

well of this branch. *Glenallan* is improving in every way. Through some mistake in the notices, my attempt to form a new branch at *Elmira* failed, and though I reached the place after very considerable difficulty, by reason of the snow drifts, I doubt, even had there been no mistake, whether we could have succeeded in getting an audience. The sales at *Hawkesville* had been good. The zealous depositary had succeeded in selling a large number of Scriptures at a camp-meeting near the village. The collections were moderate, however. The drifts prevented my reaching *Winterbourne* till the morning after the meeting. They had, as usual, worked well. A concert at *Hollin* broke up our meeting, and the next day saw me so buried in a drift in an attempt to reach *Harriston* that I had to be extricated by passing help in another road. The very stormy weather next day doubtless affected an attendance at *Elora*, which was good, however, considering this, and the warm heart of our worthy Secretary was cheered by the success which had attended his and the Committee's efforts; over \$250, free contributions, were received by me, besides purchase money. Special mention was made in their report of the contributions of the young in the schools of the village. May I again call the attention of Committees to the valuable work that can be done amongst the young by this and kindred means, valuable not only at present, but in its effects upon their future course of liberality. The country collections of *Elora* were, for the first time I believe, a little in arrears of the last year. May it be the last time of such an occurrence. They had a good meeting at *Drayton*, but which through the negligence of some messenger charged with information for me at *Elora*, was held without your agent, whose place was well supplied by local effort. *Rothsay* is making good progress. We had a better meeting at *Mount Forest* than usual, though still small for such a place. Perhaps, the fact of two prayer meetings being held at the same time prevented many from attending the Bible Society's meeting. Still the collections were much in advance; being \$54 against \$29 of the preceding year. *Fergus* was advancing, as it ever has done. Their collections are not so large as *Elora's*, but they are gaining ground yearly. I received \$200, free contributions, of which \$10 had been obtained from the schools of the village. And now the snow commenced to come down in such earnest that for two days no trains reached Toronto, and the opinion of every one of those singular personages whom everybody hears of and nobody knows, in every place, known as the oldest inhabitant, was most freely given as to the storm. Your agent was blocked up, and when he reached *Toronto* found it in a state of siege; no proceeding to meetings outside the city except on snow shoes. So he returned homewards and spent another night (trying to reach a meeting) on a train thrown off the track. Several meetings were lost in consequence of this great snow storm, and then down came the rain, and such a state of roads it has seldom been the lot of agents to travel. They wondered to see me turn up at the meeting in *Erin*, and I wondered when I reached the place how I got there. They had tried my advice, to hold school section meetings during some time in the year, and were gratified at the excellent result, their contributions being very much larger than before. At *Hillsburg* and *Orangeville* we held good meetings, which would have been no doubt much better ones but for the roads and streets. *Hillsburg*, now formed three years, has each year been making steady progress. I wish I could say as much of the flourishing village of *Orangeville*, where on the 12th of March, it poured with rain all day, instead of snow. There has been some prejudice existing here against the Society, which I hope Truth and Time may soon remove. It was gratifying to hear