

Were the office-bearers of each branch to see that their own district was thoroughly canvassed, and every family provided with a copy of God's Word. I am persuaded there would be a deeper interest manifested in the community generally, in the Bible work.

While, however, I have reason to complain of the lack of interest shown in many of the branches, I have to report a very much more pleasant and encouraging state of affairs in others. Large and enthusiastic congregations have greeted your agent, and largely increased contributions have been handed to him in many of the branches; and although in one or two places hostility has been publicly shown by some, of whom better things might have been expected, yet we rejoice to state that the efforts made by one or two ministers of a certain denomination to prejudice the minds of the people against the Society, have resulted in *increased* contributions to the Society's funds.

The following comparative statement shows the amounts contributed by the branches in my district in each of the last four years:

1869-70	Year preceding my appointment,	-	-	-	\$1,413 04
1870-71	First year of my agency,	-	-	-	2,150 57
1871-72	Second " " " "	-	-	-	2,287 99
1872-73	Third " " " "	-	-	-	2,518 87

The above statement shows a steady increase every year, the amount contributed during the past year exceeding that of 1869-70 by \$1,104, an increase of *Eighty per cent.* in four years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I am, gentlemen, respectfully yours,

ROBERT WARDEN.

Agent.

Bothwell, 22nd April, 1873.

REPORT OF THE REV. S. G. STONE.

To the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN,—Under the direction of your secretaries I have visited those branches within the bounds of the Kingston Auxiliary assigned me for the year closing March, 1873, and submit the following brief statements of the results and of the condition of the various branches. I began my visitation in the month of November. My first visit was made to the Tamworth Branch on the 7th inst. Under the able management of the committee, and particularly its secretary-treasurer, this branch is in a flourishing condition, and though the most northerly, is one of the best branches within this Auxiliary.

Nov. 8th.—Visited Roblin, a small village in the Township of Richmond. This branch has no Depository, but its officers and the people generally manifest a lively interest in the work of the Society.

Nov. 9th.—Visited Selby, another small village in the same township. The evening was very stormy, and I was obliged to postpone the meeting. I repeated my visit in February, but found very little encouragement. The meeting was thinly attended. In consequence of illness I was unable to undertake any more work, until

Dec. 22nd.—When we held a public meeting at Napanee. Owing to various causes very little had been done by this branch previously, but this year there was a very fair attendance at the meeting, and the handsome sum of \$111.00 was collected. New life has been infused into this branch, and it now promises to become a liberal supporter of the Society. The officers and committee are men who appreciate the importance of Bible distribution, and