

November was a trying month, with its snow and mud alternately, and I arranged some meetings by train, which failed on my part through mis-haps by rail. *Port Robinson*, *Welland*, *Fonthill*, and *South Cayuga* were thus missed during the month. After a twenty-two miles drive, at the rate of three miles an hour, through mud, snow, and storm, I reached *Dunnville* to find the meeting a failure, through want of notice upon the part of the Committee. *St. Catharines*, after a previous postponement, was now taken. We had a poor gathering. *Cayuga* is prospering. Excellent collections at *Caledonia*—\$111. *Hagersville* meeting failed, through the stormy night. So also *Selkirk* and *Nanticoke*. *Brantford*, in spite of the heavy snow-storm, gave us a capital audience, and surpassed all former years in its work. Their collections amounted to \$885. *Oncida*—A small meeting after a weary and muddy ride—but they had collected \$63 which was a good sum for them. *Jarvis* collectors not yet out. A good meeting at *Port Dover*—collections \$48, but the country around had not been canvassed. *Waterford* postponed its meeting. *Vittoria* had not completed its report. *Delli* had done nothing. I preached at *Simcoe* and went on to *Lyndoch*. The rain prevented a good meeting. The Secretary here is the sustaining power of this branch. May others catch his spirit! I was caught here in the mud with a cutter and failed to reach *St. Williams* and *Port Rotan*. Both of these branches are doing a little for us. *Simcoe* gave us a good meeting, but they have fallen away in the matter of successful collections. The reason of this appears to be that the Ladies' Association has, by some means, been broken up. The amount collected was \$70; I have known it to be double that sum under their management. *Scotland* postponed. *Mount Pleasant*.—A fair meeting and a good collection—\$46. *Burford*—A good branch. *New Durham*.—Meeting a failure—and collections not in. *Norwich*.—Collectors not out yet. *Otterville* is doing fairly. A good spirit shown at *East Oxford*. *Beachville* has been low for some time past, but promises better times now. *Tilsonburg*.—Prevented by heavy rain storms all day from getting there. *Culloden* gave us a good meeting, and had doubled its collections—the amount was \$69. *Ingersoll*.—In capital order as usual. Their nine months' work brought in \$155. They collect quarterly. *Lake-side* had done well: \$42 against \$34 last year, and two collections to be returned yet. *Embro*.—An unusually good gathering was seen here. The collections came to \$105—a good sum for this branch. *Paris* meeting was small, but they had excellent collections—\$180. *Dundas* again postponed its meeting. From this I returned home for a Christmas rest, and in January held the *Woodstock* meeting. I found this branch much improved since I visited it last, some four years ago. \$109 collected. I spoke here with a severe hoarseness, and I was so much the worse that I abstained from speaking for three days. *Chesterfield*, *Inverkip* and *Princeton* were taken for me by local aid. When better, I went to *Dundas*, and addressed a good meeting. They had collected \$98. They were going to ascertain to what degree their community was supplied with the Bible. *Washington* collections small—\$27. *Galt* gave us a capital meeting, and it has well sustained its good spirit. *Preston*.—We had only a Committee meeting, and it was resolved to unite with *Galt*. *Berlin* postponed its anniversary. *Hamilton*.—A cold evening prevented a good attendance, but our report was excellent. Instead of a paid collector, the committee canvassed the city and obtained \$734—an increase of 75 per cent. over their usual receipts. *Shakespeare* gave us a favourable reception. *Mitchell* is at present very low. *Fullerton* was reached through snow-drifts; but I was warmly received. Collectors delayed by reason of the bad drifts. This is a very good branch. *Kirkton*.—Postponed. *Elmsville* had done pretty well. *Crediton*.—Meeting a failure, through local causes. *Exeter*.—Meeting good, so were the collections—\$35—some had yet to be made. *Egmondville*.—As usual a small meeting and a good purse; a little heavier than last year's; it contained \$34. *Seaforth* is struggling to overcome its lethargy, and I trust will succeed.