

the principal way of doing so in this life is to be a blessing to one's fellow-creatures. By feeding on the Word of God, and by resisting the slavery of bad habits, he was too strong a man to become the slave of his property even when it had assumed large proportions. He continued to own it, to master it, and to use it for the glory of the Great Giver to the end of his life here. His father, who was not a successful man, but who lived to an old age, and was maintained in comfort by his children, used to say "The more Jesse gets, the more he gives, and the more he throws away the more he has." No doubt he had learned from the Good Book he so delighted to circulate, "That there is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

Mr. Ketchum was born in 1782 at Spencetown, in the State of New York. After landing here in 1799 he joined an elder brother, who had a farm and a small tannery a few miles out Yonge Street, a little south of Hogg's Hollow. He continued with him for several years and soon became his partner, and the real manager of the business. When things began to look threatening before the war of 1812, an American, who had a tannery in little York, became alarmed and sold his property at a sacrifice. Mr. Ketchum bought the tannery and a good deal of the adjoining property. He at one time owned all the block now bounded by Yonge, Queen, Bay, and Adelaide Streets, some land to the south of Adelaide, and some to the east of Yonge. Mr. Ketchum's residence stood on the N. W. corner of Yonge and Adelaide (then Newgate); the larger part of the tan-yard was to the south of Newgate Street, and covered the ground now occupied by the two Societies, which was probably its S. E. corner. Temperance Street, which he opened and named, runs through what was at one time his orchard and garden. But Mr. Ketchum did not merely accumulate property; he knew how to use it. He gave the site for the first Presbyterian Church in the town, where Knox Church now stands, and the Rev. Dr. Carrcll, to whom we are indebted for these reminiscences of his early life, tells us that he well remembers assisting Mr. Ketchum in beautifying the site by planting trees, and that the first money he ever earned he had received previously from this lover and helper of the young, for planting potatoes in the same place. We learn from the Rev. Dr. Scadding's book "Toronto of Old" that in 1820, he subscribed a hundred dollars to the first "common school," in the place, which stood on the N. W. corner of Adelaide and Jarvis Streets, (then Newgate and Nelson). This was a large sum in those days, and shows how much importance he always attached to the education of the young, and we have already seen how anxious he was that they should possess the best knowledge.

From the beginning, Mr. Ketchum took an active part in promoting the Bible Society. At the meeting in Nov. 1818, when the Bible and Prayer Book Society was divided into the Bible Society and the Prayer Book Society, he was one of the speakers, and proposed "That a friendly communication be opened with other Bible Societies within this Province," there being already