

Canadian and Domestic.

REPORT OF REV. JOHN WOOD.

To the Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that in accordance with the arrangement made through your Secretary, I have just completed my visitation of the branches assigned to me in the southern part of the County of Huron.

Beginning with *Seaforth*, March 10th, I found the arrangements complete, but was led to expect a very small meeting, in which I was not disappointed. Three of the local ministers were present and assisted.

At *Clinton*, for some unexplained reason, no arrangements had been made for meeting. I saw the officers of the branch, however, and obtained from them the promise that the moneys in hand should be promptly appropriated, and remitted to Toronto, and that an effort should be made before long to resuscitate the Society.

Next I went to *Bayfield*, March 12th, where we had a good meeting in the Presbyterian Church; Rev. Mr. Gibson assisted. Collections mostly made, and were to be forwarded at once, as well as money to settle purchase account.

At *Bracefield*, March 13th; we felt the lack occasioned by the absence of the Rev. Mr. Ross, President of this Branch, but his place was in some measure supplied by a very excellent address from A. McLagan Esq., who bore emphatic testimony to the need and value of the society's efforts in various European and Oriental countries in which he had lately travelled extensively. The attendance was not large, but was apparently much interested; collections not quite complete, but would be in a day or two.

The meeting at *Egmondville*, March 14th, was about an average one. The Rev. Mr. Graham occupied the chair, and rendered efficient help in various ways. Their collections are forwarded herewith.

The following Tuesday, March 18th, I began again at *Kirkton*, where, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, we had a capital meeting. Rev. Mr. Gracey gave valuable assistance. The President, Rev. Mr. Smith, being just on the point of removal to another locality, could not be with us, and Mr. Gracey was chosen to fill the vacant office. The collections have doubtless been forwarded before this.

The meeting at *Crediton*, on the 19th, was held in the German (Evan. Gemeinsec. aft) Church, the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Maurer, presiding. The congregation being of a mixed origin, the devotional services were conducted in both *German* and *English*. The audience was large and attentive. I send herewith collections received: a considerable sum had already been forwarded on purchase account.

At *Exeter*, March 20th, we had one of the best meetings of the tour. The Rev. Mr. Barr, of the Church of England, in whose place of worship the service was held, presided. Other ministers were unavoidably absent. Attendance very good considering the state of the weather and roads, but subscriptions behind those of last year. Some of the outlying country districts had been but imperfectly canvassed. Will do better in future.

Elimville, 21st; a capital meeting. The Rev. Mr. Facey, President, occupied the chair, and the Rev. Mr. Beer assisted, by an earnest address. Their sales of the Scriptures had been small, but the little branch thrives vigorously. The collections at nearly all the places I visited were slightly in advance of former years, and, with one or two exceptions, the work appears to be prospering. My warmest thanks are due to many friends for kindness shown to me on my journey.

I am, Gentlemen, yours truly,

JOHN WOOD,
Agent.

Brantford, March 25th, 1873.