

# THE FIRST REPORT OF THE CHIPPAWA BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1841.

OFFICE BEARERS—*President*, the Rev. Angus Mackintosh; *Vice Presidents*, Gilbert McMicking and James H. Lyons, Esqrs.; *Treasurer*, Joseph Moore, Esqr.; *Secretary*, John Flett; *Committee*, The Rev. David Rintoul, James Hardy, James Walker, Joseph Day, Archibald McDonald, Jacob Gander, Michael Gander, George Gander.

REPORT ADOPTED BY THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING, SIXTH OCTOBER, 1841.

THE CHIPPAWA BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY was constituted on the 29th Sept., 1840, and a Committee was then appointed with power to add to their number, to carry into effect the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

It is now the design of your Committee to present you with an outline of their proceedings during the bygone year. At their first meeting the Secretary was directed to write to the Bible Depository at Toronto, for Bibles and Testaments of various prices, to the amount of £25; and at the same meeting, the Committee divided the sphere of their operations in this neighbourhood into sections, and appointed certain of their own number to visit these places, to solicit subscriptions and donations for the Society, and to ascertain the wants of the people relative to the Bible.

These Books were written for, and in the month of November last, your Treasurer received from Toronto 83 Bibles, and 56 Testaments, of the value of £20 1s 4½d. currency.

As might be expected, some of the visiting members of your Committee were more successful than others in the cause of the Society, and without disparagement to any one, your Committee consider it their duty to make special mention of James Munro and John Campbell, of the 93d Regiment of Highlanders, and both of them Members of Committee, for their zeal, exertion and success, in behalf of the Society, during their residence in this quarter.

The subscriptions and donations to the Society during the bygone year, amount to £15 1s. 1½d, of which your Treasurer has received £14 6s 1½d Currency; and there is an arrear still outstanding to the Society of 1s.

Your Depository has sold during the year 42 Bibles and 37 Testaments; and your Committee have given gratis to certain poor persons who applied for them, 2 German Bibles, 5 English Bibles, and 1 English Testament.

Your Committee have the pleasure of reporting to the Society, that they have paid for the Bibles and Testaments received from Toronto, except a small balance of 1s 4½d, which it was inconvenient to remit by post.

There is now in the hands of your Treasurer and Depository the sum of £2 15s. 4½d. in money; and 34 Bibles and 18 Testaments of various prices of the value of £9 17s. 9½d., making the stock of the Society at the date hereof, in money, and books, and arrear, to be £12 8s. 2d. Currency—less 1s. 4½d. as above; which in accordance with the fifth article of the Regulations of this Society, your Committee have set apart exclusively to the Parent Society, and have authorised the Treasurer and Depository for the time, and so soon as the books shall be sold, to forward the whole proceeds, with the money now in his hands and the arrear abovementioned when paid, to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, "to assist in translating the Holy Scriptures and supplying other nations with the Word of God," recommending when Books shall be sold amounting, with the cash now on hand, to five pounds Currency, that a remittance be then made to the Parent Society, and that the balance be remitted when the remaining Books are all sold.

The sphere of your Committee's operations has been considerably narrowed by the neighbouring Branch Bible Societies—yet within this narrowed limit there is much work for the Society to do. One of the most active and successful of your Committee stated at one of their meetings, that among eleven families he had visited, consisting of upwards of forty reading persons, there were only ten Bibles, and that he had found one family of eight reading persons without a Bible. Here of itself is a field for the Bible advocate to work in, "for nothing short of one copy for every individual who can read constitutes a full supply of bibles for a family." But if this field shall be considered too small for us—The Bible cause is not limited to any particular location. It has the wide world for a range. The operations of the Parent Society are intended to be commensurate with the whole inhabited parts of the globe. Your Committee have only begun the good work in this quarter—they have on'y laid the foundation. It will be the duty of succeeding Committees to carry on and to complete the superstructure, till the head stone thereof shall be brought forth.

Your Committee now resign their trust back into your hands, and in doing so they desire publicly to record their devout sense of the Divine Goodness, and their gratitude to Him who giveth liberally for the multitude of his mercies. Their prayer is, that God may give efficacy and success to the Bible cause here and every where; that this Society, small as it is in its beginning, may grow up and become extensively useful; that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified; that the time may soon come when the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, and when all the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS &c. ABOVE REFERRED TO.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Joseph Moore, Treasurer,	0	5	0	Brought forwd.	7	1	3	Brought forwd.	10	2	4½
James Walker,	0	5	0	George Gander,	0	5	0	Gilbert McMicking, V. P.	1	0	0
Angus Mackintosh, Pres't.	1	0	0	M. A. Gander,	0	5	0	John Flett,	1	0	0
James Hardy,	1	0	0	M. D. Gander,	0	5	0	Joseph Day,	0	5	0
Mrs. Pitt,	0	5	0	Jacob Gander,	0	5	0	Arch'd. McDonald,	0	5	0
Miss Meriam,	0	5	0	Mrs. Gander,	0	5	0	Serjt. Sutherland,	0	5	0
Miss Beach,	0	5	0	James Gordon,	0	5	0	A Friend,	0	2	6
Miss Mary Bieley,	0	5	0	J Imley, (gave 5s. bef.)	0	2	6	John Dobbie,	0	5	0
James Munro, 93d regt.	0	10	0	John Murray,	0	4	0	Abraham Lopp,	0	5	0
Joel Lyons,	0	5	0	John Sim,	0	1	3	Maria Hudson,	0	2	6
T. Barnum,	0	5	0	Wm. Munro,	0	1	3	Henry Fitch,	0	5	0
James H. Lyons,	1	0	0	James Anderson,	0	2	9	Evrd. McCredie,	0	2	6
Wm. White,	0	10	0	Adam McKay,	0	0	7½	Wm. McCredie,	0	5	0
John Campbell, 93d regt.	0	5	0	Wm. Campbell,	0	5	0	J. Henderson,	0	1	3
James Imley,	0	5	0	John Reid,	0	1	3	Jas. Sawbridge,	0	10	0
John McPherson,	0	5	0	Donald Cameron,	0	2	6	James Smith,	0	2	6
Alex. Campbell,	0	5	0	Kenneth Henderson,	0	2	6	James Pithie,	0	2	6
Mrs. Gordon,	1	3	3		0	7	6				
Carried forwd.	£7	1	3	Carried forwd.	£10	2	4½	Cur.	£15	1	1½

**NOTICE.**—A Sermon will be preached in reference to the Bible Cause by the REV. DAVID RINTOUL, within the Meeting House, Chippawa, on Thursday, the 25th November, 1841, when a Collection will be taken up in aid of the funds of the Chippawa Branch Bible Society. The public are respectfully invited to attend.

The Service will commence at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Chippawa, 18th, Oct. 1841.