

EXTRACTS FROM AGENTS' REPORTS.

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER.—“*Cayuga, South.*—We had a splendid meeting. The Church of the German Evangelical Association, a very tasty building, capable of seating about three hundred persons, being well filled—V. Houseberger, the President, in the chair. The Report was read by the Secretary, A. Nash, Esq. The Rev. D. Morrison, Baptist, and Rev. Mr. Longelbach, Evangelical Association, both gave us good speeches, and were followed by the Agent. I was particularly struck with the business-like way in which everything was done by these good and trusty Dutchmen, for Presbyterian Dutchmen they are, and not Germans. The plan adopted was to take up subscriptions immediately at the close of the Agent's address, while impressions, if any were made, were still warm and fresh. These are to be supplemented by the work of the Collectors.

“*Nanticoke.*—Business depression has been severely complained of here, but our friends seem determined that the Bible Society should not suffer if possible.

“*Stamford.*—The annual meeting was held in the Canada Methodist Church, about a mile out of the village, one old and well-tried friend, Joel Smith, Esq., presiding. I did my best to urge the circulation of ‘Gleanings for the Young,’ and arranged for specimen copies to be taken round by the Collectors, who were to make an effort to obtain subscribers. I think the wide circulation of this admirable little periodical will do much to foster an interest in Bible work among the young. Though the meeting was not large, yet all present seemed deeply interested in what I had to say of the work both of the Parent Society, and that of the U. C. B. Society. I gave the audience the liberty of asking any questions bearing on the work either of the Parent or Canadian Societies, which, if in my power, I would answer. The opportunity was improved by several persons in the audience, and for some time your Agent was subjected to a catechetical discipline, the result of which was a good deal of information that might have been otherwise overlooked.

“*Ancaster, East.*—Wednesday, October 29th, found me at the hospitable home of Mr. Forsyth, in the Scotch block, awaiting the time of evening meeting. The energetic Secretary, W. Findlay, Esq., had done his best to secure a good attendance, which was held in the Rev. James Black's church, at 7.30 that evening. Mr. Black having been called to Cayuga on important business was not able to be with us, but had both from the pulpit and in his private intercourse with the people urged their attendance. The fruit of these efforts was seen in the large audience that afforded your agent much gratification, while the animated faces of so many young people, of whom the congregation was largely composed, made it easy and pleasant to speak. The meeting was enthusiastic, and I doubt not, that other things being favourable, its influence will tell upon the collections this year. Before we parted, and after the election of officers and my address, the Collectors were appointed, and a few earnest words spoken to them on the importance of their work, of its