

for 17 years, and though he was 70 years of age, he regularly preached *three* times on the Sabbath, and was deservedly respected in the community, where he has been pastor for 14 years. We had a good meeting, Rev. Mr. Holmes and a lay gentleman kindly aided me in the speaking. The Committee made an excellent report, through their devoted Secretary, Mr. R. G. McCraw. They desired me to recommend to the Directors the importance of forming Branches without delay at *Bell Ewart* and *Victoria Village*. At the former place there is a considerable population of French Canadians, many of whom converse freely about the Bible. The Committee are of opinion that the formation of Branches at the above places would accomplish much good, by the sale of the Holy Scriptures, and also assist the funds of the Bible Society. I received \$66 42, and the Committee nobly resolved to take 100 additional copies of the BIBLE SOCIETY RECORDER, an example worthy of imitation.

Another tedious journey awaited me the next day, to West Essa, where I found that the President of the Branch had died, the Secretary had removed, and no successors had been appointed. The state of things was such as might be expected. Complaints were made that for two years the Agent had not been able to reach the place. The attendance at the meeting was small; however, we re-organized, and hope that greater prosperity will attend the Branch in future. They wish to have 20 copies of the RECORDER, which is a good sign. Received only \$8.64.

My next appointment was Tottenham, a part of the road to which is called Egypt, and consists of swamp, over which the traveller passes on logs that are laid athwart. I did not find out where the denizens had put the promised land. Our meeting was a failure. A few of the Committee only were present, with whom I made some arrangements which I hope will be conducive to future good. Rev. Mr. Moodie was appointed President, and Dr. Frazer, Secretary, both of whom, with the Treasurer and others, seem to be very anxious for the interests of the Bible Society. I was glad to find that the sale of Bibles and Testaments had been good. I received in all \$41 01. The Committee promised to send out collectors as soon as the roads are a little improved.

I may state, in conclusion, that there are some places through which I passed, where I think new Branches might be formed—Sand Hill, on the road between Malton and Mono Mills, a well settled district; also, Nobleton and Cookstown, both flourishing Villages.

The Committees at some of the places which I visited, are of opinion that, if possible, the Agent should visit them in the months of September and October.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours very faithfully,

EDWARD BARRASS.

ALBION, March 31st, 1871.

REPORT OF THE REV. JOHN GEMLEY.

To the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society:—

GENTLEMEN,—In attending to the visitation of the Branches in the Agency-field assigned me:—in the counties of York, Halton and Peel, etc., for the year ending 31st March, 1871, I would respectfully report that my first visit was made to Parry Sound. By correspondence, a Branch had previously been organized here, and a colporteur employed. On Sabbath morning, the 4th Sept., 1870, I had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Collingwood, preach in the Methodist church. I preached in the evening in behalf of the Society. The meeting was held on the following evening, W. Beatty, Esq., presided. The Rev. S. Tucker, the only resident minister in the place, is Secretary. This first visit was in every sense satisfactory. The labours of the self-denying colporteur in the new country around, have been most bene-