

character and abilities of an esteemed friend, and at the same time to serve, as I believe, the best interests of a society, whose high and sacred objects should make it impossible for recommendations of this kind to be other than the expression of conscientious conviction.

For three years together, the intercourse between Mr. Gemley and myself was close, and always of a pleasing kind. In the committee and public meetings of our religious societies, in our brotherly ministerial conferences, and on numberless occasions of various kinds—among the rest in my hour of trial and sorrow—we have met, and I learned so to think of him that I can now say, I believe that if he should be appointed Secretary, the Directors and well-wishers of the Bible Society will find in him a capable and worthy servant of the Master, and qualified beyond many for the performance of the duties of the office.

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*(From the Rev. William Morley Punshon, M. A., President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in Canada.)*

The Rev. John Gemley has apprised me of his application to be appointed Secretary to the Upper Canada Bible Society. I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to my opinion of Mr. Gemley's eminent fitness for the office. He possesses, in my judgment, a combination of qualifications rarely found together, to wit: An agreeable presence, some popular power over an audience, a good address, great courtesy, considerable business tact, as evinced by his successful management for some years past of one of the Connexional Funds of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada, and moreover, a catholic spirit which would raise him above partizanship into sympathy with the catholicity of the society itself.

In the interest of the Institution, I very cordially wish Mr. Gemley may succeed. Praying Divine direction as to the issue of a movement so important.

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*(From the Rev. Wm. Stewart, B. A., Pastor, Bond St. Baptist Church, Toronto, Corresponding-Secretary of the Upper Canada Religious Tract Society (addressed to Mr. Gemley.)*

Understanding that you are at present an applicant for the Secretaryship of the Upper Canada Bible Society, I have much pleasure in stating, from an acquaintance derived from our three years residence together, that I believe you to be eminently qualified for the duties of the position. You would bring to it not merely the talent required for the speedy and effective dispatch of the office work, but also abilities as a platform speaker that are possessed by very few.

Having been fellow-member of the branch Society's Committee in Brantford, I know that you have been ever ready to aid the Bible work to the best of your ability.

I sincerely trust, therefore, that the Directors of the Society may be successful in securing your services for the vacant office.

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*(From Rev. James Usher, M. A., Rector of Grace Church, Brantford.)*

The Rev. John Gemley, for three years minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, of this town, has been intimately known to me during the above period as a christian minister of considerable ability, earnestness and energy; highly respected and loved by members of the several churches in the place as well as by his own people. A man of Catholic spirit and comprehensive views, he is, I think, peculiarly adapted to take a leading and responsible position in connection with the Upper Canada Bible Society. In my capacity of President of the Brantford Board of the Society, I had full opportunity of knowing the necessity of confiding the interests of the Bible Society to persons of broad Evangelical views, thoroughly sound in doctrine, christian in spirit, and void of any tinge of sectarianism.

In these respects, as in some others, which it is unnecessary to name in this testimonial, I have satisfaction in recommending my friend and brother John Gemley, as suited to advocate the claims of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

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*(From President, Secretary and six other members of the Board of Directors of the London Auxiliary Bible Society.)*

We, the undersigned members of the Committee of the London Auxiliary Bible Society, having learned that a resident Secretary is soon to be appointed for the U. C. B. Society, would cordially recommend the Rev. John Gemley as a proper person to fill that important office.

His gentlemanly bearing, engaging manners, financial business abilities, his readiness and eloquence in the pulpit and on the platform, eminently qualify him to do the work of the Society, with the confidence of its friends in every part of the Province. He is a man of large hearted catholicity, and possesses, in a high degree, the candour necessary for the faithful performance of such a work.