

clothes, but destined to turn the streams of time heavenward, to "Create new heavens and a new earth ; wherein dwelleth righteousness." This feeble child of 1804, at twenty years of age had become so full of strength, and was putting forth such influence, that Leo XII. thundered against it and its efficient work ; six years later Pius VIII. anathematized it ; two years more and Gregory XVI. repeated from his chair the same sentence of "ACCURSED ;" seventeen years of silence was broken by the garrulous Pope Pius IX. It reminds us of a lofty Rock along the shores of the Bay of Fundy, jutting out far into the sea, when standing on it and the whole tidal force of the Atlantic is seen coming as a rushing wall of resistless force, the heart begins to fail and flutter ; will our rock stand ? with what force it breaks around its base, the spray bedews the face, and damps the garment, but firm as a rock the foundations stand. So with the Word of God, "it liveth and abideth forever." The Bible Society is the faithful ally of all churches who have nothing to proclaim but the Word of God, and the most befitting return the churches can make is to sustain her in all her operations. During the seventy-seven years of the Society's history she has issued over 21,000,000 copies of the Word of God in whole or part—and the American Bible Society in its sixty-five years of effort has issued about thirty-nine million copies. May God usher in an era of Bible study in the Home and the School, that all may know the Bible that is so graciously preserved, so greatly multiplied, and so extensively circulated ; then shall we have instructors of youth that will ensure a generation of strong men and women.



THE REV. EGERTON RYERSON, D.D.

Since our last issue the Society has lost by death not only three members of the Board, and its oldest colporteur ; but in them it has lost four of its oldest friends.

The Rev. Dr. Egerton Ryerson was one of its active promoters in the very beginning of its history. At the first anniversary of the York Auxiliary Bible Society held in the Steam-Boat Hotel, on Tuesday, the 9th of Feby., 1830, he seconded a resolution moved by Dr. Baldwin, approving of the steps already taken to effect a translation of the Scriptures into the Ojibway language, and recommending the further prosecution of this object. This effort of the Society was such as to appeal strongly to his sympathies, as he was at that time, or very shortly before, in charge of the Methodist Mission to the Indians at the Credit. This first anniversary meeting was a delightful demonstration of union around "the common standard of our faith" of men differing widely both in ecclesiastical and political matters ; for which in those days our sturdy pioneer fathers both felt and spoke strongly. The desire to give the Scriptures to the Indians, among whom he had himself laboured, drew the young missionary into sympathy not only with Dr. Baldwin, from whom he differed so widely in politics, but with the Rev. Dr. Strachan, afterwards Bishop of Toronto, with whom he had recently been measuring swords in the way of controversy on ecclesiastical matters. For although Dr. Strachan was not at that meeting, and had already changed his earlier and better views about Bible Society co-operation ; yet he could not, with his warm heart, refrain from giving a liberal subscription for this Indian translation work of the Society ; for as the young missionary said in his speech, "from almost every