

still we had a very good gathering, and found the branch doing well. Chippawa is so far depleted both in its population and business interests that the few who take an interest in the affairs of our Society, thought it not advisable to call a meeting, but will send in their usual subscriptions. Here I took leave of that noble old river along whose shores I long since rambled, and on whose bosom I had floated, or climbed its banks, or gazed upon its headlong current eddying round the whirlpool, or seething beneath the cataract, or leaping in frenzy for the dreadful plunge, or boiling from the depths below, while all the fringing of shrubs and grass around the deep abyss glistened in pearly drops of spray like tears on the eye-lash of maiden sorrow; or the lovely rainbow that spanned the deep chasm of troubled waters, like mercy stooping to human wretchedness, and crowning weeping penitence with the raptures of pardon.

From Chippawa I drove into Bertie, and preached twice on Sabbath. On Monday I went to Port Dalhousie where we had an excellent meeting—the best they have had in the place for years. The next day I went to Smithville, a place where, for some time, the cause has been very low. I am happy to say our meeting was a success, and I trust the cause has gained a foothold in the place which will insure to it a successful future. Caistorville gave us a very fair meeting. They had not yet collected.

Monday, October 7th, I went into Norfolk and commenced my work in this County at Waterford, where we had but a small meeting. Subscriptions not yet collected. We appointed Collectors and left them to send in. At Delhi our meeting had not been well announced, and but few were out. This is not a strong branch, but I hope to hear favourably from it. The next day I went to Lyndoch through a pouring rain, and found from the state of the roads and weather a small meeting. They are doing well. We had an excellent meeting at Simcoe; though it was the day of their Country Fair and withal a rainy evening, the attendance was good and the state of their finances satisfactory. At Port Dover we had about an average meeting for the place, both as respects the attendance and the finances. I preached twice on the Sabbath at Port Rowan, and had our meeting on Monday Evening, which proved a success. Vittoria gave us a good meeting. We were favoured with the presence and able assistance of two of the resident clergy of Simcoe, who drove out for the purpose of being with us at the meeting. St. Williams—a feeble branch—our meeting was small. I hope they may be aroused to greater vigor. From here I passed into the County of Elgin in the London Auxiliary.

My next return to your part of the work was January the 7th, when we had a good meeting at Bartonville, and found the branch doing very well. The next evening we had a good meeting in Hamilton; though since recent disturbances our meetings here are not so numerous as of you, still it is now on the ascending scale, though its present scale of finance would admit of considerable increase. The amount realized for the year is no inconsiderable sum. We had an excellent meeting at Ancaster, and found the house full and all alive in the good cause. At Brantford we had a magnificent meeting; the resident Clergy of the Town all present, a fine attendance, and finances a little above 'high water mark.' The collection at the close of our meeting amounting to \$170. The next night at Mount Pleasant a Missionary Meeting got the precedence of ours being first published; so we postponed ours, and I attended the missionary meeting. We had a fine meeting in Burford. Their cash was not all in. They have since collected and paid me their purchase account of \$15, and gave \$60 in free contribution equally divided between the