

which alone can make us "meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."

MINUTE OF LONDON AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY COMMITTEE,
March 13, 1874.

The committee, in recording the death of Mr. Wm. Clark, Depository, which took place on the 15th February last, would express its respect for his character and its sense of the valuable service which in the providence of God he rendered to the Bible Society. From the time that a branch was organised in London he was a warm supporter of it, and a continuous member of the Executive Committee, of which his house was the stated meeting place till the time of his death, with the exception of a few years, during which it met in the house of Mr. Wm. Rowland, who was at that time Depository. His counsel in the interests of the Society was always judicious and disinterested, and his attendance and service cheerfully rendered. During the years that he filled the office of depository he efficiently performed the duties devolving upon him; in their performance deriving evident pleasure himself, as well as giving full satisfaction to the Committee. The foundation of his zeal and interest and ready service lay in his fervent piety; he had pleasure in promoting the cause of the Bible because he believed in the Saviour therein revealed, and in the constraining influence of his redeeming love.

The Committee, while recording the loss which the Society has sustained in his departure from this world, desire to hear the admonition, which this solemn event contains, to diligence and faithfulness in the work of the Lord, while the opportunity of service lasts.

The Committee also expresses its sympathy with the bereaved widow, and its earnest desire that she may be sustained and comforted by the grace of God beneath her heavy affliction.

By Order,

J. NATTRASS,
Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE REV. W. H. POOLE.

*To the Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society.*

GENTLEMEN,—According to arrangement I visited the thirteen Branches in the County of Elgin, some of which are in anything but a flourishing condition. The branches in this County are, Aylmer, Vienna, Port Burwell, Sparta, Port Stanley, Fingal, Frome, Kintyre, Crinan, Aldboro', Wallacetown, Iona and St. Thomas. To some of these I had to make a second visit in order to secure a meeting. In general we had interesting meetings—the few who attended seemed to be lovers of the Bible cause. The cash returns for the year exceeds those of the previous year by \$342 39, the total amount being \$821 18. I received the greatest personal kindness from the officers of the branches at every place, and also from the resident ministers, all of whom did their utmost to make my visit pleasant and agreeable to myself, and profitable to the Society I had the honour to represent. Were circumstances to permit I would like to visit the County of Elgin again as agent of your society, and would guarantee twice the amount that I have returned this year. There are strong men in the churches in that County who entertain very decided views as to the necessity of improvement in Bible Society matters in the County. Large and enthusiastic meetings have not been known there for several years. In some places they gave me a promise that they would do better. In Aylmer the president promised for that place \$100.

Time, patience and the spirit of progress will remove all objections, unite their sympathies, and develop their resources in the Bible cause.

I am, Gentlemen, yours truly,

W. H. POOLE.

Hamilton, Dec. 4th, 1873.

*Agent.*