secretary of the Branch for over thirty years, thinks they have done as well as last year, considering the depression in trade.

EMBRO.—The annual meeting of this Branch was held on the 14th December. We regret that the Secretary has sent us no particulars; but as the results are good we must not complain, and we trust the good friends enjoyed some interesting and profitable addresses. They have sent us \$145 free. Last year they sent us \$59.

EXETER.—Oct. 17. Sunday. Special services in the interests of the Society were held in the Bible Christian, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. Collectors were sent out, and have been more successful than in previous years. Although the Thames Road District, which was formerly part of the field of this Branch, has been handed over to Elinville, \$102 free and \$67 on purchase account have been remitted. Last year \$100 free and \$25 on purchase account were sent.

FERGUS.—The meeting of this Branch was held on the 12th Nov., in the Congregational Church. The chair was occupied by the Rev. E. Barker, President. Mr. Fordyce, the Secretary, read the report, the adoption of which was moved by the Rev. E. J. Fessenden, and seconded by the Rev. H. McLean, who was elected as President for the coming year. The meeting was also addressed by the Rev. J. B. Mullan and the Rev. G. Smellie, who had also preached a most appropriate sermon in the interest of the Society on the previous Sunday evening, when the congregation was large and we trust were stirred up to greater zeal in the duty of spreading