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### GOD IS LOVE.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, the LORD so pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.—Ps. ciii. 8 to 14.

### ANNUAL SOCIAL.

Our Annual Social Gathering held on Tuesday last was a season of pleasure and profit combined. The attendance of Members was large. About 125 sat down to tea at 6.30 and at 8 o'clock the Business Meeting was organized in the large parlor John Macdonald Esq., in the chair, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Hon. S. H. Blake; Honorary Vice-Presidents, John Macdonald, Daniel Wilson, LL.D., Robert Baldwin, B. H. Dixon, K. N. L., Vice-Presidents, Messrs. William Anderson, S. R. Briggs, J. J. Gartshore, G. M. Lee, T. Dixon Craig, C. S. Gzowski, Jr., L. C. Peake, and J. D. Nasmith; General Secretary, Alf. Sandham; Corresponding Secretary, R. B. Ellis; Treasurer, Robert Kilgour; Librarian, W. A. Douglas.

Directors, Messrs. J. McDunnough, H. O'Brien, Hamilton Cassels, W. H. Howland, S. Caldicott, John Earls, D. C. Forbes, J. O. Anderson, Dr. George Wright, J. O. Bennett, John Harvie, H. B. Gordon.

In our last Bulletin we stated that the financial position was not quite so good as last year. We are thankful to say that the Lord has given our Association such favor in the eyes of the public, that during the past week the collectors have secured and paid over to the Treasurer an amount sufficient to meet all the indebtedness for current expenses, with a balance in hand of \$14.68. The Merchants of this city certainly know something of the grace of giving—and we are determined by God's help to prosecute the work, so liberally supported by them, in a manner pleasing in the sight of God and men. The receipts during the year have been \$4,899.11, Disbursements \$4,884.43.

The employment committee reported 368 names entered and 160 situations obtained. This number represents only about one third of the applications made. A large proportion of the applicants were not considered desirable persons, and therefore were not registered.

Membership committee reported: Active members, 237; Associate, 463; Life, 21; Honorary, 90. Total, 811,—an increase of 55. The membership fees were \$1,154,—an increase of \$160 over last year.

The report referred to the loss sustained in the removal by death of our late Bro. R. Wilkes, and of other valued members who had left this city.

Mr. Macdonald made the observation that the Treasurer's report was satisfactory, but he wished to point to one item in the expenses, namely, the interest account. He said he would