

as members of Society. That to the Bible we owe all we have and all we are."

We have to acknowledge from the Tract Society a free grant of 150 tracts, which were given when we sent the order for ten shillings' worth. These have all been distributed.

It becomes our duty to remark, that during the past year it has pleased the Almighty to remove from among us one of our number from the Committee—one has been taken from his sphere of usefulness; but our sorrow for his loss is considerably mitigated by our believing him to have been prepared for the summons. May we all remember that a summons is on the way to each of us, and may we be prepared for it.

The Treasurer reports the total amount of receipts for the year to be £5 12s. 10½d.

The Depository reports sales during the past year as very small, which is attributed to the fact of the majority of families being fully supplied with Bibles and Testaments. The present stock on hand consists of 23 English and 12 Gaelic Bibles, and 63 English and 6 Gaelic Testaments.

(Signed)

HIRAM DENNY, *President.*

JOHN HOLGATE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BEACHVILLE BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Committee submit the following Report:—The Society has been but one year in existence. Being but in its infancy, much cannot be expected from it as yet. However, a beginning in the good work of Bible distribution has been made, and it is to be hoped it will progress to maturity in the hands of those who may hereafter have the management of its operations.

The amount of Bibles and Testaments received from the Upper Canada Bible Society, Toronto, during the year, is £32 5s. 9d. currency. The number disposed of is 178 Bibles and Testaments. The amount of subscriptions paid in is £5 2s. 5½d. The incidental expenses amount to £2 17s. 9d., including a book-case, which cost £1 5s.

Remittances have been made to the Upper Canada Bible Society, on sales, to the amount of £9 10s. 6d.; on subscriptions, to the amount of £9 15s. Besides the above remittances, the Agent has now been paid £2 15s. 1d.

The stock remaining in Depository at the present time consists of 88 Bibles and 83 Testaments, worth, at cost price, £19 1s. 3d. The Society stands indebted to the Upper Canada Bible Society, for stock, to the amount of £20 9s. 8d.; to meet which it is worth in stock £19 1s. 3d., and in debts due £1 0s. 3d. A goodly number of persons have been visited by your Committee, who have subscribed more or less considerable, part of which remains due, being yet uncollected.

Beachville, 7th July, 1849.

NINTH REPORT OF THE ESQUESING (NORTH) BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

It is a source of pleasing delight to the pious mind to notice the various agencies by which Almighty God is hastening the accomplishment of his Divine purposes. Among these varied agencies, we behold the Bible Society as first upon the list of auxiliaries to the Gospel of Peace, for the enlightenment and evangelization of the world.

The Word your Society desires to circulate is the pure Word of God—the Word of eternal life; and that Word which maketh wise unto salvation. In that Word God supremely shines, as God of Light, in whom there is no darkness at all; who, in his amazing mercy and love, hath freely given to fallen man a revelation of his will; and in that will is clearly pointed out the only way