

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The thirty-sixth anniversary meeting of the Upper Canada Bible Society took place on Wednesday, May 3rd, in the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Hon. George W. Allan, President, in the chair.

The proceedings commenced with singing by the choir, followed by reading of Scripture by the Rev. Dr. Castle, and prayer by the Rev. J. M. King.

The President, in opening the business of the meeting, said they had met that evening to hear what had been done by the Upper Canada Bible Society during the past year, and, he trusted, also to stir up and encourage each other to greater zeal and activity in the future, so that they might go on in the glorious work which, as members of the Bible Society, they have bound themselves to prosecute—to send forth God's Word wherever there were souls to win for Christ. The Report which would presently be submitted he found to give a very favourable account of the operations of the Society during the past year. The receipts, as compared with those of last year, have been greater; and though branches had not increased in number, they had certainly increased in strength and efficiency. There was also reason to be thankful for increased efficiency in the agency work, and its results were by God's favour in no small degree due to the ability and zeal with which it had been carried on. The work of colportage had gone on very satisfactorily. During the past year 6,250 copies of the Bible had been circulated by means of the colporteurs. There was nothing he regarded with greater satisfaction or thankfulness than the fact that, little by little, the Upper Canada Bible Society, or its branches or agencies, were occupying ground and carrying on the work of the Bible throughout the whole length and breadth of the Dominion. On referring to the Report, it would be noticed that \$500 had been given to the Colportage Committee for Manitoba; and as a result of the aid given to British Columbia last year, the zealous and faithful services of the colporteur of the New Westminster branch had been extended to every settlement in that country. They had chosen a proud name for their land—Dominion of Canada—and he was sure that their earnest prayer was that that Dominion might be established on the Gospel of Christ, which offered the way of salvation to every one who would accept it. In conclusion, he referred to a paragraph which appeared in the monthly record of the Bible Society, from which it appeared that the population of the globe increased at the rate of eleven millions annually, while the copies of the Holy Writ circulated by all the Bible Societies did not amount to more than five millions annually. Add to this the startling fact that at least one thousand millions had never possessed a copy of the Bible, and the duty of Christian men and women to give the warmest support and encouragement to Bible Societies was apparent.

The Secretary then read an abstract of the Annual Report, which will be found printed in full, pages 11-24.

The Secretary moved the adoption of the Report.

Mr. Warring Kennedy seconded the motion for the adoption of the Report, which was carried unanimously.

Colonel Stace, in moving the first resolution, stated that he regretted that the British and Foreign Bible Society had ever been charged with circulating erroneous editions of the Bible on the Continent. The Report of the Parent Society, however, issued subsequent to the charges, in effect wholly cleared it from any blame that might have been thought attached to it. The resolution he had to move was as follows:—