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What a compensation have we in place of our absent Lord ! As for myself, I am content not to look upon the face of my Master upon earth. This joy, I humbly hope, is reserved for me hereafter ; it is enough now if I can meet Him in His word, and feel His strength and pity in the hours of weakness and sorrow, of temptation and of sin.

But duty is co-ordinate with privilege. An obligation rests upon those to whom the oracles of God are committed. Have we the right to monopolize the precious gift ? It is God's book and God's salvation given to the world. Would you raise partition walls quite up to the body of the sun, that his blessed beams should slant only upon your dwelling ? Would you fence off the expansive air, that it should fill only your lungs and not those of your neighbour ? God's love is like the sunlight which bathes the earth with its glory. His grace free as the air which breathes over grass and flower, over land and sea, in the great round globe. You are asked to-night to aid in circulating these Scriptures through the section of the land in which we live, through the vast outlying territory that is beyond, throughout the earth, that all nations may be able to see "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." I am ashamed to make any appeal in behalf of what is so supreme as the Bible. One thing is certain, nothing of privilege or duty is higher than this to which you are summoned to-night. Next to the joy arising from our personal interest in Christ, is the joy of uniting with Him who is the Word in spreading God's thought throughout the world.

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## Bible Society Recorder.

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### BOARD MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, Feb'y 15th, at 7.30 P. M., James Brown, Esq., in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer led by the Rev. Mr. Botterill. A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Storrs, of Brooklyn, regretting his inability to accept the invitation to address the Anniversary meeting of the Society in May. Letters from the Rev. Mr. Stevenson, of Montreal, and the Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, were read accepting the invitation to assist on that occasion ; and one from the Hon. Mr. Allan, the President, regretting that his duties at Ottawa prevented his going to Montreal to represent our Society at the Bible Society meeting there.

Dr. Hodgins called the attention of the Board to a special report which was presented at the November meeting from the Joint Committee on the care of the premises, in regard to the very unsatisfactory state of the premises, and expressed an earnest hope that the matter would not be dropped, as it seemed to him to be absolutely necessary to consider the subject on an early day. Mr. John K. Macdonald gave notice that he would move the consideration of this report at the next meeting.