

value of two Testaments and one Bible to every twenty scholars. And that they impress upon the receivers the necessity and duty of using the grants only in the Sunday School, and that the books so granted be neither given away, lent or sold. And further, this Committee recommend that the Secretary be empowered to make grants, reporting the same to the next general meeting of the Committee."

In regard to the Psalms and Paraphrase question, we take the following extract from the Society's report:—"Finding that many of the Branch Societies required Bibles with the metrical version of the Psalms as used in the Church of Scotland, your Committee took it into their consideration whether they should keep a supply of such Bibles; but fearing to depart from the strict letter of the Constitution of the Parent Society, they adopted a resolution recommending and requesting the Tract Society to supply themselves with such Bibles, that those persons requiring them might be supplied from their Depository."

The receipts of the Society for the "sixteen months" were—sales, \$1,289; subscriptions and donations, (including one for Indian translation of \$50), \$508; total, \$1,797. Issues—871 Bibles, 1,200 Testaments; total, 2,071.

The most noticeable event of the year as recorded in the report, was the visit, on behalf of the Parent Society, of the indefatigable Rev. James Thomson, D.D., so noted for his Bible Society labours in South America and elsewhere. Dr. Thomson had already visited the Provinces in 1830. From his letters to the Society we quote the following extracts:—"Agreeable to arrangements made that I should visit some parts of the country. . . . I went first to the Chippewa mission on the River Credit. . . . I addressed the assembly. . . . Stating several circumstances and occurrences respecting the peculiar people in the West Indies, among whom I had recently been labouring. . . . And exhorted them to follow the example of the negroes. . . . Rev. Peter Jones addressed the Chippewas. . . . Rendering the substance of what I had said into the Chippewa tongue. . . . A Society was formed. Rev. Benj. Slight, President; Chief John Jones, Secretary; J. Howell, Treasurer. . . . Thus was formed the first Bible Society among the red men of the country." After summing up his labours, Dr. Thompson says:—"I found a very friendly disposition manifested respecting the Bible Society, and a great readiness to co-operate with it."

The eleventh report was for the year 1839-40. The public meeting was held in Newgate (Adelaide) Street Wesleyan Church, 6th May, 1840, Rev. Dr. McCaul, V.P., in the chair. The speakers were Revs. James George, W. P. Westall, W. Christian, J. Richardson, J. Harris, W. Rintoul, J. Roaf, Messrs. J. Ketchum, P. Freeland, T. Champion, J. Wickson, and Dr. O'Brien. The new Vice-Presidents were Rev. James Harris and Peter Paterson, Esq. Peter Freeland, Esq., succeeded Mr. Paterson as Treasurer, and Joseph Wenham took the place of Rev. Jas. Harris, as one of the Secretaries. The new members of the Board were Dr. O'Brien, R. Cathcart, J. Cameron, and J. Ross.

The receipts this year were, sales, &c., \$1,478; subscriptions and free contributions \$577; total \$2,055. Issues.—Bibles 1,162, testaments 1,609,