

*(From the Kingston Auxiliary Bible Society.)*

The Rev. John Gemley, who was, for three years, a member of this auxiliary, having intimated to the Committee that he was a candidate for the recently created office of permanent Secretary of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and having expressed his desire that the Committee might be pleased to furnish him with a testimonial as to qualifications, &c., for the office in question, the subject was brought before the Committee, at a meeting held on the 6th instant, when it was unanimously

*"Resolved, — That a suitable testimonial be prepared and signed by the Chairman and Secretary, in favor of the Rev. John Gemley, a former member of this Committee."*

The undersigned, on the authority and direction above quoted, beg most respectfully to state that, from their knowledge of the Rev. Mr. Gemley, and from the information which they have deemed it desirable to obtain, they have reason to believe that Mr. Gemley is well qualified to perform, in an efficient and satisfactory manner, the several duties which would be assigned to the permanent Secretary. He would, we think, ably and successfully advocate the claims of the Society, and be quite "competent to conduct the correspondence of the Society, supervise the financial operations of branches, together with the work of travelling agents and colporteurs, and extend the influence of the Society." We have, moreover much pleasure in bearing testimony to the efficient aid given by Mr. Gemley to this Society during his residence in this city.

*(From Rev. Wm. McClure, ex-President of the Methodist New Connexion Church.)*

I have pleasure in stating, that I have known the Rev. John Gemley for a number of years past, and have every reason to believe that, as a correspondent, public speaker and otherwise, he is well qualified for the office of Secretary to the Upper Canada Bible Society.

*(From the Rev. John Wood, Pastor of the Congregational Church, Brantford, and Editor of the Canadian Independent Magazine.)*

Having enjoyed the pleasure of an intimate personal acquaintance with the Rev. John Gemley during the three years of his residence in this place, and having frequently listened to him with great delight upon the platform of religious meetings and elsewhere, I am in a position to testify with much confidence, both as to his excellent speaking talent and his administrative ability; and I have, therefore, no doubt, that if he should receive the appointment, he would make a very effective Secretary to the Upper Canada Bible Society.

*(From Rev. Thomas Griffith, Primitive Methodist Church.)*

I have known and been associated with the Rev. John Gemley in Brantford his last field of labour, and can bear the most unqualified testimony of his integrity and honour both as a man and minister of the Gospel, and deem him well qualified to fill the position of Secretary to the Bible Society, or to advocate its claims.

*(From Rev. J. B. Mouat, Professor Queen's University.)*

I became acquainted with the Rev. John Gemley while he resided in Kingston during the three years ending in 1896. From what I then saw and heard of him, I should judge him to be a man of active and diligent habits; and as he also possesses affable manners and popular gifts as a speaker, I should suppose him to be well qualified for the Office of Secretary to the Upper Canada Bible Society.

*(From the Rev. Dr. Taylor, ex-Travelling Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society.)*

As the Board of Directors of the Bible Society has decided to appoint a permanent Secretary, who shall be a salaried officer, I have much pleasure in recommending the Rev. John Gemley as a person well qualified in my judgment to discharge the duties of that important office.

Financial ability, good administrative talent and facility in correspondence, added to his success as a pulpit and platform speaker, combine in fitting Mr. Gemley for the discharge of the duties of Secretary of the Bible Society. It may not be improper for me to state that, from my acquaintance with the work of the Society in this Province, for the last eighteen years, during ten or twelve of which I was one of its agents; I may perhaps lay claim to some knowledge of the qualifications necessary to fill such an office with efficiency. It is, therefore, in view of these facts, that I cordially recommend Mr. Gemley to the Board for appointment as Secretary.