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#### TO THE OFFICERS OF BRANCHES.

The fiscal year of this Society terminates on the 31st March. Treasurers and Depositories of Branch Societies are earnestly requested to forward in good time to Mr. John Young, Depository, Bible House, Toronto, all funds in their hands, whether from *contributions* or *sales*, so as to be included in the revenue for this year.

The reports of Branches, subscription lists, etc., and any information concerning the decease of life members and directors, any change of officers or residence, or any other matter of importance, should also be forwarded to the Secretaries, so that the necessary corrections may be made, and that our Annual Report may be as complete as possible.

#### THE BIBLE SOCIETY AND ITS WORK.

SIR CHARLES AITCHISON'S SPEECH AT OXFORD.

In the work of a Society like this we stand at once upon the common ground of all Protestant Christendom. The Word of God in the vulgar tongue, in the language spoken and understood by the people, is our common heritage—a heritage very precious to Englishmen. Whatever be the differences which separate us into Churches and denominations, however varied our interpretations of particular passages of Holy Scripture, the Bible is yet the one broad foundation of the faith of all of us, the one common standard by which we try every creed and every Christian work, whether it be of God