

manly adherence to truth and principle, his loving and gentle disposition, and his catholicity of spirit endeared him to all who became acquainted with him; and his memory will long be cherished by friends of the Bible Society, not only in Toronto but throughout the Province. May we all profit by his example and life, and may we be stimulated by his death to greater fidelity and diligence in the work of our common Master.

The members of the Board desire to express deep and sincere sympathy with Mrs. Baldwin and family, and order that a copy of this resolution be sent to her.

Toronto, December 15th, 1885.

THE NEW BIBLE HOUSE.

CEREMONY OF LAYING THE TOP STONE.

The rapidly approaching completion of the new building on Yonge street erected as the Depository and offices of the Upper Canada Bible Society and the Religious Tract and Book Society, was signalised by a gathering of the friends of both societies, and the formal laying of the top stone of the building, on Tuesday afternoon, 15th December, Mr. J. K. Macdonald, chairman of the Building Committee, presided, and among those present were Hon. G. W. Allan, president, and Hon. Wm. McMaster, treasurer, of the Bible Society; Rev. Dr. Reid, president of the Tract Society, Rev. Dr. Castle, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Principal Sheraton, Rev. Septimus Jones, Rev. Dr. McLaren, Rev. A. F. McGregor, secretary Religious Tract Society, Rev. J. Denovan, Rev. T. Cullen, Rev. Robt. Wallace, Rev. J. M. Cameron, Dr. Geikie, Messrs. A. T. Crombie, J. G. Woodhouse, Warring Kennedy, T. J. Mason, H. Mortimer, M. Nasmith, C. B. Grasett, Pim, Kirkpatrick, John Young, Depository Bible and Tract Societies, John Harvie, secretary Bible Society, and others. The gathering took place in the large room of the building on the first floor.

The proceedings were commenced by Rev. J. Denovan reading a portion of the Scriptures, followed by prayer from Rev. Dr. Potts.

Mr. Macdonald stated that in connection with all public buildings it was usual to mark in a public way the purpose for which the building was to be used. Perhaps this was not the proper time for any elaborate ceremony, but it had been felt, owing to the new Bible house having been erected on an old foundation, that no service could very well be held in connection with the laying of a corner-stone, and perhaps it might be well to defer to a later stage of completion any appropriate ceremony in connection with the building now being erected. The committee had deemed it a suitable occasion on which to ask the members of the two Boards and their friends to meet within the unfinished walls to celebrate, so to speak, the completion of the outward part of the building by laying in its proper place the

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a simple ceremony in which the hand of the Lord would be recognized, and their hearts could go out to the Almighty for the success given to the two societies in connection with that building in which their future operations were to be carried on. Towards the cost of the building there had been subscribed a sum of \$9,000. Nearly \$6,000 of this had been received, leaving something like \$3,000 subscriptions to come in, and they wanted \$3,000 more in addition to the unpaid amount, in order to complete that beautiful build-