

DRUMBRO, (second visit,) on the 20th. Meeting held in the Baptist Church. Rev. T. Booker gave aid. A new branch.

CHESTERFIELD AND RATHO. Meeting held on the 21st January, in Rev. Mr. Robertson's Church (Presbyterian). The officers of this branch are faithful and zealous workers in the Bible cause, and deserve "honorable mention." \$96 contributed.

INNERKIP. Meeting on the evening of the 22nd, in Rev. Mr. Aull's Church. The pastor rendered acceptable service. \$26.04 paid in.

NORWICH. The meeting was held on the 26th February, in the Wesleyan Church. The Rev. W. Bryers, pastor, and the Rev. J. Robertson assisted. \$64.65 contributed.

NEW DURHAM (Brant County) visited on the 27th, and the meeting held in the Wesleyan Church. Rev. Thos. Jackson, pastor, rendered acceptable aid. This branch paid \$25.

In all the Branches I found that information respecting the doings of our own and other Bible Societies was well received; and therefore the service rendered by the Bible Society Recorder is becoming more fully appreciated. Your agent ventures to hope that the financial returns will be better the coming year than the last. Praying the blessing of the Most High on this noble Association in its future operations,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Most truly and respectfully, Yours,

E. B. HARPER.

Miscellaneous.

THE WATER OF LIFE, OR "DIP IT UP, THEN."

A ship was sailing in the southern waters of the Atlantic, when her crew saw another vessel making signals of distress. They bore down to the distressed ship, and hailed them. "What is the matter?"

"We are dying for water," was the response.

"Dip it up, then," was answered. "You are in the mouth of the Amazon river!"

There those sailors were thirsting, and suffering, and fearing, and longing for water, and supposing that there was nothing but the ocean's brine around them, when, in fact, they had sailed unconsciously into the broad mouth of the mightiest river on the globe, and did not know it. And though to them it seemed that they must perish with thirst, yet there was a hundred miles of fresh water all around them, and they had nothing to do but to "dip it up."

Jesus Christ says, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink." "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come, . . . and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Thirsting soul, the flood is all around you; "dip it up, then!" and drink, and thirst no more.

CHRIST'S QUOTATIONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Our Lord makes quotations from, or direct reference to, passages in twenty-two out of thirty-nine books of the old Testament, viz.:—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, 1 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Micah, Ze- phaniah, Zechariah, Malachi. In Matthew he quotes nearly one hundred passages, from nineteen books; in Mark, fifteen passages, from thirteen books; in Luke, twenty-five passages, from thirteen books; in John, eleven passages, from six books. If we may make such comparisons, we may say that Deuteronomy and Isaiah were His favourite books. In Matthew alone there