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DR. BROCK, OFFICE AND RESIDENCE Directly opposite Chalmer's Church, QUEBEC STREET. d

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, &c., Market Place, Guelph. Office entrance—next door to the Queen's Hotel. dw

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CARVER & HATHERLY, Contractors, Well Sinkers and General Jobbers. Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the day or job. Residence, Liverpool St., near Ryan's ashery. dw

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THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection. May 11 dwtf JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public. *Office, over the Bank of Commerce, Guelph.* A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON, CHAS. LEMON, County Crown Attorney

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN. Guelph, March 1, 1871 dwy

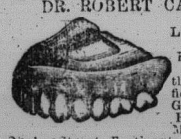
F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter, GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27 dw

JOHN KIRKHAM, Silver Plater and Brass Finisher. All orders promptly attended to. Shop—opposite Chalmer's Church, Quebec street, Guelph dwy

NEW COAL YARD. The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of **Hard and Soft Coal** At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. GEO MURTON, Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872 dy

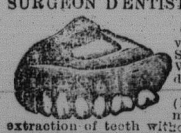
J. MARRIOTT, Veterinary Surgeon, M. R. C. V. S., L., H.F. V. M. A., Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the MERCURY Office, or at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite Howard's new foundry, will be promptly attended to. Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. Guelph, Oct. 19, 1872. dwtf

PRIZE DENTISTRY. DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL



Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto Drs. Elliot, & Meyers, Dentists Toronto. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.



Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonell-sts. Guelph. ☞ Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable. References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

HEATHER'S Stove and Plough Depot. The subscriber would call the attention of the public to Kinney's Patent Improvement in Stove Furniture, by which pots, kettles, frying pans, &c., are so constructed that no smoke, smell and steam from frying meat or other cooking are conducted up the chimney as perfectly as in the old fashioned fire-place. Ladies, give them a trial. ☞ Sole agent for Guelph. A good assortment of STOVES, TINWARE and PLOUGHS always on hand, and at the lowest prices. WM. HEATHER, Corner Woolwich-st. and Eramosa Road Guelph, 2nd August, 1871. dw

N. [illegible] & Co., CANADA HOUSE, General Commission Merchant AND SHIPPERS, 34 South Clinton St., Chicago, Ill. REFERENCES: Sir John Rose, Banker, London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq. Banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, Bankers; Hon John Carling, London, Ontario; Messrs. Gault Bros., Merchants, Montreal; Senator Frank Smith, (Frank Smith & Co.) Toronto; J. Morton Millar, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J. M. Millar & Co., Commission Merchants (Chicago); Walter Watson, Cashier, Bank of New York; D. Butters, Esq., Montreal; Joseph Whitehead, Esq., M. P., Clinton, Ont.; Chas. Magill, Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ontario; T. C. Chisholm, Esq. Toronto; Samuel B. Foote, Esq. Quebec.

New Advertisements.

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED — As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office. 10dtf

TO LET—A house situated on the R. C. Glebe. Apply to Messrs McMillan & O'Connor, Barristers, Guelph. Guelph, Jan. 4, 1873. d9t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—All parties having claims against the Estate of William Brownlow, undertaker, Guelph, will please send them in to the undersigned. Jan. 4-d6t. JOHN HORSMAN, Trustee.

TO LET — The large room over the MERCURY OFFICE, formerly used as a Temperance Hall. Suitable for an office or for any light manufacturing purpose. Enquire at the Mercury Office. n4d

WANTED — A situation as Engineer to take charge of a Steam Engine in Guelph, or vicinity. Satisfactory references given. Enquire at Ellis's American Hotel, Guelph. j7-d6w1

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The pupils who have been attending Mr. Hutton's School will be taught in the Central School by Mr. Cullen, instead of the South Ward—until the new Teacher is appointed. j9d3 R. TORRANCE, Inspector.

FOR SALE—Lot 71, on Wyndham-Street, known as the Blacksmith Shop Lot. Clear title and immediate possession given. Also, a first-class stone house to rent. Apply to Denis Coffee. Guelph, December 27th, 1872 dtf

TAKE NOTICE. — The accounts of the late firm of WALKER & Co., of the Guelph "Advertiser," are placed in my hands for collection. All parties indebted to the same are requested to call and settle forthwith, and save costs. RICHARD AINLAY, Nelson Crescent. Guelph, Jan. 7, 1872 dw2w

NEW BUTCHER SHOP. The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop, in Hatch's Block, and will supply customers with meat of the best quality, at the lowest rates. Meat delivered in any part of the Town. CHAS. FENNELL. Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872. dw

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—The subscriber being about to remove from Guelph, offers for sale his spacious and handsome family residence, near the Great Western Station. The house and premises can be viewed at any time. THOMAS GOWDY. Guelph, Jan. 8th, 1872. dtf

STORE AND DWELLING FOR SALE OR TO RENT. The subscriber offers for sale on reasonable terms, or will rent for a period, the store and dwelling at Bristol, Township of Erin, at present occupied by Mr Mackelcan, Postmaster there. The store is situated in a good locality, on the gravel road between Guelph and Erin. This is an excellent opening for a party with a limited capital, as a good business can be carried on, and arrangements may be made to continue the Post Office in connection with the store. For particulars apply to JAMES MASSIE Guelph. Nov. 5th, 1872. daw

INFORMATION WANTED of David Crawford, who has been employed by Mr. Charles Romain for the last four years. He is about 23 years of age, had on when he left a brown smock, pair of brown or grey pants, round grey felt hat. Has light brown hair, reddish whiskers. He left on the afternoon of Thursday, the 8th. Has never been away from home before, and is a little silly. His friends are afraid he has been decoyed away, and they will be thankful to any one who can give information of his whereabouts, or which may lead to them finding him. WM. CRAWFORD, Jan 10 d3w1 Essex street, Guelph

GORDON STREET BAKERY. ESTABLISHED 1856. J. SOLE hereby tenders his sincere thanks to his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage he has received, and begs leave to intimate that he is now building a SECOND LARGE OVEN in order to meet the requirements of his steadily increasing business. The Bread, &c., will be delivered by J. Sole, junr. All orders promptly attended to. Remember the stand — next to F. W Stone's store, Gordon st., Guelph. Dec. 5, 1872 dw

WEEK OF PRAYER. JANUARY 5—12, 1873. Union services in observance of the week of prayer will, D.V., be held in this town as follows:— Friday evening, Jan. 10th, First Presbyterian Church, 7.30. Saturday evening, Jan. 11, Baptist Church, 7.30. W. F. CLARKE Sec. Ministerial Association. Guelph, Dec. 31, 1872. 1wdtd

JUST RECEIVED, COLBY Clothes Wringer, Patent Mangles. JOHN M. BOND & Co., DIRECT IMPORTERS, GUELPH.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.—A RARE CHANCE. This is a choice farm, lying in a good locality, on the Township line of Waterloo, adjoining the Paisley Block, and six miles from the Town of Guelph. There is a first-class bank barn lately put up, with stabling and root house complete, good dwelling house with other out buildings, good bearing orchard of choice fruit, a never failing stream, also two wells and soft water cisterns. The farm contains 104 acres, 90 acres in a high state of cultivation, the other portion consists of first-class beech and maple, which cannot be surpassed. For further particulars apply to James Taylor, on the premises, or if by letter, address, Box 66, Guelph P.O. Guelph, Dec. 31, 1872. wtf.

EXCELLENT FARM FOR SALE. — For sale, an excellent Farm, being the South half of Lot Number 19, in the 7th concession of the Township of Eramosa, containing 100 acres of the best land, 75 acres cleared and in high state of cultivation, and half consists of hardwood bush, and half cedar swamp. A fine never-failing creek runs through the farm. Good log buildings on the premises. Will be sold at a very moderate price. Apply to Hart & Spiers, Guelph, or to Nicholas Haight, on the premises. j2w3

FARM FOR SALE, CHEAP FOR CASH. The undersigned offer for sale cheap, Lot 27, in the 17th Concession of Proton, County of Grey, consisting of 99 acres; over 40 acres cleared. The lot is within three miles of the proposed route of the Northern Extension of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, now being constructed from Orangeville. The farm is one of the best in the Township, and has a log dwelling house and barn situated on it. Title indisputable. For particulars address, W. BELL & CO., Organ Manufacturers, Guelph, Guelph, October 9th, 1872 wtf.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE — Winter Arrangement—On after Monday, 18th November:

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

2:17 a.m.; 9.45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.;* 8:33 p.m.‡.

*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. ‡To Berlin.

EAST

9:05 a.m; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:33 p.m.

Great Western---Guelph Branch.

Going South—6.50 a.m., 12.35 p.m 1.05 p.m for Hamilton; 4.55 p.m.

Going North—11.45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1.15 p.m. for Clifford; 4.55 p.m. for Fergus; 9.05 p.m. for Fergus.

GUELPH ACADEMY. Re-opens Thursday, Jan. 9th, 1873. REFERENCES KINDLY PERMITTED To Mrs. Jas. Webster, Mrs. Dr. Clarke, Col. Hall, Capt. Gordon, N. Higinbotham, M.P., John Horsman, Esq., John Mickle, Esq., H. J. Vincent, Esq., Thomas W. Saunders, Esq., P.M., Hugh Walker, Esq. j2-d1m

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FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 10, 1873

Local and Other Items.

THE new Wesleyan Methodist Church at Allenford, will be opened for divine worship on Sunday week.

DRY GOODS.—We learn that Mr. G. R. Fraser bought a wholesale Dry Goods stock in Montreal last week, at fifty cents in the dollar, which he will offer next week. Look-out for his advertisement.

HARRISTON SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION. The election for a Board of Trustees for the Harriston School, came off on Wednesday last, when the following gentlemen were duly elected: Alex. Meiklejohn; Dr. Cowan, T. W. Bowie, W. Taylor, W. Henderson, R. Gilhuly.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Yesterday afternoon as Dr. McGuire, accompanied by a lady friend, was driving on one of our streets at a smart pace, his horse shied, and the cutter and its occupants were thrown into the ditch. The doctor kept possession of the reins, consequently has an undamaged vehicle for future use. We are happy to add that neither the doctor or the lady sustained the slightest injury.

VETERINARY.—The Harriston *Tribune* says: We are glad to see that our friend, Mr. D. Hamilton, is now back in our midst for good, a full-fledged doctor. He came out of the hands of the examiner with great credit to himself, and received the diploma of the Ontario College. We are sure the owners of horses and cattle who reaped such benefits from his services, will agree that none has a better title to write V.S. after his name.

A NEW ENTERPRISE.—The town of Ingersoll is shortly to become a prominent centre for the manufacture of agricultural implements of all descriptions. A company has been formed under the title of the Ingersoll Manufacturing Co., with an abundant capital, and the materials are now being obtained and prepared for the erection of a building 60x400 feet. The works will give employment to between three and four hundred men. The site for the building cost $4,000. This looks like business, and will add materially to the advancement of the town.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular meeting of this Association was held in their rooms last evening. There were quite a number of the members from Fergus, including several ladies, present. The proceedings were very pleasing, consisting principally of short addresses from the friends from Fergus, who gave most encouraging reports as to their prosperity, concluding by extending a hearty invitation to the Guelph Association to visit them. Unfortunately they had to leave by the nine o'clock train. The meeting continued, and a few practical addresses were given by the chairman, Mr. J. Ryan, and Mr. W. Strong. The teachers of the Y. M. C. A. Mission School have started a bible class and prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, commencing at 7:30 in their rooms, to which all are very cordially invited. We would remind our readers of the Sunday morning and evening prayer meetings; the latter of which, we are gald to say, is well attended.

Invitation for a Week of United Prayer

Friday, Jan. 10.—PRAYER:—For Mankind; for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and the spread of pure literature; for the overthrow of all forms of tyranny and oppression; for the removal of every form of Antichrist; for all prisoners and captives; and for the increase of that kingdom which is "righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

PROPOSED UNION EXHIBITION.—A meeting of the directors of the South Waterloo, North Brant, and North Waterloo Agricultural Societies was held at Colwell's Hotel, in Galt, on Friday last, for the purpose of considering the advisability of holding a united exhibition. A special committee, named from those present, reported in favor of such union, and the meeting adopted the report unanimously. In the event of the union being perfected, the annual exhibition will be held alternately in Paris, Galt, Waterloo or Berlin.

As the thin edge of a wedge to introduce railroads into China, a traction engine and an omnibus have just arrived at Pwutlin from England. They were not regarded as foreign devils, for Li-hoong-Chang, having taken a ride in the omnibus, smiled, and blandly quoted Confucius, to the effect that "he who smooths the way is a door of good."

BERLIN.—Mayor, John Hoffman; Reeve, A. Tyson; Deputy Reeve, John Motz, all elected by acclamation; Councillors, Thos. Armstrong, Wm. Oelschlager, John Aldons, Geo. Seip, John Hett, V. Gildner, Hy Schween, Jacob Oberholtzer, Conrad Steubing, Wm. Simpson, D. Fisher, Jacob Levan.

GALT.—Mayor, Mr. Kerr; Deputy Reeve, Mr. Jaffray; Councillors, R. Patrick, D. Allan, R. Scott, R. McLean, W. S. Barnett, W. Webster.

SUPPOSED ROBBERY

Yesterday about noon a school teacher named John Wishart, of Eramosa, in company with Henry Howitt, of Guelph, entered a back room in Parker's Hotel, in this town, threw off their overcoats, and had some refreshments. They went out in the back yard together for a minute or two, and upon returning found that their overcoats were not in the same position as they left them. Wishart put his overcoat on, and found that a pocket book, containing one hundred and fifty dollars, had been stolen during his momentary absence. Search was made, but no trace could be found of the missing property. Wishart is not certain whether he had the money at the time he entered the hotel, but thinks he had. Chief Constable Kelly was made acquainted with these facts about three hours afterwards. He has no idea of being able to recover the money which was either lost or stolen, it is not certain which.

Guelph Branch Bible Society.

The 37th annual meeting of this Society was held in the Wesleyan Church on Thursday evening. The attendance, considering the severity of the weather, was good, the body of the church being pretty well filled. The President, James Hough, Esq., occupied the chair. Proceedings were commenced by the Rev. Mr. Wood reading the 72nd psalm, and engaging in prayer.

The President then gave an eloquent and impressive address, in which he remarked that no people on the face of the earth are more highly favoured with the bounties of Providence, or with the blessings of civil and religious liberty. We should express our grateful recognition of these blessings, and with yet more zeal rally round the standard of our liberties—the Protestant Bible—and pledge ourselves anew to greater exertions in its dissemination. He went on to remark that the Guelph Branch was first formed in 1836, but through desertion and other causes, it dwindled almost out of existence. In 1840 its few remaining patrons (but few of whom remain) lamenting over its languishing condition met together and re-organized the Society. From that period a more general interest was manifested in it. In 1844, the year in which the first printing machine was set up in the Town, the Society's first printed report made its appearance, which is a real specimen of the art of printing as it flourished in those days. Our modern typos might feel disposed to slight it as an antiquated thing; nevertheless it commands respect; it reminds one of the difficulties met and overcome. To look upon its sombre pages is somewhat like looking upon the face of an old veteran who has served his generation, and whose increasing years, furrowed cheeks and hoary locks only increase our respect and veneration. In reviewing the Society's operations they had to offer no apology for the ground they occupied or the means they used, for they believed both to be laudable and scriptural. Every Christain was admonished "to do good and communicate, forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." What greater good, therefore, could they be doing than to communicate His Word to the millions of our fellow creatures who are living without God and without hope, and who must remain in that condition until they are supplied with the holy scriptures. He went on to speak of the Bible as God's word, of its suitability to man's condition, that it was intended for the world, that all mankind should have it, and read it, and understand it, and in conclusion said, let us prove our faith in the Scriptures by renewed energy in the great work of its dissemination, praying that the time may soon come when every fellow creature shall be supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures in his own tongue.

The following report was then read by the Secretary, Mr. David McCrae:—

37TH REPORT.

Your Committee in presenting their 37th report would desire to return thanks to our God for His many mercies during the past year, and for His kindness in enabling us, year after year, to do our little for the spread of His holy word. That word alone which—opened and applied—can, through the spirit, make fallen man wise unto salvation—that book of books—the oldest and the best—useful to each and every one, be they high or low, rich or poor. A safe guide through the many difficulties and dangers of this life, and an equally sure one to the glories of the life to come.

Your Committee have no startling facts to chronicle in connection with this Branch for the past year. They hope their labours have not been in vain, and although they have no special cases to point out, yet would remember that the Bible work has ever been a steady, quiet progression, slow yet sure, and a work which eventually will bring with it a rich reward.

Your Committee have within the past few days been deprived of one of their oldest Bible members, the late Mr. Wm. Neeve, the senior Vice-President of this Society. Mr. Neeve was one of the oldest of Bible Society workers, having subscribed to the B. & F.B.S. in England on its formation in 1804, and from that date till his death, a period of 69 years, he was a regular helper of the Bible cause, and he has left by way of legacy an annual subscription to the funds of this Society, to be paid for several years to come. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Your Committee in seeking to further the cause, decided to hold a series of auxiliary meetings in the neighborhood of Guelph. For this season four meetings were announced—the latter part of October being the time chosen—one in Paisley Block, one in Scotch Block, and two in the upper part of Puslinch. These meetings were addressed by different members of your Committee, and were in general very well attended. In one instance the notice had not been made sufficiently general, but in every case collectors were appointed, the results of whose labours will be laid before you in the report of your Treasurer. Your Committee hope that these meetings will be continued at such times during the fall months as may be found most convenient, and that each year the number will be enlarged till every school section in our neighborhood shall have its annual bible meeting; and would ask your prayers that these efforts may be blessed by the Giver of all good, and that this Branch may become—more and more—a means though it be but an humble one—for the spread of His Kingdom and the glory of His name.

From the Treasurer's report, which will be read, you will see the state of the funds of this Society.

The sales at the Depositary during the past year will also be laid before you. The free gifts have been few, but no call has been refused.

Your Committee have pleasure in stating that the Upper Canada Bible Society still goes on extending and prospering. They are doing, by the aid of colporteurs, a good work among the new settlers in the back townships. But it is from the work of the parent society—the British and Foreign Bible Society—that we derive the greatest number of valuable facts in connection with the spread of the Bible. It is truly doing a good work. It has the world for its field; the spread of God's word—pure and simple—for its object; the blessing of God for its reward.

When this Society began its operations it was estimated that there was not more than *one* million copies of God's word in existence; since then it has assisted in circulating over 65,000,000 of copies, in over 200 languages and dialects, 2,500,000 of which have been issued during the past year.

Of these Germany takes 500,000 copies; and here the Society have many colporteurs going from house to house selling the word of life. One great work in this land which has been done during the past year was the giving of a memorial testament and psalms to the widows and parents of the fallen during the war.

"This offering," says the report, "was intended only as an act of christian sympathy, and as such, His Majesty, the Emperor, did not hesitate to receive a testament, as the father of the army, in memory of his fallen sons. So that from the Imperial palace to the humblest cottage, and from the metropolis to the utmost limits of the empire, these books have been presented to persons of every rank and station, and have cheered many a desolate heart with the consolations of the gospel. A like scheme is being carried out in France; though the difficulty in the latter country of getting reliable information of the names of those entitled to it have been great. The issue to France has been over one-fourth of a million.

Spain seems still to be under a cloud in the work of bible circulation; still, even there, the sales exceed 80,000. Colporteurs are busy at work both in Spain and Portugal; they have to bear many rebuffs; let us hope that the time is not far distant when their work will be blessed with most abundant success. Italy takes about 50,000 copies; a considerable increase over the sales last year. An Italian bible society, with its headquarters in Rome, has been organized. "The first meeting was held in a large hall, which failed to accommodate one half of the number who sought admission. Father Hyacinthe addressed the assembled multitude—resolutions were passed explanatory of the object in view and pledging the meeting to support it, and altogether a spirit was manifested which if it be as permanent as it was enthusiastic, may augur well for the future of Italy and cheer the hearts of its Christian patriots."

Passing from Europe to Asia we find India receiving a large share of attention, and the results show that the spread of the Word is going on steadily. In China too the work progresses. 60,000 copies have been circulated there during the past year. Africa and Australasia are not forgotten, and America too receives a large share.

The total receipts of the British and Foreign Bible Society amount during the past year to upwards of £183,000 stg. Amongst the largest donations we are pleased to notice that of "A Friend in Western Ontario, Canada," £500 stg., and also one from one of your Vice Presidents, C. Mickle, Esq., of £40 stg.

The whole report is most encouraging, calling for gladness and rejoicing. "But our gladness," says the Report, "should be tempered with sobriety, and our joy with seriousness. The work in which we are engaged is advanced not so much by the excitement of the great congregation as by the devout aspirations of the humble and contrite heart; and if your Committee may venture to throw out a suggestion bearing upon the most urgent need of the Christian Church, they would say to those who love the Lord and long to see the rays of the Sun of Righteousness pour their bright light upon the dark places of the earth, pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

All of which is respectfully submitted, &c.

Mr. David Savage, said that the sales at the Depositary were pretty much the same as last year, and read the report as follows:—

1872 DEPOSITORY REPORT. DR.

To stock on hand	$135 78
" received	148 89
Two Gaelic Bibles	3 20
	$287 87

1872 CR.

By freight, box, and sale book	$1 90
By bible for Mr. Harper	1 40
By express on box	90
By half doz. bibles given to Mission School	4 14
By stock on hand	202 25
By cash sales	77 28
	$287 87

Sales last year $73.74
Sales this year 77.28

The Treasurer's report was read by Mr. E. Newton as follows:—

TREASURER'S REPORT

To balance from 1871	$ 35 23
COLLECTORS.	
Puslinch—Miss McWilliams	14 25
Mrs Jane Martin and Miss Pelty	9 53
Mrs Maddock and Mrs Kirkland	12 14
Paisley Block—Miss Boyd and Miss Cleghorn	28 90
East Ward—No report.	
South Ward—Miss Wardrope and Miss McDonald	56 05
West Ward — Mrs Newton and Miss Mitchell	152 55
North Ward — Mrs. Hough and Mrs Ainley	74 36
Sales at Depository	74 04
Collection this year at annual meeting	18 00
By printing reports $22 00	
By purchase account 60 00	

Dr. McGuire, in moving the following resolution, said that there were really many things in the report just read calculated to make men fear God and honor the King, and he was proud to say that this good work was being circulated both in the new and old world.

Moved by Dr. McGuire, seconded by Rev. Mr. Mackie, That the report now read be received and adopted, and that the following persons be office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

President, James Hough; Treasurer, E. Newton; Depositary, D. [illegible] Secretary, D. McCrae; Vice-Presidents, Revs. R. Torrance, W. F. Clarke, Dr. Hogg, W. S. Ball, E. B. Harper, J. Howie, J. Mackie, T. Wardrope, G. Wood and all other ministers of the gospel; members of the Society, Messrs. D. Allan, Geo. Elliott, C. Mickle, W. Cowan, C. Raymond and Thos. McCrae; Committee, Dr. McGuire, Messrs. J. Armstrong, W. Heather, R. Thompson, W. Stevenson, E. H. Arms, J. Ryan, D. Guthrie, S. Hodgskin, J. Massie, G. Smith, W. Stewart, J. Hawkins, R. Pickard and W. Anderson; Collectors, East Ward—Mrs. Husband and Miss Kelly; South Ward, Miss McDonald and Miss Wardrope; West Ward, Mrs. Newton and Miss Nellie Mitchell; North Ward, Mrs. Hough and Mrs. Keables; Scotch block, Miss Mickle and Miss A. Mickie; Paisley Block, Miss Boyd and Miss Cleghorn; Puslinch West, Miss McWilliams; Arkell, Mrs. Maddock and Mrs. Kirkland; Puslinch Plains, Mrs. Martin and Miss Petty.

In seconding the resolution, Rev. Mr. Mackie expressed the pleasure he felt in listening to the admirable report of the Secretary, of whose literary taste and ability the Society may well feel proud.

Rev. Mr. Dickson was introduced, and moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting views with satisfaction the extension and progress of the Bible work throughout the world, and pledges itself prayerfully and liberally to support the efforts of the Bible Societies to reach the great and noble end—the Bible for all the world."

Mr Dickson remarked that the lengthy report just read by the Secretary had given all the facts of the parent Society, leaving him little to say on the subject. However, he was glad to announce that Germany had now a Bible Society of her own, and had already begun operations by publishing the new testament. Russia, too, will speedily have the bible in her own language. The Upper Canada Bible Society has had no less a sum than $33,000 contributed to its funds, over $11,000 of which have been sent to England to assist in spreading the Gospel. We are now repaying the mother society for the assistance received in our infancy. He was proud to state that good round sums had been sent to British Columbia and Manitoba, for the spread of the Gospel.

The Rev. Mr. Ball, in seconding the resolution, said that the great object of this Society was the circulation of the Bible. He referred to the fact that the American Bible Society had placed Bibles in all the railway trains, and hoped to see our own Society make a move in the same direction, for the benefit of travellers. Sixty-five million copies of the Scriptures are now circulated abroad, and you cannot touch a point, from pole to pole, without finding a Bible. The able and elequent address of Mr. Ball was concluded by counselling the Society not to relax its efforts while there remained so much to be done.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Hogg, sec. by Mr. Charles Raymond, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the office-bearers of the Society for the past year, and specially to the collectors, to whose labors this Society is so much indebted for its prosperity.

In moving the resolution, the Rev. Dr. Hogg passed a very high compliment upon the lady collectors, without whose aid the Society would be but a small thing indeed. It was our duty to appreciate their efforts at there full value, therefore the reading of the resolution had given him much pleasure.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Rev. Mr. Dickson for his kindness in coming from Toronto to assist at this meeting. Mr Dickson acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks was given the Trustees of the Wesleyan Church for the use of the building. Mr. James Hough acknowledged the compliment.

The meeting was closed in the usual way.

Our Country.

We have ever been, and still are, truly British in our feelings, and loyal to the crown of England. There may be a few dissatisfied individuals in our midst who—from selfish motives—would not be averse to Canada being annexed to the United States; but, we are proud to say, nine-tenths of our population are perfectly satisfied with things as they are.

A reporter of the New York *Herald* has been sent to Canada, to spy out the land, and interview prominent Canadians with the laudable desire of ascertaining whether we have any annexation proclivities, and we give the result of his enquiries in his own words:—

"Taken wholly, the people of Canada are ahead of our great Yankee nation in the qualities of honest kindness, frank speech, and genial hospitality. It must be like plunging into a cold bath to pass from the warm, human atmosphere of Canadian society into the hollow, freezing vanities of New England life."

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"Canada is at this moment the happiest country on the face of the globe. She has neither a standing army or navy, and yet she is as abundantly protected as if she owned the power of Russia. She has no taxes to pay, or they are so insignificant as to be barely appreciable. She discriminates fifteen per cent on her imports, and thus, while raising a revenue, fosters the growth of home industries. Crime is rigidly punished. Murderers never escape the gallows. The *morale* of the public service is far higher than our own. Judges are not commonly bribed, and public opinion has not yet lost its influence in exercising a wholesome restraint in the conduct of those who have important trusts committed to their charge. The Legislative branch of the Government is carried on with great economy. Cases of corruption are rare, and when they do occur the offenders are shown no clemency by society. The resources of the country are now being fully developed, and when the Pacific Railroad is completed the Dominion cannot help being a great field for emigration. For those and many other reasons too numerous to detail, Canada prefers remaining as she is."

The *Herald* reporter is a sensible man, and evidently knows whereof he speaks.

A divorce has recently been granted to a Hindostanee woman, for the singular reason that her husband unintentionally exercised over her such an overpowering mesmeric influence that, whenever she was in his presence, she immediately [illegible] into a sleep from which the[illegible] waking her. If this ca[illegible] were ge[illegible] couple [illegible]