

God's Word at home and abroad. They have sent \$200 free, the same as last year.

FULLARTON.—Feb. 8th. The Rev. G. Dunkley took the chair. The Rev. R. Hamilton, C. Bristol and Dr. Beaumont gave addresses full of interest which referred to the progress of the Word in many countries beclouded with pagan idolatry, and in those bearing the Christian name, and also to the power of the silent perusal of the Word where the living voice of the missionary did not reach. A very general interest in the meeting is reported to have been felt by the community.

GUELPH BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.—The fortieth annual meeting of the Guelph Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held on the 6th of January in the Baptist Church. The newspaper reports that the attendance was larger than on previous occasions, thereby showing a deeper and ever growing interest in the work of the Society. The large and commodious church was very comfortably filled.

Jas. Hough, Esq., President of the Society, occupied the chair, and discharged the duties in his usual able manner, and gave an excellent address, from which we cull the following extracts :—

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS :—We hail with pleasure the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of our Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society, the united object of which is to supply the world with the Holy Scriptures without note or comment.

On such an occasion a recognition of the good providence of God is becoming, and should inspire us with gratitude and thanksgiving for the blessings and privileges we enjoy. "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." A generous harvest has filled our barns with plenty. Our cup of earthly good runneth over. Our civil liberties are founded on salutary laws administered with unimpeachable justice. Our religious privileges, under Divine aid promoted and maintained by pulpit piety and talent, are inferior to no country on the face of the earth. Surely we are a free and ought to be a happy people. But whilst we live in the enjoyment of these great advantages, there are dark places full of the habitations of cruelty, the people enjoying neither civil nor religious privileges, and millions more of the earth's population in semi-civilized lands, and we fear many in our Dominion, sitting in spiritual bondage because the Bible, which alone is the religion of Protestants and the secret of their happiness, to them is an unknown book.

We rejoice in the continued success of kindred institutions in the dissemination of the Sacred Scriptures. Our own branch is in a healthy condition, silently working and supplying the Good Book to all who apply for it, and donating it to those who need it most.

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It affords us great pleasure to be able in any measure to aid a cause so worthy, so noble, in which every true Christian cannot but take a deep interest. Every effort which has for its object the elevation of poor fallen men commands and ever will command the sympathy of every lover of humanity, and especially of every true follower of Him who became poor that man through His poverty might be rich.

Let us with renewed purpose and effort prosecute our work, avowing irreconcilable hostility to every system that opposes the circulation and study of God's Word, which alone is able to elevate man to his true position by making him wise unto salvation, praying that the time may soon come when every man, woman and child shall possess a copy of the Holy Scriptures in their own tongue.

In conclusion, we must not forget our own indebtedness to our lady collectors, to whose indefatigable and self-denying labours our Society's success is in great measure attributable. May they be faithful unto death, and receive a crown of life from Him who has declared, "My word shall not return unto