

The front, above the store, will be constructed of Credit Valley brown stone, and will be divided into three bays, with a recessed oriel window in the centre, and the top story will have a large central dormer window, with pediment and side lights.

The building is being erected from the designs, and under the supervision of Messrs. Gordon & Helliwell, Architects.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TO BUILDING FUND.

THE UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY AND THE UPPER CANADA RELIGIOUS TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY.

To the Christian Public :

The Societies organized under the above names, solicit the sympathies and benevolence of the citizens of Toronto, and the Province at large, in support of a movement, the importance of which becomes more manifest the more the present situation of these institutions is realized. The building now occupied by the two Societies was purchased by them many years ago, but the ground was substantially a gift from the late Jesse Ketchum. The accommodation afforded by the building has, however, become quite inadequate to the present requirements of the Societies, which have found here their headquarters for upwards of thirty years. Besides, the touch of decay, the unsoundness of so much of the material, the actual unsightliness and unsafety of the whole structure have conspired to render a new building a real necessity. The Boards of the two Societies have, therefore, decided to undertake at once the erection of a new and suitable edifice; and while desirous of embracing the interest of the whole body of Christians in Ontario, the united Boards believe that the people of Toronto in particular, will kindly receive and liberally respond to this appeal for subscriptions towards an enterprise thoroughly unsectarian in character, and purely benevolent in its aims.

The nature of the work carried on by the Bible and Tract Societies is now so well known, and has been so signally blessed of God, that an extended description is not at present needed. To circulate the Word of God in the various languages of the world, without note or comment, and to disseminate wholesome Christian literature, in the form of tracts and leaflets, and by works of a larger and more solid character, together with the living instrumentality of the Colporteur, constitute a cause worthy of the most zealous advocacy, and of the most cordial and liberal support.

It may be in place to mention that proposals to renovate and modernize the old premises were entertained for a time by the Committee, but after careful and competent inspection had been made, it was found that the cost of such renovation would be little less than that of a new building, therefore, in the end less economical, and in many ways unsatisfactory. It is desirable to state also, that the cost finally agreed to is very considerably lower than the original figures submitted, the Boards having minutely considered each and every part of the plan proposed, so that the amount to be expended is as nearly as possible the minimum of outlay consistent with the necessities of the business done by the Societies. The fiduciary nature of the funds, and the consequent duty of a wise economy, have, therefore, received the earnest attention of both Boards.

Any subscriptions or contributions for the new building will be gratefully received on behalf of the Societies by their respective Secretaries. Sums handed in soon will be of additional value, inasmuch as building operations will be commenced on the 15th day of the present month.