

ing. Mr. Herbert Mortimer, one of the oldest directors of the Bible Society, then presented Senator Allan, president of the Bible Society, with a beautiful mallet (the gift of the building committee) for the purpose of laying the stone, and in doing so expressed the pleasure he had in being present at the ceremony.

Hon. G. W. Allan said it afforded him great pleasure and gratification to be called on to perform this ceremony of laying the top stone of the building which occupied the site of the one that was for so many years the home of the Bible and the Religious Tract Societies. He did it with the greater pleasure, and esteemed it a privilege to have this honor assigned to him, because he believed the erection and completion of this building would be for the honour and glory of God and the good of many souls. He trusted that from this building would be sent forth from year to year, to every part of our Dominion, increasing numbers of copies of the Word of God, and that that wide building would be a centre of earnest Christian counsel and active work for the glorious cause of the Bible. The time was when the street on which that building looked down was nothing more than a muddy path through the remains of the primeval forest. They now saw the street thronged with the busy multitude from day to day, and they could not but be thankful for the forethought of one man who had provided among the busy throng a home for the Bible house for all time to come. He trusted that the words

“BIBLE HOUSE,”

would be prominently inscribed on the front of the building, so that they would serve to remind men as they passed up and down the street that there were other things than the toiling for worldly success to look for, namely, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

The company then repaired to the platform on the roof of the building, 65 feet above the street level, where the top stone was well and securely laid. Returning to the second floor, the Rev. Dr. Reid offered up a beautiful dedicatory prayer.

Rev. Mr. McGregor then presented to the Rev. Dr. Reid, as president of the Tract Society, a beautifully bound copy of the Revised Version (also the gift of the building committee) as a memento of the occasion. Rev. Dr. Reid said he accepted with gratitude this copy of the Revised Version. Looking back on his past life in Canada it was a great satisfaction and comfort for him to know that from the earliest period of his ministry he became connected with the Upper Canada Bible Society, and for thirty-three years he had been connected with both societies in Toronto. He rejoiced at the good these societies had done, and anticipated still greater success in the future. He hoped that a spirit of liberality would be manifested by the friends of these societies, not only in Toronto, but throughout the country, because this was not a work of local interest merely, but one affecting the welfare of the entire country.

Rev. Septimus Jones pronounced the benediction, and the proceedings terminated.

Toronto, 16th December, 1885.

BOOKS AND THE BOOK.

One thing I want you very much to be quite clear about. No amount of “good little books” will do you any good unless they lead you to love the Book of books. If you really love Jesus, you are quite sure to love his word. But one reason why some of you do not love it half as much as you wish you did, is because you do not know enough of it. And you only *read*, you don’t “*search*,” which is what God especially tells you to do. A capital piece of advice was given by a man who did a very great deal towards leading people to love and know their Bibles. He said, “When you take your Bibles, you should be always hunting for something.”—*F. R. Havergal.*