

being here. We look upon the presence of an Agent as an unnecessary expense. We think there might be a little saved in the way of salary, if the officers of the various Branches would make an effort in the right way." Accompanying this letter was a remittance of \$67.00, of which \$49.85 were free contributions, and \$17.15 on purchase account.

*Oneida.*—The Secretary writes, February 28th :—that the annual meeting of the Branch was held on . . . Among those present were the Rev. A. Grant, of Oneida, and the Rev. Mr. Campbell of Hagersville. "After prayer and singing, and the routine business was gone through, the meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. Campbell, who gave us a most interesting discourse about brotherly love, Christianity, and the Bible work in general, followed by the Rev. Mr. Grant, who also spoke of the Bible Society's work. The meeting was well entertained, and had a very pleasant evening, and all went home well pleased with the evening's work, and with no regrets for the want of an Agent."

*Paisley.*—"The annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Town Hall, on Thursday evening, February 6th. The President, G. W. Malloch, Esq., occupied the chair. The meeting was opened by an anthem from Mr. Gibson's choir, and with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Anderson. The cause of the Bible Society was ably advocated by the Rev. H. Steel, and the Rev. J. Chance, both of Paisley. They spoke of what the Society had accomplished, and the work yet to be done in various parts of the world, and urged the claims of the Society for further support upon the increased liberality of the meeting. There was no collection taken up, but a hope was expressed that when the collectors went round they would receive a cordial welcome and increasingly large subscriptions. G. W. Malloch, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President; the Rev. John Straith, Vice-President; the Rev. J. Chance, Secretary; Mr. Benjamin Mills, Treasurer; Mr. John Kelsie, Depositary. The meeting was closed with an anthem and the benediction."

*Pictou.*—The annual meeting of the Branch was held January 24th in the Presbyterian Church, the Rev. W. Coulthard in the Chair. The Secretary, Mr. Twigg, read the Annual Report, shewing an increase both in sales and subscriptions, and a balance \$107.07 in the Treasurer's hands. The Revs. J. Young and J. Learoyd, in excellent speeches, advocated the claims of the Society, after which a collection was taken up, and the meeting closed with the benediction.

*Port Elgin.*—The Treasurer, Mr. Chapman, writes January 6th, as follows :—"We had a very successful annual meeting of our Branch last evening. I send balance of funds on hand, and will send proper report in due time. The Rev. W. Tindall is President, and James McKinnon, Esq., Secretary, for the ensuing year."

*St. Catharines.*—The Secretary writes February 26th, as follows :—"The annual meeting of the St. Catharines Branch B. S., was held, December 19th 1878, in the First Presbyterian Church. The exercises were of a very interesting kind. The Rev. W. Brookman delivered an address full of information, regarding the operations of the Society in many lands. The audience, owing to the state of the weather, was not quite so large as usual, and the collection suffered in consequence. Officers :—President, W. J. McAdams; Vice-President, James Gilleland; Treasurer, A. T. St. John; Secretary, James Mills; Depositary, S. S. Junkin."

*St. Thomas.*—The Secretary writes, February 26th, as follows :—"Our annual meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th December last, in the Presbyterian Church. Reports were read, and interesting addresses delivered by the Rev. Mr. Benson (Methodist), the Rev. Mr. Ballard (Episcopal), and the Rev. Mr. Mullett (Bible Christian), ministers. The officers for the current year are : Rev. D. W. Rowland, President; J. Farley, Treasurer; and D. K. McKenzie, Secretary. The officers of the Ladies' Society are : Miss