

OTTAWA DISTRICT BRANCH SOCIETY.

The 11th Anniversary of the Ottawa District Branch Bible Society, was held in the School-House at Vankleek Hill, on Saturday, the 4th January, 1851.

Chas. P. Treadwell, Esq., President, in the Chair.—The Revd. Henry Budge, Travelling Agent of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, opened the Meeting with prayer.

The President addressed the Society as follows:—

MY CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,—Another year has passed away, and with it many of our valued friends, who were, during the year, engaged in the busy scenes of life; and some of them who met with us, at our last Anniversary, are now numbered with the dead. The great question for us, individually to determine is, should we be called before the close of another year, are we prepared to take our journey to that country, “from whose bourne no traveller returns?” It would be doing violence to my own feelings, as well as an act of injustice, were I to omit to advert, in a particular manner, to the death of the late Rev. Franklin Metcalfe, one of our Vice-Presidents, who was suddenly cut off, in the midst of his usefulness, and in a moment called to exchange the scenes of this short, and transitory life, for a more happy and enduring state of existence, “Eternal in the Heavens;” and two members of his family have since followed him to the grave.

It gives me much pleasure to notice the presence of the Rev. H. BUDGE, Travelling Agent of the Montreal Bible Society, who will be able to give you much valuable information, in reference to the operations of the Parent Society, as well as of its Auxiliaries and Branches.

On reviewing the state of the affairs of this Society, and the great increase of our population, since the last General Examination of the District,—I would beg respectfully to recommend, that the Committee divide the Field into Sections, and that another examination be made during the year, upon which we have entered, and that every family willing to receive the Bible, be supplied, either by sale or gift.

The Revd. Alexander Cameron, of the Presbyterian Church, Vankleek Hill, at the request of the President, consented to act as Secretary *pro tem*, in the absence of the Revd. J. Anderson.

The accounts of the Society not having been made up in sufficient time, and the Revd. J. Anderson, the Secretary, being necessarily absent, there was no Report read.

The Revd. Mr. Budge, being called upon to address the meeting, delivered an interesting address on the claims of Bible Societies.

It was then moved by the Revd. Mr. Cameron, seconded by the Revd. Mr. Anderson of Breadalbane, and carried unanimously:—

That hereafter there be kept, at Vankleek Hill, a deposit of Bibles and Testaments, in connection with this Branch. That the Committee be instructed to procure a