

to. Should the financial depression to any extent pass away before another year, I hope to see our contributions considerably increased without any enlargement of bounds."

*Bond Head.*—The Secretary writes as follows:—

"The public meeting of the Bond Head Bible Society was held last Tuesday evening, March 4th, and I am glad to say that we in no wise suffered by the absence of a "deputation," but that, on the whole, the speeches and attendance were better than the two previous years, and, I doubt not, that the interest generally will be more warmly felt in the future. Yet I fear our donation will this year be less, partly from local causes, partly from general lowness of trade. I shall send the names of our officers and other details as soon as the collecting is closed; I send to-day a donation of \$46.00.

*Cayuga.*—"The annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Presbyterian Church on November 5th. The Rev. Messrs. Burns, Lumsden and Grant delivered excellent addresses on the occasion, and the Presbyterian choir enlivened the meeting with some beautiful and appropriate music. The officers of last year were re-elected. Votes of thanks were tendered to the collectors of last year, and to the reverend gentlemen who addressed the meeting."

*Chesterfield and Ratho.*—"In Ratho Church, on the evening of February 17th, the annual meeting of the Blandford Branch was held. Considering the severity of the weather, the attendance was good. After devotional exercises the Report was read by the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Murray. It appeared that the Committee had thought it would be of advantage to re-open the depositories, which had been closed for several years. The report showed that the free contributions were less in amount than those of the previous year. The deficiency was accounted for by the depressed state of markets and trade. All the members of Committee were re-elected. Admirable addresses were given by the Rev. Wm. Robertson, of Chesterfield, and the Rev. John Aull, of Ratho, the former speaking on the progress of the Bible Society's work, the latter on the revision of the English Bible. The meeting was one of great interest."

*Cobourg.*—The Secretary writes, November 28th:—"As requested, we held our annual meeting without the assistance of an Agent. The meeting was held in the Congregational Church on the 25th inst. After paying all local expenses there was \$240.86 to our credit, which sum was appropriated as follows: on purchase account, \$112.02; free grant to Upper Canada Bible Society, \$64.42; and to British and Foreign Bible Society, \$64.42." Previous year Cobourg paid \$107.61 on purchase account, but no free contributions.

*Coldsprings.*—The Secretary writes, February 24th:—"The annual meeting of the Coldsprings Branch Society was held in the Plainville Canada Methodist Church, on the evening of Thursday, December 5th. It is our practice to hold our annual meetings in turn at Camborne, Coldsprings and Plainville, so as to awaken as much as possible all through the neighbourhood an interest in the work of the Society. This meeting was rendered very interesting and effective by the able addresses of the Rev. Messrs. Kemner (Bible Christian), Ewing (Presbyterian), and McCulloch (Pastor of the Church in which the meeting was held) who presided and conducted the meeting. The choir gave valuable assistance by the performance of several excellent and appropriate anthems. The Church was well filled and a marked interest manifested. The report for the preceding year showed that \$69.38 had been collected and forwarded as free contributions to the Upper Canada Bible Society, being an advance of \$6.71 on the year previous."

*Columbus.*—The Secretary writes, February 27th:—"We held our annual meeting on the 18th instant, in the Bible Christian Church. As usual, the attendance was rather small. The Secretary's report was read, including a