

On Sunday and Monday, the 25th and 26th January, I had the satisfaction of being present at Elora. Preached in the Wesleyan church on the Sunday, and aided in the meeting, in the same place, on the following evening. An episode, of a pleasant yet somewhat painful character, took place at this meeting. Mr. Joseph Carder, the beloved and efficient Secretary of the Branch, was obliged, after having filled the office for more than a quarter of a century, partially to retire from active work. A very handsome Bible and a suitable address were presented to him, in the name of the friends of the Society, by the Rev. Mr. Middlemiss. This is a flourishing Branch. I was at Hespeler on the 27th. The meeting was held in the N. C. Church. The attendance was small; but it is expected that this Branch, which was organized within the past few months, will become one of the most prosperous. On Wednesday, the 28th January, I assisted at the meeting in Galt. It was held in the Wesleyan Church. The audience was not as large as desired; but, from the spirit manifested in the Committee, I anticipate continued advancement in this very important Branch. On February, the 1st and 2nd, the Anniversary of the St. Thomas Branch was held. I preached in the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath morning, and had the pleasure of being associated with the agent, the Rev. Mr. Johnston, in the encouraging meeting, which was held in the Wesleyan Church on Monday evening. I left by the Southern R. Road on Tuesday, the 3rd February, for Wallace-town. The meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church. The night was cold, and the snow deep, but the friends here have warm hearts, and the results were very satisfactory.

The Annual Meeting of the Peterborough Branch took place on Monday, the 9th February. I preached in behalf of the Society, on Sunday, the 8th, in the Canada Presbyterian church, to a large Congregation, from which a liberal collection was received. The meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, and was fairly attended. This is a large and most flourishing town, and, as one of my fields of former ministerial labour, it afforded me much pleasure to revisit it. The Committee here take a deep interest in the distribution of the Word of God among the lumbermen in the northern section of the county, and I had great satisfaction in being authorized by the Board to assure the Peterborough Committee of their desire to do all in their power to aid them in this laudable purpose. I was much disappointed in not meeting the agent, the Rev. R. B. Montgomery, who by sickness was prevented from coming. On Sunday, the 15th February, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, and received a good collection in aid of the funds of the Society. On the following evening, the meeting, which took place in the Town Hall, was largely attended. The spirit manifested throughout the services, and the liberal collection presented at their close was most encouraging. My last visit for the year was to Napanee. I preached in the Wesleyan church on Sunday evening, the 1st March. The congregation was large, and the collection presented liberal. The Annual Meeting was held in the new and beautiful Episcopal Methodist church. Everything connected with this meeting was most cheering and gratifying. This Branch has greatly prospered within the past few years. For this, we are much indebted to the judgment and energy of our agent, the Rev. Mr. Stone, who is a resident of this prosperous town.

Want of space only prevents me from definitely expressing my appreciation of the aid I have received from ministers at the various meetings I have attended during the present and preceding years. It would also have afforded me sincere pleasure to have named those gentlemen—lay and clerical—who so kindly assisted me from time to time in reaching my appointments. It is now five years since I entered upon the duties of the Permanent Secretariat of the Upper Canada Bible Society, from which I now retire, again to devote myself fully to the work of the ministry. As it has been in the past, so will it be in the future, my aim to do all in my power to aid in the dissemination of the Sacred Scriptures. During the many years in which I have been