

APPENDIX C.

MEETINGS OF BRANCHES.

Barrielfield.—Meeting held in School House on 8th January. Night dark and stormy, 30 or 40 present. D. Fraser, Esq., of Merchants' Bank in the chair; addresses by Rev. Dr. Bell, Rev. Prof. Mackerras and the Secretary. Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Watt, Miss Genge and Mr. Batten were appointed collectors, with the Rev. T. A. Parnell as Chairman.

Battersea.—Meeting held in W. M. Church on 5th January, between 80 and 90 present. Addresses by Rev. Prof. Mowat, Rev. Mr. Might and Mr Vanluven. The following were appointed the office bearers of the Branch: Chairman, C. S. Vanluven; Sec.-Treas., James Johnson; Collectors, Mrs. Jas. Johnson and Mrs. J. Hewton.

Cataraqui.—A meeting was held in Wesleyan Church on 13th January. Mr. Nicol in the chair. Rev. Mr. Dobbs and Dr. Lavell addressed the meeting. Attendance not large. Officers promised to exert themselves.

Gananoque.—The deputation, Rev. A. Wilson and G. M. Macdonell, were cordially received and entertained. Meeting held in W. M. Church. Rev. Henry Gordon, the venerable President, in the chair. Addresses by President and deputation. President, Rev. H. Gordon; V. P., G. H. Porter; Sec.-Treas., Freeman Britton; Depositary W. H. Randall; Committee, D. Andrews, R. Donaldson, H. Collard, S. Parish, W. Conner, E. E. Abbott, J. Ormiston.

Glenvale.—Meeting held on 23rd Dec., 1873. Meeting small. Addresses by Deputation—Rev. A. Wilson and G. M. Macdonell—and others. Collectors appointed who have not yet reported.

Odessa.—A meeting held on 26th Feb., in W. M. Church. Dr. Meachem in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Kines, Dr. Skinner and R. V. Rogers. Audience not large, but seemed fully alive to the great work of Bible circulation. The following Committee was appointed, to meet at the call of Rev. Mr. Kines: Mrs. White, Mrs. J. K. Booth, Mrs. Kines, Dr. Booth, S. D. Clark, P. Mabee, Dr. Meacham, Mr. Venton, Mr. Beckworth.

Portsmouth.—An interesting meeting was held in Town Hall in December. Rev. F. W. Dobbs in the chair. Effective addresses were given by Rev. G. D. Ferguson, Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, Rev. Mr. Knight and R. V. Rogers. Amount collected in the village, \$48.55.

Wilton.—About 100 assembled in the new W. M. Church, on evening of 27th Feb., to hear the deputation—Prof. N. F. Dupuis and Prof. J. Watson—speak on behalf of the Bible cause. Rev. A. McCann in the chair. Addresses by the deputation, the Chairman, and S. Warner, Esq. Owing to circumstances it was felt that nothing could be done just now in the way of collecting funds for the Bible Society, but it is to be hoped that soon the people of Wilton will see their way to contributing with their usual generosity.

N.B.—It is to be hoped that the Branches where meetings have already been held, as well as those which owing to almost unavoidable circumstances have not yet been visited, will take up their annual collections as soon as possible, and remit the same to the Treasurer, Dr. H. Skinner, Kingston.