

present time, the harmony of Scripture in all its parts, and their universal adaptation to the wants of mankind." The Agent's address followed:—"Although the hour of eleven o'clock had arrived the speaker was listened to with marked attention till the close, and left an impression on the minds of the people not soon to be forgotten. We all wish to hear him again."

*Claremont.*—Here we had one of our best meetings. Local ministers and Depository were visited. A goodly number of people came together in the Baptist church. The meeting really a success, and the people generally in good spirits and manifested much interest in the work of the Society abroad, upon which we dwelt at some length. I have nothing really to suggest as to the working of the Branch. All is working harmoniously, and the people shewed your Agent no small kindness. The land is good in this district, and the interest of the people as good as gold.

*Duffin's Creek.*—The meeting here was held in the Episcopal church. The Rev. W. S. Westney is a real friend of the Society. All the resident ministers in the place were present and other officers at their post of duty. Short addresses were given by the pastors of the Canada Methodist and Presbyterian churches, while the pastor of the church occupied the chair. It was altogether a successful meeting, and here the prospects of the Branch are fair and portentous of good results.

Upon the whole I am encouraged with the meetings. The Bible Society has a noble record to narrate and a glorious future before it in the kingdom of Christ. It lends a helping hand to all denominations and keeps ever before it the glory of the Master in the broad field of the world. Those who are toiling at the outposts can best appreciate the invaluable work of this Society. May the blessing of the Lord our God rest upon its officers and members. We feel assured that the waste places of the earth shall in the future yield many songs to their joy.

Rev. A. A. DRUMMOND.—In submitting my Report of the Branches of the Bible Society entrusted to my care, I must mention at the outset the great goodness of God in allowing me to set forth the claims of His word in so many different localities and to see the deep interest taken in the grand work of the Bible Society by all denominations of Christians. I must also mention the pleasing fact that in every case my meetings were well announced beforehand and the arrangements entered into to make it a pleasure for your Agent to pay his annual visit. The weather could not have been more favourable than the moonlight in October for holding my meetings.

*Bethany.*—I had visited the common school in the afternoon and interested the older children in the "Book" and in consequence a considerable number of the audience were young people, a new thing here. I may state that in most of the places I have visited I have gone to the schools and, after hearing a class or two, have spoken to the children about the word of God, and thereby secured the presence of many of them at the evening meeting. This, in part at least, accounts for the favourable report I am able to give of increased attendance. Collectors were appointed to canvass the district.

*Hastings.*—On Sabbath I preached in the Presbyterian church, and in the afternoon I addressed the large Methodist and Presbyterian Sabbath-schools on the "Book," and invited them to the meeting on Monday evening.

*Keene.*—I cannot close this part of my report without noticing the kindness of Mr. J. Read, who not only welcomed your Agent to his hospitable mansion, but when he knew that I was anxious to be home as early as possible next day, because of sickness in my congregation, drove me next morning to Peterboro', a distance of twelve miles in time to catch the 7 o'clock train. Such acts of Christian kindness speak plainer than words can do, that the