

"justify the most pleasing hopes with respect to future generations. And what is said of the inhabitants of one country, may, it is to be presumed, be applied to those of others: Fruits of piety and good works, the genuine produce of the seed of the divine word, are seen to adorn the lives and conversation of thousands.

"In these testimonies, the members and friends of the Bible Cause, have ample remuneration for their exertions, as well as the most encouraging motives for perseverance in their work of benevolence. But I do not hesitate to say in the pious and impressive language of a continental Bible Society—

"If among the thousands to whom the Bible is given, only one weary pilgrim of this earth should be refreshed, one sufferer relieved, one weak believer strengthened, one thoughtless sinner roused, one wanderer led back to the right way, one who has fallen raised up, one soul saved, who would not gladly co-operate in such a work, and cheerfully bestow his mite in its behalf?"

The Honorable Justice Campbell moved, That the Report now read be received.

"I beg leave to congratulate your Excellency as President of the Bible Society of Upper Canada, on the great progress made of late years in the dissemination of moral and religious instruction amongst the inhabitants of this extensive Province. Of all human means for accomplishing so desirable a purpose, surely none can be more efficient, under the Divine blessing, than the general distribution of the Holy Scriptures amongst the poor and uninformed part of the community. The amazing extent to which this truly benevolent purpose has been carried into effect by our Parent Society in England and its various auxiliary Societies in different parts of the world, must be a subject of pleasing contemplation to all well disposed persons, of whatever country or religious persuasion, and it cannot but be particularly gratifying to your Excellency and to the members of this Society to reflect that we have not been found wanting in contributing our mite to this great and good work. What has already been effected by us, seems far beyond the expectation of the most sanguine, and may indeed be termed extraordinary, considering our very limited means, and the short time that has elapsed since the establishment of our Society. This appears in a most satisfactory manner from the Report just read by our Reverend and worthy Treasur-