

you seek him early, you will not find him. "To day, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Amen.

ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN EXAMINER.

Sir,

The want of timely information having repeatedly prevented our congregation, in distant parts of the province, from joining in public fasts and thanksgivings, on the appointed days, our Presbytery at last meeting, took the matter into consideration, and directed the following letter to be sent to Mr. Joseph.

Yours Truly,  
**WILLIAM BELL.**  
Lanark, U. C. 25th Feb. 1838.

Sir,

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Bathurst, held here this day, the subject of the late thanksgiving, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, was taken into consideration.

The highest satisfaction was felt by all the members, at this wise and pious appointment; at the same time much regret was expressed, that all the congregations of the Presbytery, except one, were prevented from observing this important duty, from the want of timely notice of such an appointment having been made.

As it is the desire of the ministers and congregations of our church to observe, solemnly and devoutly, the days of thanksgiving or fasting appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, it is respectfully suggested that, in future, some effectual means should be adopted for transmitting to all the ministers of the church of Scotland, in this Province, timely notice of the appointment of such days of devotion.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
**WILLIAM BELL,**  
Moderator.

J. Joseph Esq. Private Secretary,  
Government House, Toronto.

**THE ANSWER.**  
Government House,  
Toronto, 14th March. 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter, of the 23th ultimo, and I am directed by His Excellency, the Lt. Governor, to express his deep regret, that the shortness of the notice, for observing the late day of thanksgiving, should have been attended with the consequences you mention.

You are perhaps aware, that His Excellency expected daily to be relieved from His Government, and was naturally anxious to be present on an occasion of so great solemnity; but although the day was as distant as, with this view, could possibly be named, the Lieutenant Governor nevertheless fears that similar disappointments may have been experienced in other quarters, for no notice, except that of the Royal Proclamation, was given to any christian denomination.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient  
Humble servant,  
(Signed,)

**J. JOSEPH.**

The Rev. William Bell, Lanark.

PETERBORO AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The interest which the friends of the Bible cause in this neighborhood have taken in the exertions of the Peterboro, Auxiliary Bible Society, calls not only for gratitude to the author of all good but affords them ample encouragement to proceed in their labours.

The desire of George the Third, of illustrious memory, strongly recommends itself to every enlightened subject of the Empire, and is worthy of his most cordial adoption, "viz. That every child in his dominions might be able to read the scriptures." It is estimated that 172 millions and a half of the human race, nearly one 8th of the whole population of the world belong to the British Empire. This fact shows the extent of our responsibility, while it affords a wide field for unremitting effort—to realize the venerated Monarch's wish. Much remains to be done in the department of education, as also in that of the Bible Society; and were even this accomplished we have but fairly entered the field over which it is the object and business of christian benevolence to conduct us. 600 millions more of the human family, in all the eloquence of pagan misery, lift up their beseeching voice to bestow upon them this last gift of heaven, and shall we turn to them a deaf ear? and shall we in the noise of a clamorous selfishness drown the sound of christian benevolence, shall we leave them to tread their way into Eternity without that word which is a light unto *our* feet and a lamp unto *our* path.

"Hark! what means that lamentation,  
"Slowly rolling thro' the sky?  
"Tis the voice of heathen nation—  
"Come and help us ere we die."

"Christians—hear their lamentation  
"Christians—hear their dying cry,  
"And the love of Christ constraining,  
"Help them, help them, ere they die."

To us it is true may be assigned the most arduous and least grateful part of the labor, viz. *to sow*, to others the more pleasing employment *to reap*, but the mutual share they have in each others award and joyful sympathy which the eternal word exhibits, renders it a matter of small moment to what service the head of the church allots us. "For he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto eternal life, that both he that *soweth* and he that *reapeth* may *rejoice together*."

The committee of the Peterboro Auxiliary Bible