

great as was *her* need, there were other countries where the need was *much greater*. Did no other country prize the Bible? Yes! And yet God commits this work of faith and labour of love to Britain, and then rewards her for it as if he had said, "take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."

It is, indeed, a work of *faith*. With only £700 yet in its treasury it proposed to give the Bible to the world; and He, whose is the silver and the gold, has so honoured its large and increasing drafts as that millions have been given to it, and its income last year exceeded £180,000, or \$900,000.

What the Bible Society has been and has done for our home religion, I look for its doing for religion in Canada, to be a *breakwater* to the *inroads* of the sect spirit, by keeping a *neutrality* towards all parties in the visible church, recognizing them by the one name, *Christian*. We have all much to unlearn as well as to learn, and where can we learn it so soon and so thoroughly as in connection with the work of the Bible and its kindred societies? We have to learn that *all good* is not confined within our own sect or party. Once we were taught that gold was confined to one portion of the world, now we discover it everywhere; let us learn from this that like precious faith, and like fruits of a living faith, are among other bodies of Christians, and let us be sure and honour it *wherever* we find it; it is *more precious* than gold *wherever* it is.

If there is one thing which I dread more than another, it is the growth among us of the *sect spirit*. It is essentially Romanist wherever found; Romanist, and therefore anti-Protestant and anti-evangelical, not possessing one single feature in common with the spirit of the Bible. What efforts Rome has made to keep God's children apart is matter of history. What she is now doing is hourly experience. Rome is very *politic* in all that concerns her interests. She knows that the day of Protestant unity will be the hour of her immediate death-warning. She wisely puts this off by sowing broadcast the seeds of separation among those who should be one; and, alas, for the infirmities of even renewed man, they find but a *too congenial* soil in a human heart.

Guard, then, I beseech you, dear brethren, against what would make you less to each other than you are,—labourers together in God's husbandry, on God's building. "Love as brethren; be pitiful; be courteous." See 2 Cor. xiii. 11.

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"No more high-minded and honorable man ever sat in our Legislature than the late Thos. Kirkpatrick. He came to this country about the year 1830, when his uncle Col. Lyons Colley Foster, was Adjutant General. He resided almost continuously in Canada since that period, occasionally visiting his old home in Ireland. As a lawyer, Mr. Kirkpatrick was remarkable for the rigid conscientious discharge of his duties. He died in the 65th year of his age. Mr. Kirkpatrick for several years occupied the position of the senior of the Kingston bar, and was appointed Queen's Counsel."

But it is not as the honest lawyer, or the patriotic politician, that the "*Bible Society Recorder*" would ask its readers to cherish the memory of Thomas Kirkpatrick; but as the Christian laborer, specially in that field which is cultivated by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and its auxiliaries. For many years—a space, only a little short of a quarter of a century—the writer of this notice was a fellow worker with Mr. K. on the committee of the Kingston Branch; and afterwards, when, by an unanimous vote he was called to the presidential chair. Without grudging, our deceased friend