

At Burlington meeting I received \$2.59. No further contributions have appeared.

At my meeting in the Presbyterian church, Newport station, I received the plate collection, \$4.75.

On 1st April I had a small meeting at Shubenacadie. Collection, \$1.75, and by personal canvass, \$8.50. We have a few names still in Shubenacadie—names which unfailingly appear in our list of subscribers; if these few kind friends would only adopt our ideal line of work, and appoint collectors, thrice the above sum could be annually raised. We have a committee there; will two or three Christian Endeavorers respond to this suggestion, and, under the committee's direction, canvass the district. This work, if cheerfully undertaken, will prove a source of blessing to collector and contributor. I am told that the name of the place means "abounding in nuts." May it also abound in grace and good work—furnishing the bread of life—the word of God—to those perishing for lack of this knowledge.

Although the roads were now at their worst, we had fair meetings at Middle Musquodoboit and Elmsvale. The collections were \$1.68 and \$1.01. As yet I have not heard the result of the annual canvass.

I was at Upper Musquodoboit on Saturday night and Sunday morning, at Dean Settlement on Sunday afternoon and Monday night. The collections there were \$1.32 and \$2.33, and were afterwards supplemented by collectors' lists \$7.77—in all \$11.42. Mr. James Creelman kindly met me at the latter place and conveyed me to his home at Newton Mills, where I had a meeting and received 93 cents. Since then we have received from this good Branch of Springside \$21.52. By some mistake the last year's contribution, remitted to Halifax on January 9th, 1896, did not appear in our printed Report.

At Upper Stewiacke Village I received \$1.59 and collector's list with \$28.16, and since then they sent to Halifax \$29.75.

We had a good meeting at Middle Stewiacke on the 9th. Collection \$2.30, and subscription lists of \$25.83—in all \$28.13. The following night at Brookfield the meeting was fair. Collection \$2.25, and your treasurer lately received \$10.75—in all \$13. This shows quite an advance from Brookfield, and that if our friends there are few they are liberal; indeed the whole Stewiacke Valley has been a staunch supporter of the Bible Society from the first year of its history, yielding annually over one hundred dollars.

I was at Onslow and Belmont on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and received \$20.50 as the annual offering of the Presbyterian congregation there. Ever since my first visit there our cause has been well sustained, and your agent most generously treated.