

The week was bitterly cold, and it was Christmas week. The former I did not anticipate, and the latter I had overlooked. Both had their influence in making my audiences more select than I could have desired.

1871. *January 23.*—The first visit of the new year found me in the most piercing and stormy days of last winter. From Wellington Square, at which station the train was unusually late, I walked to the residence of the Secretary of the "Nelson Middle Road" Branch, about two miles distant. After all, walking during such a night, for a short distance, is warmer work than driving. Being assured that I would find no congregation at the church, I took advice and did not go. In compliance with promise, I returned the next Monday, January 30th, and although it was raining, had a good attendance in the Methodist church. Receipts equal to last year's.

*January 24.*—This evening we held our meeting in the Town Hall, Milton. The weather was still bitterly cold, but we had a good audience. The Rev. Mr. Macdonnell, father of the minister of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, gave us an excellent address, which contributed much to the interest of the services. Not very long after the date of this anniversary, it pleased God to remove to his reward, this venerable minister of Christ. He has taken him to be with Himself for ever. Subscriptions taken up since the meeting.

*January 25.*—The next Branch visited was Hornby. The congregation which gathered in the Wesleyan church was good for such an evening. Most of the people gathered round the stoves, and I endeavoured for some time to interest them in reference to the objects and operations of our Society, meanwhile keeping on my overcoat, so difficult was it to make the house sufficiently warm. The President of the Branch had died within a few months. He was in the habit of doing nearly all the collecting. Several Collectors were appointed, who, it is hoped, will make a successful canvass of the neighbourhood.

*January 26.*—Streetsville annual meeting was held in the Presbyterian church. This church is just now without a pastor. The Wesleyan minister presided. The results of the meeting were very satisfactory, especially in the arrangements made for a thorough canvass.

*January 27.*—Aided by the Wesleyan minister, of Cooksville, we held the meeting in his church. We hope this Branch has made a fresh start. No receipts last year. A good financial beginning has been made this year.

*February 6.*—Newmarket. This Branch, like Aurora, has some sub-branches under its care. The services were held in the Town Hall; attendance very large. Ministers of nearly all the churches were present and contributed to the success of the anniversary. Proceeds 50 per cent. more than those of last year.

*February 7.*—Our next visit was to the Lloydtown Branch, meeting in the Wesleyan church. Good attendance. The Church of England and Wesleyan ministers gave superior addresses. Free contributions nearly double the amount of the past year.

*February 8.*—Two miles distant is another flourishing village—Schomberg. The services were held in the New Connexion Methodist church. The minister of this church presided. He very kindly, indeed, undertook, during the week, to assist the collectors in their work. Last year no receipts. This year nearly \$40.

*February 9.*—The Bolton meeting this evening was held in the Primitive Methodist church. The only ministers present in the village,—the Congregational and Wesleyan,—kindly aided. This Branch is giving evidence of increased vigour. The Committee contemplate extending their operations to some, heretofore, unvisited neighbourhoods. I must here ask forgiveness for an omission in my report of last year, of a visit twelve months ago to this Branch where I preached twice on the Sabbath, in the morning in the Wesleyan and in the evening in the Congregational church, and on the following evening attended the public meeting. The oversight is, to me, un-