

REV. W. S. GRIFFIN.—“*Dresden*.—We had an interesting annual meeting here. The friends of the cause are as warm-hearted and numerous as ever, but all suffering from financial depression which seriously affects the returns this year.

“*Thamesville*.—A successful meeting here also, and returns considerably in advance notwithstanding the cry of hard times.

“*Bridge End*.—A rival interest in the form of a tea-meeting (of which I knew nothing before I arrived) affected the number in attendance at the annual meeting, but still the contributions are in advance of last year. They love the Bible cause in this neighbourhood.

“*Chatham*.—Among all the churches there are many deeply interested in the spread of Bible truths. One of the Episcopalian ministers occupied the chair at the public meeting, and stirring addresses were delivered by Presbyterian and Methodist ministers. An excellent meeting, and returns larger than usual.

“*Dover*.—A fine Rural Branch. It has done nobly this year, and is anxious to do its utmost to increase the funds of the Society.”

REV. J. A. F. MCBAIN.—“All the Branches acquiesce in the request to send around the collectors after the visitation of the agent instead of before as formerly. On this account, I cannot report financial returns, but expect better results than last year. Your agent was cordially received by all, and greeted in most cases by larger audiences than last year.”

REV. JOHN WOOD.—“*Erin* was visited January 26th. The meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church. The attendance was good considering the state of the roads. The President, Rev. J. Thomson, was reluctantly absent through illness, but the Revs. Messrs. Reed (Baptist) and Beelby (Methodist) were present, and delivered effective addresses. The Secretary, upon whom so much everywhere depends, is most active and faithful.

“*Malton*, I visited February 25th. Here again the attendance was small on account of causes already referred to, and another meeting being held on the same evening. The meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist Church, the minister of which was away from home. The Rev. Mr. Baikie (Presbyterian), however, came all the way from Brampton to assist us, and spoke warmly on behalf of the Society. The collectors had not yet completed their work, but returns so far had been good.

“*Derry West*, March 3rd. We were favoured with a fair attendance only, but an excellent spirit pervaded the meeting, which was held in the Trinity (Methodist) Church. The officers and committee are earnest and energetic. We had no minister to help us, but the remarks of the newly-elected President and others were practical and telling. Collections not all in, but certain to be in advance of previous year. . . . On the whole I found that though the attendance was often discouraging, the practical interest taken in the work of the Society is on the increase, and that the people are appreciating more and more the objects it has in view as they learn to love and study the Book of God for themselves. They are daily becoming more convinced that no country can prosper without it.”

REV. R. TORRANCE.—“From Goderich I proceeded next day by stage to *Dungannon*, a distance of about thirteen miles. The meeting was held in the Methodist Church, and there was a goodly number present; among them the Rev. Mr. Hartley. The Secretary-Treasurer and Depositary had his Report for the year in readiness, and everything was in order. There was a good deal of life manifested here, and it is likely to increase. Next day I went from *Dungannon*, through *Manchester*, to *Blyth*, and called first on the