

once made to it in the Report that it is not so large as last year, but that there are certain special reasons which, in a great measure, account for the difference.

Nevertheless, I very heartily concur in the sentiment expressed by the directors, that even the income of the Society last year, when it amounted to upwards of \$33,000, should not be the maximum in a Province so highly favoured in every respect as ours. While there are instances of special liberality in the contributions from some quarters, I do not think that in a Protestant, and, may I not say, a Bible-loving, land like ours; a land, too, which God has blessed with such general prosperity and comfort; a land in which competence if not wealth awaits honest labour in almost every department of industry, that \$33,000 should represent all that we as a community are willing to give for the cause of the Bible.

Oh! my friends, if we have really learned to love our Bibles, if the perusal of its blessed pages brings daily comfort, guidance and strength to our own souls, can we grudge to give freely, liberally, as God has blessed us, to send this precious volume to those who are destitute of it?

Let us resolve that this year shall be one of increased zeal and activity on our part in the Bible cause, so that if God spares us to see another anniversary, we may then be able to rejoice that the Upper Canada Bible Society has not only equalled but surpassed all its previous efforts to make known the way of Salvation to the ignorant and the careless, and to guide the perplexed and inquiring wanderer into the path of life.

The Rev. John Gemley, one of the Secretaries, then read an abstract of the Annual Report.

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." How beautifully expressive are these words of the blessedness of the divine protection and guidance. They exhibit also the correct knowledge which the psalmist possessed, as to his personal insufficiency for present safety or for future action. If to him such language was appropriate, how much more to the Christian with his richer light and clearer revelation. Such language, while becoming the follower of Christ, may not be inapplicable to nations, immediately and prospectively,—as it regards their conduct and their purposes. If the Christian is, by the "lamp" of God's word, kept from falling; and by the illumination of the sacred page, shining fully and clearly on the immediate future, is enabled to proceed in the path of safety, so is it with nations. Their stability is as much dependent upon God as are the feet of the traveller upon the lamp, whose timely rays show the danger and enable him to avoid it. Their future is as much dependent, for its prosperity, upon the divine wisdom and blessing, as is the safe and honourable course of the Christian upon the light that shines from on high. Every year is an important epoch