

the great work that had been done and was being carried on now by the Bible Society, and strongly urging the spread of the Bible throughout the whole world.

The Rev. Henry Sanders read the thirty-eighth Report of the Hamilton Branch Bible Society, from which we make the following extracts :

LOCAL OPERATIONS.

In presenting this report the committee would first express their sorrow for the loss of one of their members by death. Mr. Alexander Thomson was only placed in the committee last year, and had no opportunity of taking part in their proceedings, but he was a true friend of the Society, and the committee would express their deep sympathy with his widow and family in their sad affliction.

The local work of the year has been quietly done. As the last report recommended, a more extended canvass of the city was made, and resulted in a gratifying increase of contributions, and there is no doubt that more might be done in this direction with great advantages to the funds of the Society.

The issues from the depot during the year have been 1,264, a small increase over the issues of the preceding year. Of this number, 680 Bibles and 470 New Testaments, were sold, 14 Bibles were given away, and a grant of 100 Testaments was made to the prison. The cash value of the sales was \$429.98.

As a matter of honor and justice, all Protestant Christians should support this Society in its noble work. Let us do so with increasing zeal, earnestness, and prayer, with larger liberality and stronger faith. Our work in assisting to spread the Word of God will abide. The empires which men establish will crumble. The discoveries they make will lose their value and usefulness. Science and civilization, inventions and commerce, can only benefit men for earth and time. All human things are destined to pass away.

Our little systems have their day,
They have their day, and cease to be ;
They are but broken lights of Thee,
And thou, O Lord, art more than they.

And the Word of the Lord is more than they are. Let us help in its triumphs, for that Word and its results will endure for ever.

The adoption of the Report was moved by the Rev. W. Lumsden, of St. John's (Episcopal) Mission, seconded by the Rev. W. Herridge, of the Gore Street P. M. Church, both of which gentlemen made appropriate speeches.

The Rev. E. Lounsberry, the Rev. James Little, Dr. McDonald, and Dennis Moore, Esq., also addressed the meeting.

The collection amounted to \$25.48.

THE LONDON AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the London Auxiliary of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held Monday, 29th January, 1877, in the Congregational Church—the Right Rev. the Bishop of Huron, President, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members of the various Protestant denominations in the city. On the platform beside His Lordship were Rev. Messrs. Wallace, Kay, Dr. Cooper, Canon Innes, John Gemley, W. F. Campbell, Dr. Darneil and W. W. Ross. After devotional exercises, the chairman briefly addressed the meeting on the objects of the Bible Society. He earnestly pleaded for their support, their sympathies and their prayers, on behalf of the Society which had so laudable an object in view.

His Lordship, having another appointment, here left the chair, requesting Dr. Cooper to take his place—that reverend gentleman acquiescing.