

tion, and for the sustained interest and zeal the Upper Canada Bible Society shows in the operations of the Parent Society.

We have to face the same difficulties as yourselves in raising money, perhaps in an aggravated form, because of the many funds started in London and in the country to commemorate the sixty years reign of Her Majesty; but, as the advance copies of the abstract report sent you to-day will show you, we have ended the year well.

Mr. Wilson's death last Wednesday was a great shock to us, and has added to the many calls on our time, which we have had this anniversary season. Section six of the abstract, which he wrote, will have a touching interest to all who knew with what love and knowledge Mr. Wilson wrote the reports of the Society.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

J. G. WATT.

QUEBEC, APRIL 27TH, 1897.

John Harvie, Secretary of Upper Canada Bible Society :

DEAR MR. HARVIE,—Your esteemed favor was read to the Committee at our meeting last evening and was much appreciated. It came at a time when many of us were depressed by the many recent removals from our midst by death, cutting down largely our list of city subscribers and narrowing our circle of friends and sympathizers; it threw sunshine into our midst. The following resolution of thankful acknowledgment, moved by the Rev. Donald Tait, B.A., and seconded by Mr. Thomas Davidson, was carried unanimously :

"We, as a Committee, do hereby express our warm appreciation of the sympathetic and generous action of the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society at their last meeting on April 20th, 1897.

"And we would, more than ever voice our gratitude to God our Heavenly Father, that our efforts to enlighten and save our dear fellow countrymen, and so unify the races, continue to find favor with our Ontario fellow-Christians.

"And we would, as a Committee, take this, the earliest opportunity since receipt of letter of notification of vote, to tender to the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and to the officers of its numerous Branch Societies, our heartfelt thanks for the liberal financial assistance rendered to us, the amount this year being an increase on that of last year, and coming to us at a most opportune time to cheer us on, and to assure us that Quebec's evangelization continues to have a large and warm place in the hearts of the Christian people of Ontario.

"And further, we would most fervently pray God, and have prayer offered to Him in our behalf, that we may be forward to do the work so much needed in this dark land, and to be faithful to the solemn trust imposed upon us through the Christian beneficence of the Upper Canada Bible Society and its numerous Branch Societies."

EDWARD J. STOBO,

Secretary.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

With the kindly co-operation and assistance of the resident ministers, the officers of Branch Societies in a considerable number of towns and villages have been enabled to hold their annual meetings unaided, thus saving the expense of a visit by one of our acting agents, and your Directors are very desirous that this plan may be more generally adopted. A note regarding this, sent to the Permanent Secretary at Toronto, will be promptly attended to.

The following new branches have been added to our list, viz.: Honeywood, Marmora, Tyrone and Wilfrid in Ontario, also Austin and Stony Mountain in Manitoba.

COLPORTAGE.

Colporteurs have been engaged for shorter or longer periods throughout the year, as shown in the following schedule report. Four new men have been engaged for colportage work for the ensuing season :