

I commenced my summer tour with *Seaforth*, a feeble branch at present. *Lucknow* is of a similar character, and was next visited. *Tiverton* had as usual displayed much energy. Their collections amounted to \$85. During the past year they have employed a colporteur in Bruce County, who has been most successful, having sold over \$900 worth of various kinds of Bibles. A wet night and small meeting at *Kincardine*. They had endeavoured to produce more interest in the work by holding county meetings, yet there was a falling off in the funds, though \$90 had been raised. After attending our Diocesan Synod, I returned north to *Saugeen*, which is in a better state than it was; and from thence I proceeded to *Owen Sound*. This branch at present is sadly behind. *Paisley* had not collected, as it should have done, in the winter, so we lost our usual subscriptions. I addressed a small audience at *Balaclava* with the hope of forming a branch there. They have promised to consider the matter. We had a large meeting at *Walkerton* on Sunday evening, to hear a missionary sermon from your agent. The next day I passed on to *Hanover* and found it languishing, although there are five Protestant churches in this small village. *Durham* gave us a poor meeting and a small collection of \$20. *Priceville* is doing better. I formed a branch at *Cornabus* in the place of the *Flesherton* branch which has never been sustained since it was formed. *Eugenia* was reached next, and their report was good. I formed a new branch also at *Maxwell* under favourable auspices. This branch will take the place of *Feversham*. My letters did not reach *Thornbury* and the meeting was not announced therefore. The steamboat on which I was about to start for *Meaford* broke down. I telegraphed for a suppl. to take my place. This is a good branch, it is also the best in the County of Grey. *Collingwood* gave us a better audience, but as regards funds it is feebly supported at present. My next tour was through the County of Simcoe, commencing with *Barrie*, which manifests indications of growth, and intends to look after the interests of the lumbermen in the district. About \$75 had been collected. I went on by steamer to *Orillia*. A thunder-storm at the hour of meeting prevented our usual good audience. Their collections now do not come up to those in by-gone years, although the village is a growing and thriving one, yet they are ahead of the last year's gathering; \$76 had been collected. *Oro* had very small returns in spite of the Secretary's energy. *Innisfil* had done well, having forwarded \$45. *Thornton* is languishing. Nothing has been done for two years; they however have promised to revive the work. A good meeting rewarded me at *West-Essa*, which is a prosperous branch. *Bradford* is backsliding in funds and audiences. They could give no cause for it, save that many declined to contribute because they could not afford it! A good audience and a fair sum at *Tottenham*. *Bondhead* is the best branch in this county. Their collections were nearly \$100. After the harvest and autumn rest, and some delay through the change of district, I commenced afresh at *Newmarket*. Here our meeting was a failure, owing to the rainy evening. *Lloydton* postponed its anniversary. *Schomberg's* report not got ready. *Aurora* had done well, as it always does—collections over \$107. This branch has sustained a great loss in the removal of its secretary, Dr. Geikie, to Toronto. I failed to reach *Laskey* through a break-down, but as this part of the work came now into Rev. Mr. Goldsmith's hands, he promised to give them a meeting. The five meetings of the next week were now taken up by him, and I returned to arrange for the new work east of Hamilton, as soon as the Exhibition week was past. *Paris*, postponed. *St. George*, an excellent branch. They had adopted the system of paying a good collector a percentage, and it turned out a success. They collected over \$120, against their usual \$60. In making my report of a tour principally in the district east of Hamilton, I remark it was my first visit, and I had expected in such an old settled country to have found a more lively interest than usual. I did my best however, with my scanty audiences, to arouse them at least to more activity. There are branches named in this month's report that are doing well, and my