

Committee having decided to try the experiment of dispensing with the services of an Agent for this year, we had only the local ministers to depend upon. The Rev. Messrs. Masson and Straith attended, and happily succeeded in making an interesting meeting. This Branch has remitted \$50.00 on purchase account; last year it sent \$58.18 as a donation to our Society.

ST. CATHARINES.—The annual meeting of the St. Catharines B. B. S., was held in St. Paul Street Methodist Church, on November 30th, 1876. The attendance was better than formerly, yet the extreme cold doubtless kept many away. The exercises were very interesting. The Rev. Wm. Brookman was the first speaker, who, in an animated address, presented the aims, progress and success of the Bible Society in many lands. The next speaker was the Rev. Mr. Maxwell, who spoke of the unity of purpose on the part of Protestants in the work of Bible distribution, and closed with a tribute to the ladies for the zeal shown this year in their efforts to collect money for this noble Christian work. The Secretary read a short report referring mainly to the formation of the St. Catharines Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society, through the instrumentality of which, it is hoped, that the City will in future, be more thoroughly canvassed than heretofore. The collection at the meeting amounted to \$13.50. The anticipations of increased subscriptions have been realized, and donations of \$300.00, as against \$200.00 for the previous year, have been since received, besides \$125.00 on purchase account.

ST. THOMAS.—The annual meeting was held January 11th, in the St. George St. Methodist Church. The Secretary's report showed that during the year the ladies had collected \$178.52. Part of this was included in the \$200.00 remitted to Toronto last April, and the balance now in the Treasurer's hands, including collection at public meeting, was stated to be \$149.45. Office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year. Since the date of the meeting we have received from St. Thomas \$140.00, as free contributions.

SOUTH CAYUGA.—The Secretary writes (October, 21st), as follows:—"Our annual meeting was held on the 11th inst. The meeting was good. It was addressed by the local ministers who did justice to the cause. Our choir was in attendance as usual. Both speakers and music were very interesting. Any falling off in the contributions must be attributed to other causes. Money matters were never so stringent here as at present." South Cayuga has since remitted \$50.00, as against \$73.00 last year.

SOUTH MONAGHAN.—The Secretary writes (February 26th), as follows:—"We had our annual meeting on October 26th last. We had but one minister, yet a very good meeting. The office-bearers were re-elected. We were not quite so successful as last year; still we can send you \$100.00, which our Treasurer will forward immediately. We will try and have an Agent at our next annual meeting; we have a good Branch, but hardly enough of steam." Last year South Monaghan gave \$130.00 as free contributions.

WHITBY.—"The annual meeting of the Whitby Branch Bible Society was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 29th, 1876, in the Congregational Church, the retiring President, the Rev. J. S. Clarke, in the chair. After devotional exercises, followed by a very appropriate introductory address by the Chairman, the Secretary was called on to read the report, which showed a very successful nine months' work, and, which on motion was received and adopted. Short telling addresses were delivered in turn by the Rev. H. T. Miller, Rev. Mr. Carroll (of Toronto), D. Ormiston, Esq., Rev. J. Craig, and Rev. R. Chambers. The proceedings were enlivened with music, vocal and instrumental, Mrs. Miller presiding at the organ, and the audience joining in the hymns. The attendance was better than for some years past." Whitby has since the above date remitted \$75 donation, and \$36.50 on purchase account. Previous year the donation was equal, with \$51.94 on purchase account.

HAMILTON.—The anniversary of the Hamilton Branch Bible Society took place on Thursday, 11th January, in the Wesleyan Church, John street, and it was very well attended.

The President delivered an address, in which he dwelt at some length on