

I am glad to report peace and harmony throughout the work, and amongst many of the branches, commendable zeal and activity. Our meetings, as a whole, have been numerously attended, while all the branches of our Common Protestantism have freely mingled in zealous and Catholic effort to give the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment to the world. How far our Churches are benefitted in their vitality and catholicity by the Bible Society in invigorating and intensifying their sympathy with Christ for the World's Salvation, we may not be able to determine, but we have reason to believe that its reflex influence upon our Churches is not less important than its direct bearing on the heathen world, for "it is more blessed to give than to receive." We can scarcely overrate the importance to a common christianity of an enterprise in which all the religious bodies have a community of interest and obligation, so that while each denomination is left free to carry on its own distinctive work in its own way, we have one central cause where we all unite in attesting the unity of a common protestantism, and while labouring together in christian catholicity the several parts are strengthened in individual and distinctive relationship. The Bible Society is the great "Evangelical Alliance" of the Churches.

During the spring and summer months my time was occupied amongst the branches of the London Auxiliary, and as I have furnished a report to that board I need not recapitulate. I am glad, however, to report the branches in the west in a healthy state, some of them might and *ought* to do much more, but as a whole I think they may be regarded as in a satisfactory condition. The central board at London is practicing the most rigid economy in all, consistent with efficiency, and at the same time putting forth special efforts to develop more largely their own local resources. But as you will doubtless have a report from the board, I will not anticipate their information.

My first meeting for the year in the U. C. department of my field, was held Tuesday, 22nd of August, at Selkirk, and it was by far the best one I have witnessed in the place. I was ably assisted by four ministers, three of them resident in the place, and the Rev. Mr. Pullar, of Hamilton. The speakers were animated and spoke well to the point, and the people seemed roused to a higher appreciation of the good cause. As their collections were yet to gather, I hope the finances will show improvement. My next visit was to South Cayuga where our spirited friends fairly outdid all their former doings. The house was crowded—their excellent Choir gave some well selected and exquisitely rendered pieces of music, and their cash shewed a clear increase of one-third more than they ever raised before in one year. At my previous meeting they resolved to make a special effort in favor of the English New Bible House. They have been able to contribute \$20 for this purpose without abating their usual contributions to other purposes. From here I went to Dunnville, and found that from the decease of their Secretary and the absence of their President from home, my meeting had not been announced. The Treasurer paid up the purchase account, and we deferred our meeting here till spring. Cayuga, though a County Town, has been outstripped by its rival, Dunnville. The Railroad has been against its interests, and then the malaria from the stagnant waters of the Canal, have conspired to leave Cayuga but the wreck of its former self. Our meeting here (as usual) was small. Their finances, however, were far in advance of former years, being enhanced by a bequest of \$100 from an estimable lady who, during life, was an active friend of the Society, and at her death devised two legacies to the good cause, the one through Port Dover, the place of her former residence, and the other through Cayuga where she died, but both to the U. C. Bible