

## APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT SECRETARY.

CIRCULAR TO THE AUXILIARIES AND BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETIES IN ONTARIO.

UPPER CANADA BIBLE HOUSE,  
Toronto, January, 1870.

DEAR BRETHREN, — Although you have, no doubt, already learned, through the public press or otherwise, of the unanimous appointment by the Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society of the Reverend John Gemley as their Permanent Secretary, yet we deem it desirable thus officially to notify you of his appointment, and of his having entered upon the duties of that office. We have also much pleasure in appending to this circular, copies of some of the testimonials transmitted to the Board in behalf of Mr. Gemley. Of the forty letters of recommendation received, we select only one of each class, which may be regarded as a representative from each of the various Evangelical bodies in the Province.

It would scarcely be necessary for the Honorary Secretaries, in connection with these very strong and decided expressions of opinion on the part of so many highly esteemed and excellent Christian ministers, to add any word of their own in commendation of their new colleague. They would, however, state that the Rev. Mr. Gemley has for the last twenty-eight years been an influential member of the Wesleyan Conference in Canada, and has during that time held various important positions in that body. He is an able platform speaker, and a gentleman of decided business capacity. Since his appointment the Board has had abundant evidence of the wisdom of its choice, as he has discharged his duties with great energy, ability and zeal.

With a view to collect and diffuse more widely among the friends of the Bible in this Province information in regard to the gratifying progress of the cause in our own and other lands, as well as to afford Mr. Gemley additional facilities for the more efficient performance of his duties, the Board of Directors have decided to publish, under Mr. Gemley's editorship, a bi-monthly *Bible Recorder*. This periodical in his hands will, the Board trusts, prove a most useful auxiliary in the extension and consolidation of the Bible work in this Province.

It may be gratifying to you to know that the Board have arranged that neither the appointment of Mr. Gemley nor the publication of the *Bible Recorder* shall involve any additional expense in the management of the Society's affairs over that which has been incurred during the last few years. The retirement of the third travelling agent, and discontinuance to the branches of the *Monthly Reporter* of the British and Foreign Bible Society will enable the Board to accomplish these important changes without any additional charge on the Society's funds.

We are,

Dear Brethren,

Most truly and sincerely yours,

(Signed,)

J. GEORGE HODGINS,

GEORGE HAGUE,

*Honorary Secretaries of the U. C. Bible Society.*

## COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS TO REV. JOHN GEMLEY.

*(From the Rev. P. Gray, Minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church, Kingston.)*

Having been informed by the Rev. John Gemley that he is an applicant for the office of Permanent Secretary to the Upper Canada Bible Society, and that he is expected to present testimonials of fitness to the Board of Directors, I desire to submit my testimony on his behalf, and to recommend him to the Board as one eminently qualified, in my opinion, to discharge efficiently the duties of the important office he seeks.

In doing so, it gives me unfeigned pleasure thus to express my confidence in the