

"The HIBERNIAN BIBLE SOCIETY has lost, in the course of the year, many of its warmly-attached and prominent friends. The Earls of Carysfort and Wicklow, Lord Farnham, Sir B. L. Guinness, Bart., the Rev. Dr. Cooke, Sir John K. James, Bart., and the Rev. Dr. Urwick, have all passed away within a short space of twelve months. It is with pleasure and gratitude that your Committee acknowledge a contribution of £500 from the Hibernian Bible Society, for the promotion of your general work; and the hope is cordially expressed that this annual gift may still be found practicable, notwithstanding the additional expenditure incident to the large free grants now made to the Sunday School Society for Ireland."

In speaking of the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, your Committee regret that time will not permit them to do more than mention, which they do with sincere gratitude, the grand work which this noble institution is accomplishing, not only in her own vast home-territory, but in the foreign field, which, as her report says, "has been widening in all parts of the world. Mexico, South America, Spain, Italy and Austria, Turkey, India, China and Japan, have all assumed new attractiveness, either as fields for the immediate distribution of the Scriptures, or as inviting early efforts for the introduction of the Divine word. They appeal at once for more liberal provision, and for the erection of new centres, from which, with the help of additional labourers, the circulation of the truth shall be more speedy and effective." Receipts of the A. B. S., \$747,058, and volumes issued during the year ending 31st March, 1,031,770.

The operations of the UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY have, notwithstanding the decrease of the Agency during the past year, been well sustained. At the close of the last year, the Senior Agent of the Society, S. B. Johnson, Esq., resigned; and at the close of the present year, the Rev. T. Goldsmith, the Junior Agent, tendered his resignation, which the Board were compelled, though reluctantly, to accept. No successor has yet been appointed. Towards the close of our previous Bible year the Rev. William Reid, M.A., Senior Honorary Secretary of the U. C. B. S., owing to the increasing pressure of his important duties in connection with various interests in his own church, felt himself reluctantly called upon to tender his resignation to the Board. Mr. Reid had previously urged the Board to relieve him of his Secretaryship, as he felt that he could not do that entire justice to the interests of your Society, that his heart and will prompted him to do. The Board at length very unwillingly acceded to Mr. Reid's request, but in doing so they unanimously and cordially adopted the following Resolution expressive of their high appreciation of his invaluable services, which was proposed by Mr. Hodgins, the present Senior Honorary Secretary, and seconded by Dr. Wilson—"That this Board desires most cordially to express to the Rev. Wm. Reid, M.A., its grateful sense of his valued and devoted labours in behalf of the U. C. Bible Society during the fifteen years he has acted as one of 'its chief Secre-