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JESSE KETCHUM, THE BIBLE DISTRIBUTOR.

For the last few weeks there have been in the daily newspapers several notices of distributions in the Public Schools and in Sunday Schools of this city of Bibles and other books, provided by what are sometimes by mistake called the Ketchum Bequests. On the 13th and 14th of December, the Rev. Dr. Rose, chairman of the Joint Committee on the Ketchum Trust with some other Directors of the Bible and Tract Societies, distributed the Ketchum prizes in the Public Schools of the city. On Thursday evening, January 6th, our President, the Hon. G. W. Allan, and the Rev. A. H. Baldwin distributed the Bibles and books among the scholars of Holy Trinity Sunday School, and on Thursday evening, January 13th, the Rev. J. C. Antliff and Alexander Christie, Esq. did the same among those of the Queen Street Baptist Church. A few other Sabbath Schools have already been visited in the same way, and some are being visited almost every week; but several have requested the distributors to postpone their work for some months. The Committee however intend that before July every one of the seventy-two Sabbath Schools, which have sent in their statistics, shall have received its allotment.

As we have intimated, it is a mistake to say that these books have been provided by a bequest, for Mr. Ketchum bestowed and secured this benefit to the boys and girls of Toronto long before his death, and during his life delighted to distribute them with his own hand. He was well known in both Public and Sabbath Schools, and his appearance was always hailed with joy by the children. Mr. Ketchum was not only one of the teachers in the first