

# FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

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In the good providence of God we meet to celebrate another anniversary of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and in submitting their report for the past year the Directors desire to thank Him for the large measure of success which has attended their operations in disseminating the Word of God, and for the increasing interest manifested in this work.

This growing desire, on the part of the Lord's people, to scatter the good seed of the Word, is a matter of rejoicing, as is also the fact that "open doors" for the introduction of the Scriptures are continually presenting themselves; and we are encouraged to look forward to the time when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

While thankful to God for encouragement in our special work, we praise Him also for manifold blessings to ourselves—blessings both personal and national.

While on the continent of Europe the "dark war cloud" seems to hover over the nations, we enjoy peace and security, and all around us are evidences of progress and prosperity. May these inestimable blessings be continued to us, and may passing events, both in our own and other lands, be overruled for the spread of the Truth, and the establishment of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe this is to be accomplished largely by the circulation of the Holy Bible—"Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces." "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

We have to record the death of Mr. Thomas J. Mason, who became a member of the Board in 1880. The deceased was a consistent Christian gentleman, of a retiring disposition, securing the esteem of his co-Directors, and although prevented, for some months, owing to ill health, from attending the meetings, he took a deep interest in the work of the Society. While thus one after another is called from our midst, may we all remember that we, too, are hastening on to eternity, and may each be stirred to greater earnestness and diligence in doing with his might, whatsoever his hand findeth to do.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the total revenue of the Society has exceeded that of last year by \$2 873 69. This is in some measure due to the increased accommodation afforded by the new Bible House, and the consequent enlarged facilities for the exhibition and sale of the Scriptures, thus fully justifying the expenditure involved in the erection of the new building.

The Directors beg to call the attention of the friends of the Society to the fact that a debt of about \$2,600.00 still remains on the building. The Treasurer will be glad to receive contributions towards its liquidation.