

AGENT'S REPORT.

The President and Committee of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN :

Since I last formally addressed you, another year has sped away, bearing on its historic wings to the chronicles of Heaven the checkered annals of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which things the angels, together with the spirits of the just made perfect, doubtless desire to look into. It is due, however, to the living who are interested in this great cause, that at this period I render an account of my stewardship, and also record the condition of the seventy Branches in the Province committed to my care,

As in the past I have again to regret that my efforts to procure annual returns from many of the Branches in due time for our Report, have proved futile; hence I am unable, at the present writing, to record the condition of such Branches as compared with their past history. I hope, however, that all the Branches will yet be educated up to our standard of order in that respect, and that each in its stated month will regularly carry on its collecting work, and forward to your Treasurer its annual contribution.

Judging from the failure in some farm crops in the last two years, and the almost general cry of hard times in country districts, I am apprehensive of a diminution in the aggregate contribution of the Branches. I am sure, however, that there is no abatement of interest in our cause; and in those places where contributions have fallen away, such may be accounted for on other grounds, and with a change of circumstances there will again be an increase in their annual gifts.

Concerning meetings, I may say that with a few exceptions they were better attended than in former years, but,

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