

amendment in its management; while most of the other Branches hold steadily on their way to higher standing in the good work. No doubt the Bible Society commands the prayerful and liberal support of more right-hearted men and women than gather around any one distinct field of Christian effort, and the result is the firm hold the Society has on the country, and the steady progress it is making in all its departments. One has but to mingle with these many friends to prize them. At the same time it is necessary to keep alive this interest by diffusing among the people full and correct information on the subject of Bible work, as is done by the visits of agents and the publication of the *RECORDER*, as well as correct the errors into which Branches will occasionally fall. I trust the ensuing season will mark another advance in our good work, because the field is opening for the sowing of the seed as fast as our power of sowing increases.

I am gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

W. S. BALL.

REPORT OF THE REV. R. B. MONTGOMERY.

Beamsville, March 30th, 1871.

To the Directors of the U. C. B. Society:

DEAR SIRS,—Having been engaged by you to visit the Counties of Norfolk and Wentworth, in the interests of the above-named Society, it now becomes my duty to render you an account of my stewardship.

I left home on Monday, January 9th, and travelled fifty miles. Having been kindly entertained by Rev. A. Slaght, Waterford, for the night, I proceeded next morning to Port Rowan, a distance of forty miles, where I held my first meeting, in the Baptist Chapel. The meeting was small, on account of a "Free Musical Concert," at the same hour. The spirit of the meeting was excellent, and money matters comparatively good. Better things promised for another year.

St. Williams gave us a poor meeting. Here, also, they determined to arise and act more vigorously. Drove next day to Vittoria, where, having exchanged my cutter for a buggy, I proceeded to Port Dover, to be warmly received by all, and hospitably entertained by Rev. Wm. Craigie. Meeting enthusiastic. Revs. Dr. Tibbets and Craigie, and Mr. Lawson, M.P., gave their hearty co-operation. A Ladies' Aid Society, in connection with this branch, did excellent service during the year.

Vittoria gave us a small meeting. Rev. E. V. Rogers, a veteran in Bible work, has laboured most assiduously during the year. If he remains, a better state of things will exist another year. Mr. P. W. Rapelje gave your agent a twenty dollar gold piece as a gift to the U. C. B. S. Oh! for many such. Spent Sabbath in Waterford. Attended the N. C. Methodist Church in the morning, and said a few words. Preached in the Wesleyan Chapel in the afternoon, and in the evening held the Bible Society meeting in the Baptist Church. Attendance good for the evening. Rev. Messrs. Walker and Slaght gave spirited addresses. Bible Society matters have been very low in this place. As an evidence, however, of a healthier tone, the committee which met with your agent on Monday morning, at once started a subscription list, two of the leading citizens heading it, and promising to circulate it well in the community, and forward the amount, to be entered in this year's operations. Waterford, also, promises greater activity. Simcoe gave us an excellent meeting. Rev. Messrs. Grasset, McRitchie, Parsons and Livingstone entered heartily into the meeting. This branch is vigorously worked, and promises much fruit. Lynedoch gave us a small but spirited meeting. Mr. G. Charlton, Secretary, is an efficient worker. This branch promises to be second to none in the county of Norfolk, in proportion to its members. They have determined to raise \$100 for another year, thirty of which were subscribed before I left next day.