

a Branch Bible Society. The assemblage was numerous and highly respectable, consisting of many of the most influential persons from several Townships.

The meeting was called to order by Hezekiah Robinson, Esq., and the Rev. George Salmon, Episcopal Missionary, was called to the Chair. The business of the meeting was commenced by prayer by the Rev. Horace B. Chapin, Congregational Missionary, after which Doctor Rotus Parmalee was appointed Secretary of the meeting. The Chairman then explained the object of the meeting, in an address at once appropriate and impressive, after which he read an interesting address from the Agent of the Montreal Bible Society, Captain Maitland, containing much statistical information and an affecting appeal to the Christian public in behalf of a subject so worthy of engaging the active benevolence of all Christians of every denomination. It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Selly, Wesleyan Missionary, and seconded by David Wood, Esq., that we do form ourselves into a Bible Society in connexion with the British and Foreign Bible Society, which resolution was unanimously adopted. The draft of a Constitution was then read by the Secretary and unanimously adopted by the meeting, after which the following Resolutions were also unanimously adopted, being accompanied by appropriate and highly interesting remarks by the several gentlemen who moved and supported them:—

Moved by Horace Lyman, Esq., and seconded by Mr. Isaac Hyatt.

1st Resolved,—That it behoves every lover of the Bible cordially to come forward and promote the circulation of the Book of Life.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Selly, and seconded by David Wood, Esq.

2d Resolved,—That this meeting cordially approves the resolution of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, "That they will endeavour, within the shortest practicable period, to place a copy of the Sacred Volume, by sale or gift, in every family in Lower Canada, willing to receive it"—and do pledge themselves to use in this County all the means in their power, in reliance on Divine assistance, to aid them in carrying on this labour of love.

Moved by Mr. John Porter, and seconded by Mr. Atkinson.

3d Resolved,—That we are called upon to approach this great work in a spirit of humble dependence and earnest prayer for help from the great Head of the Church; and that we should render most hearty thanks for the great success of Bible Societies in all parts of the world.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Chapin and seconded by Mr. A. W. Barton.

4th Resolved,—That this Society presents to Christians of every denomination, a common ground on which they may labour without reference to party distinctions.

The meeting then proceeded to the selection of officers, viz. :—

President.—Rev. G. Salmon.

Vice-Presidents.—Samuel Wood, Esq., M. P. P., and Doctor Rotus Parmalee.

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. H. B. Chapin.

Recording Secretary.—Rev. Mr. Selly.

Treasurer and Depository.—David Wood, Esq.

Executive Committee.—Stephen L. Hungerford, Hezekiah Robinson, Esq., Deacon William Woodward, Horace Lyman, Esq., John Porter, Zephaniah Harvey, and William Dampier.

Thanks were then voted to the Chairman, and the meeting closed by singing praise to the Great Giver of all good, in the following words:—

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

ROTUS PARMALEE, Secretary.

In addition to the above, I would remark, that about fifty dollars were subscribed on the spot, to forward the object of the Society. The three clergymen residing at Shefford have engaged to ascertain the wants of the County. What progress my associates in this cause have made, I am unable to say. I have the estimate from eighty-five families, residing chiefly in the back settlements, most of whom I have personally visited, and can report as follows:—

These eighty-five families contain 478 souls, and 347 readers, including those at school. There are eleven Catholic families—four families which have no readers, three of which are Catholics, the others read or have some one living with them who can. The number of Bibles wanted is thirty-five, or rather thirty-one, if we strike off those who cannot read. Some of these eighty-five families have the New Testament, or parts of both the Old and New: some have remnants of Bibles which were given them with a farewell blessing, as a parting token from parents and friends the day they left their native land. These seemed to have been wet with many tears—were blackened with smoke—binding gone—leaves missing—and, in consequence of having no safe deposit, were sadly defaced, if not with tears, by the rain and snow driven through the crevices of log-houses. I have hitherto found a greater destitution of the Holy Scriptures than what