

REPORT OF THE REV. T. GUTTERY.

To the Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN,—I visited the Branches in the County of Perth early in the year 1873. The weather was cold, but fine and clear, and, on the whole, very favourable for our work. I found the Branches in a healthy state. The meetings were well attended, and the deputation was ably assisted by the ministers of the different denominations established in the places visited. The meeting at Millbank was full of interest, and realized more than the year before.

Listowell was a good meeting. At Trowbridge the attendance was not very large, but there were signs of improvement. At Mitchell we have a good Branch; the officers are active, and the public interested in our work. We have established a new Branch at Sebringville, and it is likely to become strong and vigorous. Fullarton is in good hands, and did very well this year. At Shakespeare we had a good meeting, though the attendance was not very large.

St. Marys was an enthusiastic meeting, and did well for the noble Society whose interests it has at heart. Stratford held its anniversary in the Town Hall. The meeting was well supported by the ministers of the town, and laid a noble offering upon the Bible altar. A new society is established at Downie, and some earnest officers have been appointed. Our first meeting was crowded. There are other places in this county at which we hope to establish Branches this year. I think it would be a considerable advantage if the officers at every place would get in all the moneys raised by the collectors before or at the public meetings. Let these amounts be announced from the platform, and it will give greater spirit and interest to the meeting, and will greatly encourage the collectors. We trust the meetings of 1874 will greatly exceed those of 1873; and it must be an encouraging thought to our friends at the places visited in this county to know that their aggregate proceeds for the present year are nearly two hundred dollars more than the year before. Let them devote themselves afresh to the great work of spreading the Bible throughout the world. "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

I am, Gentlemen, very truly yours,

THOMAS GUTTERY,
Agent.

Toronto, April 10th, 1873.

REPORT OF REV. E. B. HARPER, M.A.

To the Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN,—The field of labour committed to my oversight comprises twenty-five Branches located in the Counties of Brant and Oxford. Most of these, as you will observe from their financial returns, are healthy, vigorous and fruitful. A few only are languid and drooping; and to these some special and extra attention must be paid both by your Agent and by their own local officers. Everywhere your Agent has received much kind attention and friendly co-operation. His addresses in behalf of the Bible Society have been received with evident satisfaction, and promises of more liberal support in future cheerfully made.

Whoever may succeed to the charge of this field, when the present engagement closes, will have cause to say "the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places," &c.

I am, Gentlemen,
Very respectfully yours,

E. B. HARPER,
Agent.

Guelph, April, 30th, 1873.