

merly, indicating an active interest in the well being of the Society and its work.

5. The increasing labours of the travelling agents of the Society, (almost now beyond their power to accomplish) in founding new branches and in visiting and stimulating the friends in the branches already formed, by holding meetings and by taking counsel with them, has been, with the Divine blessing, productive of immense good to the cause. The facts, relating to Bible effort in our own and other lands, which they have been enabled to communicate to the meetings, the zeal, and life, and spirit, which they and the active friends in the branches, have thrown into the work in the various localities, have kept alive that love and devotion to the great purpose of the Society—that of spreading abroad “the light of the knowledge of the glorious gospel of the Blessed God” which has long been characteristic of our common evangelical Christianity. It has also kept open another of those noble channels of Christian benevolence, of which the humble and devoted servants of Christ, in our own and other lands, feel it a privilege to avail themselves as a blessed means for united effort in spreading abroad the Gospel, or “Good news,” and in hastening on the coming of His glorious kingdom.

6. The continuous labours of four or five colporteurs, who are kept constantly travelling by the Society in the new and remote townships of the outlying counties of the Province, have brought Christian light and comfort to many a distant settler's dwelling. Their visits from house to house in these remote localities have been abundantly owned and blessed of God.

7. The last feature of our Bible Society work to which we will refer, is one which we regard with special interest. It is also one which can be best and most effectively carried on by the central Society itself—having a knowledge of the wants and necessities of the whole work, and especially of that more neglected part of it to which we refer. In a diverse population like ours, with representatives of different nationalities, and with various peculiarities of industrial pursuits, there will always be found knots here and there of settlers whose national origins differ (more in the aggregate, however, than individually) from the masses of population around them. Thus we have a sprinkling of French, German, and Gaelic settlements in the country among which Branch Societies have not yet been formed, and among which, chiefly from their isolation, little interest in the Bible Society is felt. There are also remote sections of the country frequented only at certain seasons of the year by large gangs of men engaged in lumbering operations. This is especially the case up the Ottawa River, in the lake regions in the rear of Port Hope, Cobourg, and Belleville, and in the northern parts of the County of Simcoe. To look after the spiritual interests of these men, thus separated from their families and exposed to the special temptations incident to their unsettled life, is a work to which the Bible Society through the agency of its colporteurs or Bible readers is peculiarly adapted. To send these unobtrusive Christian