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HAMILTON BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

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THERE is no Christian enterprise which enjoys a larger share of the public sympathy and confidence than the circulation of the Bible throughout the world. It is the more to be deplored, on this account, that attempts have been made, for some time back, to influence the public mind in reference to the management of the Bible Society in this city, and to stir up strife in relation to a cause which especially calls for peace. Two of the officers of the Society have been accused as men who are unworthy of confidence, unfit to associate with Christian men, and who deserve to be cast out of society. The majority of the Committee are accused of sheltering and defending these unworthy men, and of factiously disturbing the harmony of the Committee by refusing to accede to the proposed changes in the officers. The very existence of the Society has been imperilled; and in addition to its more immediate results, still more extensive consequences have been entailed upon religion itself, by the indiscretions, to use the gentlest term, of the parties who are now identified as the minority. It is not fair to speak of both parties as equally to blame—to represent it as a mere clerical quarrel, reflecting equal disgrace upon all the Clergymen who are members of the Committee, as well as upon the other members who take an active part in the management of its affairs. Whatever differences may have existed in the Committee, it must be