

## REPORT, &c.

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At a general meeting of the Bible Society of Upper Canada, held here this day—

His Excellency, Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieut. Governor of the Province, in the Chair.

After an appropriate Prayer, the Report was read by the Rev. Doctor Strachan.

“In presenting an annual Report of their proceedings to the Society, I have much gratification in stating, that it has been marked by an increased call for the Holy Scriptures; and this not only among recent, but likewise among the first settlers. But the stock of Bibles and New Testaments on hand being limited, rendered it necessary to be cautious in the distribution, more especially as great numbers applied who were able to purchase. Some, when they found that they could not procure the Bible gratis, were induced to pay a small part of the price; and therefore all that have been given in donations, have been, it is presumed, issued judiciously. The amount sold is £34 4 3. Two hundred and ten Bibles and New Testaments have been distributed during the last year; which makes the whole issued by the Society since its commencement, five hundred and fifteen. That a greater number was distributed last year than this, arises not from a falling off in the demand, for it has greatly increased, but from a more careful discrimination in selecting proper objects, and especially from the active exertions of the Diocesan Committee for promoting Christian knowledge, which distributed Bibles and New Testaments as well as Prayer books, and consequently supplied many that would have otherwise applied to this institution.

“The Committee appointed by this Society at its last annual meeting, to consider what measures could be adopted towards instructing the Mississagua Indians, and converting them to the Christian religion, have had several meetings, the result of which is a recommendation to assist in procuring a translation of the New Testament into their language, as the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures is the only thing that this Society can promote agreeable to its constitution.