

geniality and ability of the President, the Rev. D. Smith, and the cheering financial results made all end-well. Receipts, \$65.51. We had much pleasure in spending a night under the roof of the Rev. Dr. Waters, with whom in former years we had enjoyed some of the pleasures of intellectual toil.

On the 18th January, I attended the anniversary of the Kingston auxiliary. Of this pleasing meeting notice was given in the *Recorder* for January. Being under engagement to attend the annual meeting of the Ottawa Auxiliary, on Thursday, the 20th instant, I was obliged to secure the *soft side of a plank*, during part of the night, at the Kingston station in order to reach the metropolis in due time. This delightful anniversary which was fully reported in the Ottawa papers, was also briefly noticed in our little journal for January. In order to meet the wishes of my Kingston friends, I returned to the venerable city on the Friday, and arrived just in time to take part in the anniversary of the French Canadian Missionary Society. Sunday and Monday, the 23rd and 24th found me in Cobourg, I preached on the Sabbath evening in the Church of the Rev. Mr. Pollard, to a large congregation, and on Monday evening attended the anniversary of the Society in the Church of the Rev. Mr. Laing. There was a full house—an able report from the Secretary, Mr. H. Hough, and a meeting of the most interesting character. Dr. Beatty the President presided. Remittance from Cobourg, \$273.89.

Belleville, where I spent three of the most useful years of my ministry, was visited on the 22nd February. I left Toronto by early train that day—a day memorable among the coldest days of a Canadian winter. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, we had in the Town Hall, an unusually large congregation and it was well sustained by resident ministers. Amount received at the Depository, \$309.67. The Report which was prepared and read by the Secretary, Mr. J. Flint, a young barrister of the Town, was a very able one. Talent cannot be employed in a better cause than the advocacy of the Bible Society. The President, Mr. McAnnany, conducted the business of the meeting. The irregularity of the trains robbed me of a night's rest. After some two hours' sleep, a gentle call from my considerate host, Mr. McAnnany, aroused me in time to catch a western-bound train, so I reached home the following day in time to resume office work.

March 2nd found me, as the result of an urgent request, at Elora. This Branch is second to none in its liberal givings. The meeting was held in the church of the Rev. Jas. Middlemiss, the President, who ably filled the chair. The meeting had also the countenance and advocacy of the resident ministers. The weather was against us, yet the congregation was good and appreciative, and the tone and results of the services very gratifying. One noticeable feature, of a very pleasing character, was associated with this evening. The anniversary was the 25th of the Elora Branch, and also the 25th anniversary of the uninterrupted services of its faithful and beloved Secretary, Mr. Joseph Carder. More than one of the speakers made graceful allusion to this fact, which was evidently well received by the assembled audience. May God long preserve this true friend of the Bible Society. I cannot speak too highly of the kind attentions of Mr. and Mrs. Middlemiss in their comfortable manse, one of the most comfortable I have seen, and which is a credit to his congregation. Financial results, \$240.88.

Claremont Branch.—The severity of the weather prevented one of my colleagues from visiting, at the date intended, this Branch. I ventured, the day after that stormy Sabbath, to meet a request, and try to get there. I succeeded in reaching the village, but found that such was the effect of the storm on the previous day, the 13th March, that little hope of an audience was entertained. In some of the churches, *not one* was found on the Sabbath. However, friends circulated the appointment, and the Baptist Church was nearly filled. The tried friend of the Society, President Bennet, was in his place. The resident ministers gave good speeches; the people gave a good collection. This is a noble branch, and well sustained its reputation. Contributions, \$95.81. To this we have to add the gratifying fact that an