

they did meet the difficulties, which we do not doubt, they nobly overcame them, for the Treasurer has since remitted \$92 free contributions. Last year they sent us \$60, and the year before \$60.

BELLEVILLE.—Dec. 15th : The weather being unfavourable there was but a small attendance. The chair was occupied by M. Sawyer, Esq., President. There were also on the platform the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, of Port Hope, the Rev. Dr. Jacques, and the Rev. Messrs. Mulhearn, Burton, McLean, Campbell and Wickett, together with Dr. Hope, and Messrs. McAnnany and Ritchie. The music was led by an excellent choir under the direction of Dr. Palmer.

The Chairman in a few well chosen words adverted to the position of the Branch, and drew attention to the new and vast fields of operation opening up all over the world, which would be occupied by the Bible Society.

Mr. Thos. Ritchie, the Secretary, then read the Report which speaks thankfully of God's goodness and the privileges enjoyed by the good people of Belleville, and founds upon them an exhortation to greater activity in furthering the objects of the Society, "as in its principles and aims we have a sure and reliable ground of appeal for the sympathy and aid of members of all the Catholic Church." It refers to the work of Mr. McIntyre, our colporteur in the back townships of Hastings, and the readiness of our Society to send such men wherever they are needed. It closes with expressions of regret for the death of Mr. A. Bourdon, "who took a deep interest in the welfare of the Society, and was ever active in the endeavour to promote its objects."

The Meeting was addressed by the Rev. Drs. O'Meara and Jacques, and Rev. Messrs. Mulhearn, Burton, Campbell, McLean and Wickett. J. W. Dunnet, Esq., was elected president for the ensuing year.

BETHANY.—Nov. 10th. Weather being unfavourable the attendance was small; but the collectors went to work in good earnest, and, with the help of the Orangemen who kindly contributed the proceeds of a tea meeting, they have \$80 ready to send as free contributions, and perhaps may send more; besides \$16 on purchase account. This Branch is in a flourishing condition. The members regret the retirement of Mr. Wilson from the office of President, but are thankful to have a very efficient man to take his place in the person of Mr. Cain.

BEVERLEY.—The annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Presbyterian Church at Kirkwall on the 7th of February. Considering the state of the roads, the meeting was large and enthusiastic. The Rev. D. Stewart, of Enniskillen, delivered an able and interesting address on the condition of the world and its need of the Bible. The contributions are \$14.79 short of last year. The Secretary says:—"This may in part be owing to the general stringency in money matters, but it is principally due to the fact that a Branch has been established at Sheffield, so that from that district we had no returns this year, and on various occasions our returns from that district have been in excess of our present deficiency Although we are called the Beverley Branch Bible Society, it is an error to suppose that we represent the township. In reality we occupy but a small portion of it. Lynden and Copetown are both in the township, and Galt and East Puslinch, and Nairn collect more or less in it." They have since remitted \$101.62 free. Last year they sent us \$87.

BORRACAYGEON.—The annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Methodist Church, on the 15th of February. Owing probably to a snow storm at the hour of meeting the attendance was not large, although near the average of former years. The meeting was addressed at considerable length by the Rev. J. A. Jewel, on "The Authenticity of the Scriptures;" by the Rev. A. F. Tully, on "The power of the Bible to convert the soul, and on the duty of aiding to circulate it throughout the world;" and by the Rev.