

pertaining to this very weighty but ill understood and aufull neglected office.

I may add in closing, that the extreme rashness by which men are now appointed or appoint themselves to the elders' office, is grandly rebuked by a single fact in the history of the church in the city of Ephesus. Paul himself had laboured there for years, and yet he afterwards sent Timothy to set things in order that were still wanting, and among other things he was to assist the brethren in the appointment or qualified teachers and proper elders. It is very fortunate for us that the congregation of Ephesus was not fully in order when Paul left; for his letters to the evangelist there are replete with instruction to us upon the very point we must thenceforth consider. Meantime you may occupy yourself "after a godly sort" on the shore of Lake Erie, and I will employ myself on the shore Ontario, leaving Timothy with the Ephesians on the shore of the Mediterranean for a time.

Affectionately,

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Cobourg, Feb. 10th. 1853.

THE BIBLE UNION--ITS OBJECTS AND SUCCESS.

Our readers know, and all men ought to know, that the "American Bible Union" is a Bible Society, organized and pledged "to procure and circulate the most faithful versions of the Sacred Scriptures throughout the world." New York we all know is its head quarters. A Branch or Auxiliary of this Union was recently organized in Philadelphia, at which time various Addresses were delivered by the friends and abettors of the arduous enterprise. We subjoin an extract from the Address of Mr. W. H. Wyckoff, corresponding Secretary of the Union,—a perusal of which will prove not only interesting but highly useful to the friends of the cause in Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and the sections in the United States where this paper circulates:—

Through the influence of the religious press the American and Foreign Bible Society assembled in May, 1850, under great excitement. It rejected, by an overwhelming vote, the resolution,

Resolved, That it is the duty of this Society to circulate the Sacred Scriptures in the most faithful versions that can be procured,
and adopted instead the following:

"Resolved, That the Society in its issue and circulation of the English Scriptures be restricted to the commonly received version without note or comment."

"Whereas, by the Constitution of this Society, its object is, 'to aid