

## INTRODUCTION.

The Centenary celebration of the British and Foreign Bible Society had one feature almost universally observed. Sunday, March 6, was set apart as Bible Sunday throughout the British Empire. King Edward VII., with the Queen, purposed to attend divine service in St. Paul's Cathedral on that day as a special expression of their interest in the Society's work. Though the King was prevented by indisposition from carrying out his intention, he was represented by His Royal Consort Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria. The idea of Bible Sunday was readily adopted, not only in the Motherland and in the Colonies, but also in many foreign countries. In Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland and the United States of America the proposition was received with enthusiasm, and the day generally observed.

The Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society, recognizing the readiness of the ministers of all the denominations to assist in every good work, especially a work so eminently Christian as that of the Bible Society, and fully aware of the conspicuous ability that would be displayed by them in the presentation of the worth of the Bible and the work of the Society, felt that words so wise and helpful should be gathered and preserved in permanent form for future service in the Society's work. They therefore directed the publication of this brochure, containing extracts from a number of selected sermons preached by representative ministers of various denominations in different parts of Canada. The sermons are well worthy of the occasion, and regret is felt that the limits of this volume has required such severe condensation.

There will be found here also a brief account of the Centenary Meetings held in Massey Hall, Toronto, on Monday, March 7, with synopses of the addresses delivered at that time.

With the hope of sustaining and stimulating the interest already manifested in the Bible Society's work, and inspiring the uninformed to earnest co-operation in future labor, this booklet is now sent forth.

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