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HISTORICAL REMINISCENCES OF THE U. C. BIBLE SOCIETY.

PAPER No. II.—PERIOD FROM 1828 TO 1840.—FORMATION AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE "YORK, U. C., AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY."

It will be remembered, as mentioned in our Paper No. 1 of this series, that in 1817, a Bible Society was formed at York, Upper Canada, chiefly through the exertions of the late Bishop Strachan, having a two-fold object in view, viz., the circulation of the Bible, and of the Prayer Book. Some objection having been expressed to this two-fold character of the Society, two separate Societies were formed in 1820—one designated "The Bible Society of Upper Canada." This separation seems, however, at the time to have had a discouraging effect upon the active promoters of the Bible cause, for the Society then formed does not appear to have ever gone into operation, but to have gradually died out.

On Monday, the 3rd day of November, 1828, however, a successor to the original Society was organized at a meeting held in the Masonic Hall, under the Presidency of the Hon. John Henry Dunn, Receiver-General of Upper Canada. At that meeting the following gentlemen took part, viz. :—Hon. J. H. Dunn, Drs. Rolph, Baldwin, Morrison and Burnside; Revs. W. Ryerson, Jas. Harris and Alex. Stewart; and Messrs. Robt. Baldwin, Jesse Ketchum, James S. Howard, (afterwards so long a faithful Secretary of the Society), R. B. Sullivan (afterwards Judge), James E. Small, James R. Armstrong, Peter Paterson, James Mitchel, E. Henderson and James Cockshutt. The officers elected were—Hon. J. H. Dunn, President; Dr. Baldwin,