

Lands of the Bible in other localities. His resignation was so strongly pressed by Mr. Taylor, that the Directors had no alternative but to accept it, at least in the meantime. They did this however with great reluctance, and at the same time not without a strong hope, which Mr. Taylor encourages them to entertain, that ere long Mr. Taylor may again be found as an Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

The Directors feel that it is only due to Mr. Taylor to express here their very high sense of the value of his services in connection with the Bible Society. His powers of body and mind, his untiring energy, his powerful eloquence have been freely consecrated to the Bible cause. And the present high position which the Bible Society occupies in Canada West may be in no inconsiderable degree traced to his effective agency. As a body, and as individuals the Directors tender to Mr. Taylor their warmest thanks and their best wishes for his future happiness and usefulness, while at the same time, they hope they may again soon see him in his former position.

Mr. Johnston and Mr. Ball have been engaged, the one in the East, and the other in the more Western part of the Province, in the successful prosecution of their work. The following is a brief synopsis of the labours of the several Agents :—

Mr. Taylor has, during the year, travelled upwards of 2,000 miles; made 84 visits; formed 6 new Branches, and re-organized 3 that had become defunct, and received upwards of \$3,700 on behalf of the Society.

Mr. Ball has visited 76 old Branches and established 8 new Branches, leaving at the present time 13 to be visited. He has travelled about 2,000 miles, and received on account of the Society \$3,259.

Family affliction somewhat abridged Mr. Ball's labours in the winter.

Mr. Johnson has visited 90 Branches, but in consequence of the state of the roads, about ten stations required a second visit. He has formed 4 new Branches, and received for the Society, \$3,743.

In consequence of the resignation of Mr. Taylor, large additional work will fall on Messrs. Ball and Johnston, but they will, in the meantime, endeavour, in dependence on the blessing and help of God, to undertake the responsibility, so far as practicable. It is their wish, as it is the desire of the Directors, that there should be no expenditure of Funds beyond what is absolutely necessary. In connection with this it may be remarked that after full consideration, the Directors regard a system of Agency as essential, not merely to the extension of the work, but even to its continuance. Experience proves that most Branches, unless visited by an Agent from time to time, become less zealous and energetic, and it is believed that many would cease to exist, were they not stimulated by the visit, however short, of an active and devoted agent. The Directors therefore regard the employment of Agents, in the present state of things, as a necessity, and they believe that the amount expended in the support of the Agents, brings in a good return in the form of contributions and donations for the general work of Scripture dissemination throughout the world, and in the interest excited in the cause of the Bible, and the advancement of the work of God.

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