

munication had been held with the Rev. F. Gore Elliott, of Colchester as to the expediency of forming a Branch Society in that Township, and they have satisfaction in stating that a completion of this desirable measure was effected on the arrival of Mr. Richardson. They have since placed themselves in correspondence with its Committee, and have furnished them with a supply of Bibles and Testaments, sufficient to meet their present wants. The following extract from a letter, received from the Secretary, exhibits an outline of their proceedings during the brief period of its establishment.

"The Rev. Mr. Elliott, our worthy President, having put into my hands your letter of the 8th instant, requesting me to give you what information I can respecting our Branch Bible Society, be pleased to accept the following:—Our Society was formed on the 10th day of August, 1841. The list of officers is as follows: [vide Appendix.] We obtained from the Amherstburg Bible Society, Bibles and Testaments to the amount of five pounds. We have sold three Bibles and three Testaments—have given none gratis as yet. Our subscriptions for this year amount to but a trifle more than the sum due the Amherstburg Society, which our Treasurer was to collect and pay before this time.—Some of the Committee are about to visit all the Inhabitants of the Township to ascertain their wants, and solicit subscriptions. There are, at present, twenty one subscribers, and the sum subscribed amounts to £5 12 6.

"GORDON BUCHANAN, Secretary".

It is the sincere desire of your Committee to cultivate the most kindly feeling with this newly formed Society, and to join in a cordial co-operation with them in all their undertakings, persuaded that advantage must arise from friendly intercommunion, and from mutual encouragement in their respective labours.

In drawing their Report to a close, your Committee rejoice in being able to review with satisfaction, the operations of this Society during the year which has recently terminated. The liveliest sentiments of gratitude are also awakened in their hearts in finding that their own subordinate efforts, in furtherance of the important design committed to their charge, have not proved unavailing,—efforts which, if undertaken with a "single eye to the glory of God" and a sole view to the salvation of men, cannot fail to call down a secret blessing from on High.

Your Committee would dwell with great earnestness on the imperative duty incumbent upon all who are themselves abundantly furnished with water from the well of Life, to distribute supplies commensurate with their ability, to those around them, who are perishing for lack of it. No higher object can be found for the exercise of their Christian charity,—no more pressing want can be presented to them for relief,—and no act of love can be discharged which will more fully meet with the approving smile of Heaven. While daily appeals are made and as readily responded to, for the supply of *temporal* necessities, the more urgent *spiritual* destitution should not be permitted to pass under notice without exciting the most