

REPORT OF REV. JAMES LITTLE.

To the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN, — In carrying out the instructions given me through your Secretary, I visited all the branches of the U. C. B. S. in the Counties of Halton and Peel. As I reside in the district, and as one season of the year is as convenient for me as another, I made it a point, as far as possible, to accommodate myself to the ascertained wishes of the branches with regard to time. In December, I visited Acton, Georgetown, and Norval, and during the months of January and February I visited all the established branches which were on the list sent me.

With one or two exceptions, all the meetings were well attended, and on the whole the office-bearers have been active and pains-taking in the discharge of their duties.

In some places I found, on enquiry, that there were sections of country lying between branches that had not been canvassed by collectors. As far as possible I arranged with branches to have this remedied. It is to be regretted that districts of four or five miles square should be left unvisited, and God's people there denied the privilege of having an opportunity of contributing to the greatest and best of all causes. I liked very much the course pursued by the Brampton and surrounding branches. They held a meeting of their Secretaries, and mapped out the district of each branch, so that, as far as practicable, every family might be visited, and the claims of God upon them for the circulation of His Word presented. In one branch, Cheltenham, I found that an effort had been made to injure our cause by sounding abroad the false report that the Douay version of the Scriptures were circulated by the B. & F. B. S. This of course I corrected at the public meeting, and explained, as far as I thought necessary, the whole subject of the kinds of versions circulated in Roman Catholic Countries.

The Recorder I found was received, read, and appreciated in all the branches.

I met with only one opinion with regard to the present system of agency—that of approval.

In the month of March I went to Alton and Charleston. These had both been flourishing branches once, but from one cause or another had been painfully left alone of late years. The Rev. Mr. Gray, Congregational minister at Alton, met me there, and accompanied me to Charleston the following day. I found a depository and quite a number of copies of the Scriptures in each place. Office-bearers were elected, and I feel very hopeful with regard to both of these branches.

Permit me in closing my report to express my gratitude to the kind friends who received and entertained me so hospitably; to your Secretary for his promptitude and kindness in replying to all my letters and enquiries, and in furnishing me with all needed information; and especially to the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for His watchful care over me in this department of my work for Him.

I remain,

Yours very faithfully,

JAMES LITTLE.

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The termination of any period of responsibility which has devolved upon the Christian, in connection with his Heavenly Master's service,