

Wait on the Lord, and He shall save thee.—Prov. xx. 22.

## Our Mission.

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The number of Bibles, Testaments, and portions issued from the depository in Toronto during the past year is 41,591, being 5,866 more than during the previous year.

The recent anniversary meeting was most enthusiastic and successful. Those present gave their emphatic testimony to three great facts:—"First, the Bible Society is the basal society. Its work lies at the foundation of all our Christian philanthropic work. It provides the Bible which is at once the inspiration and the source of our beneficence, and the record of the spiritual fellowship and blessing, which is the ultimate aim of all our beneficence. No missionary society could carry on its operations without this society, which alone supplies the Scriptures in most of the languages in which the missionaries labour.

"Secondly, the supporters of this society bear their emphatic testimony to the permanency and power of the Scriptures. Amidst all conflicts of society and of science they stand unmoved. Their principles are the abiding, directing, and changeless truth.

"And lastly, the supporters of the Bible Society bear witness to the reality of Christian unity. It is the most Catholic of all societies, and the most Protestant. The Bible alone is its motto and its aim. It asserts that the differences, ecclesiastical and theological, which divide Christians, do not touch the essentials of the faith. These differences are but as the ruffled surface of the storm-tossed ocean, while beneath lie

the stable and tranquil depths of great truths, the mighty realities of Christian life and divine grace."

We thank God for the success which has attended the labours of the Bible Society in this Province during the past years, and we sincerely pray that its future may be one of still more marked progress and usefulness. With increased facilities for business, we doubt not but that an era of greater prosperity has been entered upon. We learn that there is a debt of about \$4,000 resting upon the new building. This, we trust, will, ere long, be removed, so that no burdens may hinder the friends connected with the Society from bending all their energies toward the one great work of "Holding forth the Word of Life," that Word which is ever new, and the wellspring of joy and consolation to which we instinctively turn in time of trouble and sorrow. In it alone do we find an inex-

haustible storehouse of lessons for the child, and of ripest wisdom for the aged. In countless homes it is opened every morning to yield its portion for the day. In ten thousand pulpits it furnishes the texts of as many sermons, as each Lord's day returns.

The Bible Society must succeed in its great work, for it is God's great purpose

that *The Book* shall be spread abroad, and man can no more obstruct the Divine end, than arrest the sun in its course. The Society does not undertake to interpret the book. "Theirs is to circulate in its simplicity and in its multiplicity; to spread abroad by single gospels where they can do no more; to spread abroad in its integral completeness where that can be done. In single gospels they must do it without doubt or misgiving, for He in Whose Person two whole and perfect natures were joined together condescends to be made whole Truth and Life within limits which are, according to St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, or St. John. In complete Bibles it is their fuller privilege, without stint or grudging, to do the same; for God has spoken in divers manners of ways to divers manners of men, and we cannot tell in any given case how He will cause His goodness to pass before them, or by whose voice He will proclaim to them His Name."



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