

## MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF A NEW VERSION.

DEAR BROTHER OLIPHANT:—I am requested to forward for publication in the *Christian Banner* a circular addressed to all who love a pure version of the word of God.

To all who love a pure version of the word of God, this circular is addressed :

RESPECTED FRIENDS :—It is near half a century since the British and Foreign Bible Society was instituted in London, for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures not only in our mother tongue, but also for their translation and circulation in foreign languages. The above Society with all kindred ones that have sprung from it, have been perfectly satisfied with the present English version of the scriptures, (or King James' version as it is called) while a number of those in giving the inhabitants of other countries a translation of the living oracles have given confessedly purer rendering than does obtain among us. Many have become dissatisfied and insist that the English reader as well as others ought to have the word of God rendered pure and entire. For the carrying out of this glorious object a number of persons have associated together under the name of "The Bible Union" and are prosecuting their labors to a happy conclusion, amidst much opposition. In view of assisting this society in this laudable undertaking a meeting of those friendly to the cause will be held near Norval, township of Esquimes, commencing on the last Friday of February next.

Friends, this is a grand and glorious work. Let us then "work while it is day ; the night cometh when no man can work."

By order,

JAMES MITCHELL.

*Eramosa, Jan., 1854.*

The above is a most worthy movement. We trust that the meeting will be numerously attended. Though the friends who meet will not have the prayers or sympathies of many of the zealous in our country. The following is from the *Toronto Guardian*, organ of Wesleyanism in this Province. The editor seems not to be advised of the efforts of the Bible Union, and the great success the friends of this Union are meeting with in securing a new translation. We trust that many Wesleyan ministers will live to see the new translation of the English scriptures in the hands of all Bible readers, and that they will heartily acknowledge that Dr. Cone, instead of heading a movement to " falsify the oracles of God," has been instrumental in giving English readers a more perfect view of the mind of God as originally expressed through Christian prophets and apostles. But let us hear the *Guardian* :

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" It is known to many of our readers that some time ago the Baptists in the United States made application to the American Bible