

as religious—which they enjoy through the influence of God's Word : and thus, not being aware how 'freely' they have 'received,' they cannot feel that 'freely' they should 'give.'”

*From the Grantham Branch Bible Society.*

“The Society are aware of several instances of reformation in this neighbourhood from reading the Bible : two instances were mentioned as having come under the observation of two of the Visitors.”

*From the Peterboro' Branch Bible Society.*

“For five years successively the field of operation has been carefully examined, and the returns of this last year show of destitution in only three families, and these will be speedily supplied. This, however, is qualifiedly, for many families are destitute, but will not receive a copy of the Scriptures, being Roman Catholic. The results of our operations have been very favourable. The young people generally appear anxious to have Bibles, and the neighbourhood around wears rather a religious aspect. Some who were tinctured with infidelity now fully admit the truth of the Scriptures, and evince a considerable change for the better in their conduct.”

*From the Nelson Branch Bible Society.*

“The Society appointed a Visiting Committee, to call and converse with every family in the township, and to ascertain how the inhabitants were generally furnished with the Word of God. These found a few houses without the Bible, but very few : were, generally, well received : were very successful in procuring subscribers : and, indeed, great praise is due to them for their exertions in the cause. The Committee was comprised of young men.

“To 'increase the usefulness of Bible Societies throughout the Province,' we would recommend the appointment of Visiting Committees to them : we have found this by far the best method of getting support.”

*From the Howard and Lcruich Branch Bible Society.*

“The most thorough investigation has been made, 'to ascertain how far the Word of God is professed by the inhabitants within the sphere of our operations ;' and great deficiency was found to prevail. The Society embraces now the whole township of *Howard* ; the whole township of *Orford* ; and as far as *Harwich*, to bring their influence to meet with that of the *Chatham Branch*. They have had applications from a greater distance in several cases, particularly for the common Bible and Testament, at a time when the Society had not a copy of either. Nothing prevents the last supply being *all* sold but the impossibility of raising money in this part at the present.”