

of the Kent Auxiliary Society, of which Mr. John Dalson was the first projector. The following was Rev. Dr. Strachan's characteristic reply:—

“YORK, 26th Oct., 1818.

“MY DEAR BROTHER,—I read your letter with great interest, and blessed God for stirring up in you the first conception of so good a work.

“I have communicated on the subject with His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor [Sir P. Maitland], whose zeal in the cause of pure and undefiled religion cannot be sufficiently praised, and he kindly promises you his protection. His arrival in the Province may be justly hailed by all religious men as a singular providence of God; for his exertions, as well as example, furnish the most reasonable anticipations of the spread of gospel principles.

“Our Society meets in a few days, when I shall inform them of your wishes, and have no doubt but that the right hand of fellowship will be gladly extended to you, and that we shall be able to give you assistance.

“I shall be happy to be of service to you in this or any other work of a like nature, and remain

“Your affectionate Brother,

“(Signed) JOHN STRACHAN.”

Further on in the report, it is stated that Dr. Strachan, in moving the appointment of the “Committee of Direction,” observed:—“The clergy of every denomination would at all times meet with the greatest attention from the Committee, and their suggestions be received with particular regard.”

Among the speakers at the meeting, held at York, Nov. 1818, were Hon. Jonas Jones, Rev. Mr. Cook, Rev. Dr. Strachan, Rev. Mr. Addison, Ex-Chief Justice Scott, Dr. Powell, Rev. Mr. Johnston, George Boulton, Esq., R. Horne, Esq., Jesse Ketchum, Esq., and Rev. Mr. Sampson. This latter gentleman moved an important resolution as follows:—

“That it appears to be the wish of different Societies to associate themselves, as Auxiliaries to the Upper Canada Society, for distributing the Scriptures without note or comment; to meet such general wish, it is resolved that this Society be separated into two distinct Societies—one for the distribution of the Bible only, the other for distribution of the Prayer Book.”

“Should this resolution,” he said, “be approved by this assembly, I am confident that *all denominations* of Christians will not only lend their aid, but add their mite to extend the light of revelation * * * confident that the Holy Volume is the source of never failing joy to the human breast, to disseminate which such mighty efforts have been made, and such wonderful effects have been produced.”

“In agreeing to this motion, Dr. Strachan said that he was actuated by numerous applications, made from different parts of the Province, to become subscribers to that part of the Society which distributes the Scriptures only.” After referring to the erroneous suspicions that attempts would be made by