

Canadian and Domestic.

DEATH OF MRS. GEMLEY.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society, on the 10th December, the following resolution of condolence with our highly-esteemed Permanent Secretary, in his recent sudden and sorrowful bereavement—more sorrowful because of his absence from home at the time—was most cordially adopted. We have a painful pleasure of inserting it in the *Bible Society Recorder*:—

J. GEORGE HODGINS, } *Honorary Secretaries.*
GEORGE HAGUE, }

“Resolved—The Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society take the earliest opportunity, since the lamented decease of Mrs. Gemley—the wife of their highly-esteemed and valued Permanent Secretary—to record an expression of their deep and heartfelt sympathy with the Rev. Mr. Gemley in his sudden and most painful bereavement.

“The Directors could not venture to intrude into the privacy and sacredness of domestic sorrow, so deep and poignant; but they feel assured that, even in sorrow so keen and deep, the rich consolations, to be found so abundantly in the pages of the Blessed Book—to the circulation of which Mr. Gemley is giving the best energies of his life)—will be applied to his heart in all their fulness and sweetness by the Loving Master Himself, who ‘doeth all things well.’”

“That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to the Rev. Mr. Gemley, in a suitable letter, by the Honorary Secretaries.”

REPORT OF THE REV. R. B. MONTGOMERY.

To the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN,—I heartily respond to the request of your indefatigable Secretary, Rev. J. Gemley, to give you a short report of my labours, for 1872, in connection with the Bible Society, of which you are the honoured Directors.

The Counties of Norfolk and Wentworth were assigned me for visitation. The County of Norfolk I found decidedly in advance of last year. This statement may appear untrue, when the receipts of the two years are examined, the receipts of this year being somewhat in arrears of last. This is easily explained from the fact, that a number of branches, on my first visit, had two years' monies on hand. This county has not, however, attained unto what it should. When we consider its size and wealth, we have a right to expect greater things from them. This, I am convinced, shall yet be realized. Norfolk, at no distant day, is destined to take a front rank in contributing for Bible distribution. The people are both able and willing, and need only to be aroused to the importance of the work to come up to it nobly and liberally.

In regard to Wentworth, it is really a pleasure trip to go through it in behalf of the Bible Society. The great majority of its branches are in splendid working order. They are officered by men whose hearts are in the work, the result of which is fine gatherings and large contributions for the Bible Society.