

earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

In carrying out the objects of the Society, Rev. Dr. Strachan addressed a circular, with a constitution, to “several Religious Societies in Upper Canada,” and also a letter, dated “20th Nov., 1817,” to “Lord Teignmouth, President of the British and Foreign Bible Society,” in which he says:—“Some years ago, I took the liberty of addressing your lordship on the subject of the Bible Society. The war [of 1812–15] coming on, nothing could be done towards establishing a *similar Society* in this country. * * * I enclose to your lordship our constitution [of a Society ‘differing somewhat from that over which your lordship presides with so much distinction,'] and hope it will so far meet your approbation, as to induce you to recommend us to the benevolence of the Bible Society, for a donation of Bibles and New Testaments, to be distributed among the inhabitants of this colony, &c.”

In reply to this letter, the British and Foreign Bible Society made a grant to the Upper Canada Society of Bibles and Testaments to the value of £100, and suggested that “any surplus funds” might be applied to the purposes “of the British and Foreign Bible Society.” As if to encourage Dr. Strachan to do so, the Secretary of the Parent Society added:—“It cannot but be gratifying to the Committee to see Bible Societies spring up in different parts of Canada, and upon its coasts. That formed in the Middle [Midland] District of Upper Canada [Kingston] has already remitted £55; that of Niagara £100, and a small one in Prince Edward Island £60.”

In speaking of this grant on the part of the Parent Society, the Rev. Dr. Strachan adds:—“Something beyond admiration must be felt by every member of this Institution, on learning that £100, of Bibles and Testaments voted to this Society, have been received. A magnificent donation, *worthy of that sublime Association*, which has imparted such an impulse to the civilized world—an Association which appears, since its first formation, highly favoured by the Providence of God; and which seems, *from the union it has effected among all denominations of Christians*, evidently intended to produce some great change in the moral condition of man.”

Further on in the report, the late Bishop says:—“When we look at the marvellous impulse given to the nations in every quarter of the globe by the British and Foreign Bible Society, for disseminating and reading the Scriptures, we are encouraged with the hope, that through the blessing of God, *the same success will attend us in exciting a similar spirit in this extensive Province.*

“This hope is strengthened, and in one instance happily realized, through the active exertions of Mr. Dankie, a Bible Society has been formed in Kent, on the River Thames.” Dr. Strachan then inserts a copy of Mr. Dankie’s interesting letter, addressed to him as “My very respected brother,” and dated “New Fairfield, Oxford Township, 2nd Oct., 1818.” In this letter, Mr. Dankie says that “a Society has been formed on this river, by the name