

ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK AUXILIARY OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, was held on the evening of January 8th, in the hall of the Mechanics' Institute, St. John, N.B., which, notwithstanding the inclement character of the weather, was completely filled, even the gallery being crowded. On the platform we observed, among others, Rev. Mr. Brigstocke, Rev. Mr. Overy, Rev. Mr. Stavely, Rev. Mr. Bennet, Rev. William B. Armstrong, Rev. Mr. Carey, Rev. Dr. Waters, Rev. Mr. Evans, Rev. Mr. Temple, Messrs. T. W. Daniel, R. Cruikshank, John Wishart, John Fisher, T. B. Barker, John Boyd, Dr. Waddell, M. Lindsay, and others.

The President of the Society, Dr. Botsford, occupied the chair.

After singing, the Rev. Mr. Evans, of Exmouth Street Church, then read the 46th Psalm, and offered up a brief, but fervent and impressive prayer.

Dr. Botsford, on rising, said he was always pleased at being present on this occasion above all others, and though the evening was not favourable, he was glad to see so many present, a fact which manifested that their interest had not diminished, and he hoped that they would continue to contribute and aid the work as long as the Bible was wanted. As there were other gentlemen to follow who would lay the subject of the evening clearly before them, he would not occupy their time any longer than was necessary. He held in his hand a volume of the first report of the Auxiliary, founded in 1819. In 1825 there was a resolution passed thanking Dr. Burns who founded the auxiliary here upon his retiring from office. He had been strengthened by one who had acted as secretary for a long term of years, and then became vice-president of the society.

The committee regretted the death of two members who had been called to pass through the valley, and they had every reason to hope they had entered into the Kingdom. The chairman then proceeded to read a number of notices from the first report of the society, drawn up by Mr. Patterson, showing in what estimation the work was held both at home and abroad. There were four volumes of these reports collected and bound by Dr. Patterson. The chairman then said the Ladies' Association in connection with the Auxiliary Society was founded in 1826, and that since its formation they had raised \$16,000. From the year 1819 the Auxiliary Society had raised over \$22,000, and the probability was, that in conjunction with the Ladies' Association they had raised \$40,000 exclusive of the other branches which had been formed. The committee of the Society, since its organization, had sent \$75,000 to the parent Society, though some of this was for books which had been imported. The Society might have gone on even had the labours of its founders, Burns and Patterson been withdrawn, but who could tell how much we owed to these men? God had said "Them that honor me I will honour." They were all called to be His ambassadors, and if they had not been honouring Him in the past, let them strive to do so in the future, and this sentiment ought to stimulate them in sending the gospel far and wide. After some further remarks the Chairman introduced the Secretary, Mr. Thomas Maclellan, who read the following report.

The Secretary, Mr. Maclellan, then read his report of the operations of the year.

The report stated that since last anniversary the Committee have met as often as necessary; that these meetings have been most harmonious, but that there is nothing very striking to report. Two of the friends of the Society, Dr. Patterson and Mr. John Smith, have passed away. Mr. Smith faithfully attended the meetings of the Committee, and strove to advance the interests of the Auxiliary Society. When in 1819 the New Brunswick Auxiliary was organized, Mr. James Patterson was appointed Secretary. When there was no agent in connexion with the Society, he corresponded with the office-bearers of the several branches, and until infirmities of years prevented him, he