

Would that all our friends remembered that what the Bible Society wants is not merely a collection once a year, but constant intelligent interest in the dissemination of God's Word, and constant, earnest, effectual prayer in the name of Jesus on behalf of those engaged in this great work.

NORVAL.—Nov. 10th. The Secretary reports an interesting and profitable meeting, addressed by the Rev. Mr. Cox, Church of England minister, the Rev. Jos. Alexander, Presbyterian, and the Rev. W. Mills, Methodist. The Branch is in a prosperous condition, and has set a good example by remitting at an early date \$82.30 as against \$66.40 last year.

ORILLIA.—The Anniversary Meeting of this Branch was held on the 28th of February. There was a fair attendance. The President, A. J. Alport, Esq., in a neat and pointed address alluded to the connection of the Branch with the Parent Society, to the sphere of its operations, to the need of colporteurs, and to the new fields opening in the North-West, in Japan, China and elsewhere. Mr. John Perry read the Secretary's Report, and Mr. Thos. Dallas the Treasurer's. The Rev. Mr. Creighton moved the first resolution, speaking of the Bible as designed by its Author for the human race, and shewing that human instrumentality should be employed in spreading it. Mr. Edmondson seconded the resolution in a brief address. The Rev. Mr. Gray spoke of the ordeals of criticism through which the Bible had passed, and its greatly increased circulation. The Rev. Mr. Woolsey gave a very interesting address, in the course of which he related some of his own experience in London when superintending the printing of the Word of God in the Cree syllabic signs. Mr. Badger, our colporteur, was present and gave an account of his work, saying that this was the seventh winter that he had been engaged in circulating the Word of God, and that he had good reason to hope that his labours were owned and blessed by the Author. He had spent considerable time among the shanty men in the vicinity of Parry Sound, and other places in the district. The zealous Treasurer of the Branch addressed a few words to the meeting at the close. We see by the Secretary's Report that the Committee of this Branch, as in one or two other cases, have misunderstood the circular issued last August. The Directors had no desire to withhold the visit of an agent from any Branch that preferred having such visit. Nor did they wish to dictate as to the time of meeting, although they are satisfied that much would be gained if most of the Branches held their meetings some time between the middle of September and the middle of January.

PAISLEY.—Dec. 15. Very successful—an improvement on previous years. The Rev. Mr. Straith, the Secretary, expects the next one to be still better, and reports that the collectors are doing well, but says it will not do to judge of the success of the meeting by their remittance *this* year as they had last year a balance of \$30 from the preceding year, and at present are feeling the financial straitness a good deal in their neighbourhood.

PORT HORE.—The Annual Meeting of this Branch was held in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, on the 21st of December. Owing to the unfavourableness of the evening the attendance was small. The chair was occupied by H. H. Meredith, Esq., the President. The Revs. Dr. O'Meara, J. Cleland and E. B. Harper took part in the devotional exercises. The meeting was addressed by T. M. Benson, Esq., D. Chisholm, Esq., the Revs. W. H. Quance and the excellent Secretary, the Rev. W. Donald, who spoke of "What God had done for us in the Bible; what God has done by the Bible; what God is doing for the Bible, and, lastly, what the Bible Society is doing." The Branch has only remitted \$147.82, which is short of last year's contribution. We are told that this is attributable partly to scarcity of money and partly to the Committee having adopted the suggestion of the Directors in Toronto as to the time for collecting subscriptions. But it happens that the Directors suggested that the collectors should set to work immediately after the meeting, whilst feeling the enthusiasm enkindled by