

Cumminsville, Feb. 23rd.—Meeting small owing to stormy evening. Contributions in advance of last year.

Milton, Feb. 24th.—Very good meeting. Ably assisted by Revs. Messrs. Gray and Eadie. Collections not yet taken up.

Hornby, Feb. 25th.—This branch I would say is dead. No meeting. It is not possible, it appears, to get officers that will act.

Nelson, Middle Road, Feb. 26th.—A very pleasant meeting. Contributions about the same as last year.

Feb. 27th, Intended to hold meeting at Oakville, but in consequence of other meetings had to postpone.

Acton, March 10th.—Night very cold, consequently a small attendance. Contributions to be forwarded.

Oakville, March 12th.—Good meeting. Ably assisted by Rev. Mr. Pearson and the very excellent Secretary of the Branch, Rev. Mr. Meikle. Contributions to be forwarded.

Wellington Square, March 13th.—Good meeting. Excellent addresses delivered by Rev. Messrs. Christopherson, Shaw, and Little (the previous Agent) who was visiting some friends in the neighbourhood. Contribution in advance of last year.

All which is respectfully submitted. With best wishes for continued success of the Society.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours truly,

D. SMYTH.

Galt, July, 1874.

REPORT OF REV. JOHN GEMLEY.

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

GENTLEMEN,—During the last week in the month of June, and the first in July, 1873, I visited the Branches of Penetanguishene, Waverley, Orillia and Parry Sound, therewith commencing my visitatorial duties for the year closing with the 31st March, 1874. I preached once at Parry Sound. Owing to the Dominion elections in progress, I had to make some re-arrangements of my plans; still the meeting, in each of the above places, was interesting and satisfactory. The weather was oppressively hot, and the long road from Barrie to Penetanguishene (which I had to pass over three times) was dreary; and to me, in my then enfeebled condition, it was very debilitating. I felt, when too late, that I should not have undertaken this work until the completion of the vacation which you had kindly granted me for the purpose of seeking invigorated health. The Bowmanville Anniversary was held in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 3rd December. I had the pleasure of being associated with the agent, the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, in this meeting. We feared we would have no congregation, as it was held on the evening when that terrific storm commenced, which, before the next morning, had done so much damage in Toronto and in other places. However we had a good attendance, and the meeting was one to which I look back with pleasure and satisfaction. This is an excellent Branch. Sunday and Monday, the 14th and 15th December, were spent at Berlin, and I have to report very encouraging prospects of the Branch there. Winterbourne, Elmira and Hawksville were visited on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and as heretofore were well sustained by the people.

1874. On the 7th January I took part with the agent, the Rev. Mr. Harper, in the Brantford Annual Meeting. The evening was one of the most forbidding I ever witnessed, yet a large congregation assembled in the Baptist Church—a majority of those present were ladies. The meeting was enthusiastic, and the collection in advance of the princely givings of former years.