

richly endowed, as he was, with the gifts of a persuasive eloquence, a tact, judgment and catholicity which eminently fitted him for the arduous and responsible post of Agent of this Society.

“Many of the present Directors of the Society were personally cognizant of the remarkable success which attended the labours of our beloved friend. These labours gave to the Society a prestige and status in the country as an invaluable public benevolent institution which it had never before enjoyed.

“There are so many loving and pleasant memories connected with the labours of our deceased friend that eulogy *now* on those labours, which ceased 20 years ago, might seem to those personally unacquainted with them somewhat exaggerated. The Directors would therefore prefer to embody in the words of their predecessors, rather than in their own, the estimate formed at the time of the indefatigable labours and indomitable zeal, in the work of the Society, of one so universally esteemed and beloved. In the Annual Report of the Board for the year 1853, the following tribute was paid to these labours :—

“The decided advantages of an active, zealous and untiring Agency were never more apparent than during the past year; and your Committee feel that they will but barely perform a duty to the Reverend Lachlin Taylor in recording their high sense of his valuable services—services which have tended largely to increase both funds and issues, as well as greatly to widen the circle both of the friends and usefulness of the Society.

“In 1855, the Board again made this record, in its Annual Report, of the services of Dr. Taylor :—

“The Rev. Lachlin Taylor—the devoted and indefatigable Travelling Agent, whose name is almost a household word throughout the land—has continued his laborious and energetic labours during the year. He has travelled upwards of 3,700 miles; received directly upwards of \$6,400; organized 17 new Branches; delivered upwards of 90 public addresses; besides preaching almost every Sabbath on the preciousness of the Word, and the duty and privilege of making it known to all the nations of the earth.

“The records of each successive year’s labours are equally strong and graphic in the expression of heartfelt appreciation by the Board of these labours; and on Dr. Taylor’s retirement (from ill-health) from the active service of the Society, in 1861, he was appointed one of its Vice-Presidents. The Board also placed on record their high appreciation of his invaluable services during ten years, in the following resolution :—

“The Directors feel that it is only due to Rev. Mr. Taylor to express here their very high sense of the value of his services, in connection with the Bible Society. His powers of body and mind, his untiring energy, his powerful eloquence have been freely consecrated to the Bible cause. And the present high position which the Bible Society occupies in Canada West may be in no inconsiderable degree traced to his effective agency. As a body, and as individuals, the Directors tender to Mr. Taylor their warmest thanks and