

ary returning to the relationship of Branch to this Society, in which the Directors entertain the hope it will bear an honourable part in aiding our great Parent, the British and Foreign Bible Society, in its world-wide work.

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On the 7th of September the following reply was received :—

To the Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society

REPLY of the General Committee of The London Auxiliary Bible Society to the Memorandum of the Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society, dated July the twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

The General Committee of the London Auxiliary Bible Society having maturely considered the contents of the Memorandum of the Board of Directors, deeply regret that they cannot see eye to eye with this Committee as to the changes required to increase the circulation of the Holy Scriptures in the field occupied by this Auxiliary. We had hoped that those views as set forth in our former communications, and placed before the Deputation from the Board of Directors would have met with the approval of that body ; but we now learn that it is unable to accept the changes suggested for reasons assigned in five general paragraphs of the Memorandum.

I. In considering the first paragraph, this Committee is surprised by the expression of the belief of the Board that "the proposed plan would lead to the disintegration of the Society" and "would be but the first step leading to results in the highest degree prejudicial to the interests of the Bible cause." A profound conviction directly the reverse of that belief is strongly entertained by this Committee, which cherishes ardent desire for the maintenance of the unity and for the increased efficiency of the Society, and is fully persuaded that the changes proposed by it could not fail to promote both those desirable ends.

This Committee cannot refrain from expressing its surprise and disappointment that the Memorandum sets forth none of the grounds upon which the anticipation by the Directors of such prejudicial results rests. Had they been presented, as we respectfully intimate they should have been, we should have carefully weighed, and impartially replied to them.

II. In the second paragraph of the Memorandum this Committee is impliedly charged with seeking the "severance of the Branches in the London field from the Upper Canada Bible Society." This Committee disclaims the existence of any such desire, and cannot perceive, with the information it possesses, that such disastrous results can be legitimately anticipated from the modifications suggested by it. Nor can this Committee concede to the Board of Directors a stronger desire to "be true to the trust reposed in it by the founders of the Society" than that cherished by ourselves.

The Committee of the Auxiliary has never wished to urge any changes affecting the connexion of the Branches with the Upper Canada Bible Society without the intelligent and free consent of such Branches, and we respect-