

REPORT OF REV. J. G. MANLY.

To the Directors of The Upper Canada Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN,—The field assigned me in 1872-3 was substantially the same as the year before; and in its visitation I had the pleasure of forming six new societies, viz.: *Little Britain*, between Oakwood and Lake Scugog; *Kirkfield*, south of Cobocok, on the Toronto and Nipissing railway; *Rousseau*, in the Muskoka Territory; *Campden*, four miles from Beamsville; *Wellandport*, and *Caistor*, at Kerr's-church, in the township of Caistor. Twenty-six other places were visited collaterally, tentatively or preparatively. Twenty-nine Sundays were given to pulpit work for the Society, usually at the rate of three sermons a day; and, as often as possible, with a collection for the Society, after sermon. Exclusive of travelling-time to and fro, 183 days were spent in visiting branches and new places, and in forming new Societies; and about 3,800 miles were travelled.

The usefulness of the Bible Society appears not only in the formation of Depositories in the frontier and older settlements, but in such remote districts, as Parry Sound, Muskoka, and north of Bobcaygeon; and not only in creating sources of Bible-supply, but in effecting the mutual acquaintance and cordial co-operation of good men of every name, in diffusing information throughout the country respecting the world's wants, the world's weal, and the world's progress; and in affording to many the unspeakable blessedness and honour of a share in the world's conversion. It is pleasant to see both young and old in the festivals of Bible Society anniversaries; and to see the eye kindling and the face gleaming beneath the information and appeals of our Catholic Institute. The only wonder is, that Christians are not more zealous in this work, and that many professed disciples of the Saviour stand aloof and look on with apathy. Engrossing worldliness keeps some away; spiritual death seems to reign in others; and in others again, the selfishness of sectarianism creates seclusiveness and indifference. But withal there is a goodly and a growing number that prize the simplicity and sublimity of the Bible Society, and take delight in its purposes and plans. May the blessing of him that is ready to perish be on all such, and especially the blessing from above, that is life for evermore. "Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation that keepeth the truth may enter."

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,
J. G. MANLY,

Toronto, April, 1874.

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REPORT OF THE REV. R. H. WARDEN.

To the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN,—At the close of another Bible year, I beg to present the following brief Report of my labors, in the bounds of the London auxiliary, as one of the Provisional Agents of the "Upper Canada Bible Society." There is necessarily so much sameness in the work from year to year, and so little of special interest in my district during the past season, that a very brief report will suffice.

In the months of September and October I visited all the branches in the field assigned me, viz., the Counties of Essex, Kent, and Lambton. The attendance at a few of the meetings was most discouraging; indeed, owing to the small number present, I had to repeat my visit to more than one branch. It seems to be a difficult matter to keep up an interest in the work of the Bible Society from year to year, chiefly, I believe, because of the fact that branches generally do not feel alive to the necessity of thoroughly working their own individual fields, but rest satisfied with holding one meeting annually, on the visit of the Agent, as if the only object of their existence was the contributing of funds each year to aid in the general work of the Society.