

vin and Brock do not favour the circulation of subscriptions among their employes. The firm however subscribe liberally.

On the following day I visited Wolfe Island. The branch formerly existing then in the name of one man, had perished in his removal. The Protestant population is very much scattered, and a good efficient organization is therefore impracticable.

I have in every case been warmly welcomed, and assisted by the ministers of all evangelical denominations, and am gratified to find evidence on the whole, of a growing interest in the work of the Bible Society. This is evinced by the fact that the sum total contributed is in advance of former years.

I remain, gentlemen, yours truthfully,

S. G. STONE,
Agent.

Napanee, May 31st, 1873.

REPORT OF THE REV. MICHAEL BENSON.

To the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society :

GENTLEMEN.—I beg to report my work in North Huron as follows, for the year ending March, 1873.

By the aid of a kind Providence, I succeeded in visiting and addressing each branch. All notices of the meetings were duly respected, and a cordial reception every where given.

The work was commenced in Manchester, on the 17th February. This is an unassuming but strong branch. Officers work well.

Visited Goderich on 18th ; fair public meeting. The Society for a few years has done little or no work ; former difficulties still linger ; succeeded in re-organizing, but it will require time to resuscitate.

Dungannon on the 19th ; small public meeting ; no work done.

Reached Blythe on 28th, through a fierce storm. Small-pox interfered with the work ; still had a fair meeting ; officers work nobly.

Londesboro' on the 21st ; good meeting ; Society in a healthy state.

Resumed work at Ainleyville, (Brussels,) on March the 5th. This branch is working much better than in past years ; Collections all in ; bids fair for great usefulness.

Went to Bluevale on the 6th. Branch weak ; a few warm friends, but they find little support.

Fordwich on the 7th. Found a set of hard-working officers. They have not the best territory, but their zeal will cheer any agent.

Gorrie on the 10th. This is a vigorous Society ; small territory, but they seem determined to live.

Lakelet was visited on the 11th ; Society fearfully discouraged ; wanted to cease working ; had a good public meeting ; succeeded in rallying them and appointing officers ; they promised to be more energetic in the future.

Newbridge on 12th. This branch seemed willing to consent to almost any request, but slow to perform.

St. Helen's on 13th. Good branch ; small but vigorous.

Wingham on 14th. Found a fair public meeting. This pleasant village may be expected to furnish more support ; no doubt it will ; the organization only requires a little more zeal.

I organized a new branch at Belgrave. It promises success, is well located, and has good officers.

The most of the ministers of the Gospel throughout the work gave good assistance.

I think the canvass would have been more successful had it been made earlier in the year.

I remain, gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

MICHAEL BENSON,

Agent.

Strathroy, February 23rd, 1874.