

nearly every instance, and other meetings had been announced for the same hour. On the 17th of March, I went on my last journey, and held a successful meeting at *Tottenham*, and next day I drove thirty-five miles, to *Horning's Mills*. I had to face a snow storm the most of the way. The meeting was small, but I formed a Branch, though I have since heard, that no collecting has been done, but promises are made for next year. The day following, I drove forty-seven miles to *Hanover* (second visit), and held a meeting in the evening, and, during the next two days, I journeyed home, through immense snow-drifts, but, happily, my horse endured the fatigue of 113 miles without harm.

I am thankful, that notwithstanding the severity of the weather, and some very long journeys, I was able to keep all my engagements. I received little but uniform kindness from ministers of all denominations, with several of whom I took up my abode, and, occasionally, had their valuable assistance at the public meetings. I was only obliged to spend four nights at hotels. In some instances the receipts were in advance. Should it not be my lot to visit the Branches in Grey and Bruce again, I would strongly urge my successor to visit them in December or early in January. Since commencing this despatch, I have heard that Branches can be formed at Corbett's and Penville, in Simcoe.

In addition to my regular duties as agent, I have assisted at some of the meetings held at the outposts of the Aurora Branch, and I intend reserving a week for a similar purpose in January next.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD BARRASS.

Aurora, September 22, 1873.

REPORT OF THE REV. SEPTIMUS JONES, M.A.

To the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN,—Having been intrusted by you with the duty of visiting the various Branches of the U. C. Bible Society in the County of York, I entered upon the work by holding a meeting at Aurora on the 18th September, 1872, that being about a year subsequent to the previous visit. Faithful efforts had been made by the local clergy and other friends of the Bible, to gather a large meeting, but the weather was unfavourable, and some other meetings going on at the same time tended to thin out the attendance, so that the numbers present were small.

The proceedings, however, were of a very spirited character. An excellent and cheering report was read, showing that the Aurora Bible Society had its subordinate or auxiliary branches in a number of the surrounding villages, where excellent meetings had been held by deputations from Aurora herself. The receipts for the year had been \$129, of which \$49 were free to the U. C. B. Society.

Admirable addresses were delivered by the President, Rev. Mr. Barrass, and the Revs. Wilkinson and Bruce. I have also to acknowledge the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Doan.

On the twentieth day of January, 1873, I held a primary meeting at Roach's Point, in the English Church, the Rev. J. Vicars in the Chair. The meeting, though small in numbers owing to revival services having that day been begun in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, was full of spirit. An excellent address was delivered by the Chairman, a life-long friend of the Society. Some ten dollars were subscribed at the meeting. Next evening, my kind host the Rev. J. Vicars sent me on through the storm to Belhaven, where the attendance owing to the weather was very small.

The anniversary meeting at Glenville, on the 22nd, was very largely attended, and a good deal of interest was manifested.