

At Holland Landing, owing to the recent removal of Mr. Jakeway, who filled all the offices of this Branch, no steps had been taken to prepare for a meeting. On visiting the village, I could find no material with which to reorganise.

The evening of the 23rd, I spent very profitably for the Society at Newmarket, in calling upon and convening the committee in anticipation of the approaching annual meeting. Happy progress was also made in accommodating a local difficulty.

At Mount Albert, in consequence of the removal of the president to another locality, no due notice had been given of a meeting; but as it happened, protracted meetings were going on, and the gathering must have been very small. I visited the officers, and inspected the depository, and offered to come again if a public meeting was deemed expedient. Some little languor had apparently stolen over this branch, but there were cheering promises of renewed activity.

Mr. Ed. Shuttleworth, the Secretary of the Branch, showed much genuine hospitality, and most kindly drove me to Newmarket in time to catch the morning train for Toronto.

On Monday, January 27, we had a very fine meeting in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Richmond Hill. An encouraging report was read, and valuable addresses were delivered by the local friends. I was kindly entertained by the Rev. Jas. Dick.

At Thornhill on Tuesday. I found this branch in a less flourishing condition than I could have wished. The Collectors were not ready to make returns. The night was exceedingly severe and the attendance small, but an excellent spirit was manifested, and there was good promise of a revival of the Bible Society in this place. I received a most fraternal welcome to the house of Rev. Thos. Cardus, the pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in which our meeting was held.

On Thursday, January 30, I held a meeting at York Church. The night was bitterly cold, the furnaces of the church were out of order, and smoked to such a degree, that the windows had to be thrown open. There were about 60 persons present and who stayed throughout. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Mr. J. P. Bull, the President, and also by the Rev. John Leroyd, who drove from Eglinton to render his valuable assistance.

The meeting at Newmarket, on February 4th, was exceptionally good. A convenient room was comfortably warmed and well lighted. The audience filled up the front benches leaving no dreary tract of empty seats just in front of the speakers. The programmes containing the hymns were printed and freely distributed. Good familiar tunes and hearty congregational singing, interspersed and enlivened the proceedings. A short pithy report of the work of the Newmarket Branch was followed by seven addresses by representatives of all the churches, for the most part brief, but earnest, striking and to the point, so that the interest of the meeting was fully sustained, unto the close at 10 p.m. Promise was given of renewed and unanimous activity.

Next day the meeting at St. Andrew's Church, North Etobicoke, was very cheering. The building was completely filled. The singing was hearty, the addresses from Revs. J. Brooks and W. W. Smith, and Mr. W. A. Wallis, were very helpful, and the audience was throughout unusually attentive. The report of the branch was encouraging.

On the sixth my kind host, Rev. J. Brooks, sent me on to South Etobicoke, Islington. Here too we had a capital meeting.

At Laskey, February 11, there was a large and interesting meeting, but no collection, although I protested as strongly as decorum would allow. I received valuable help, and most hospitable entertainment, from the Rev. J. Carmichael.