

In 1870 a few Branches withdrew and formed another Auxiliary, named the "Western Ontario Bible Society," which still exists, with headquarters at London.

As time rolled on, this Society increased in strength and usefulness, its Branches and Depositories now number 584, which are established throughout the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia, thus covering the distance from the City of Kingston to the Pacific Coast and the Island of Vancouver, except the portion occupied by the Western Ontario Bible Society in the neighborhood of London.

The work of the Bible Society is limited to one object, as it issues and circulates only the *One Book*, and makes no profit on its sales; indeed, many of the editions are sold below cost, and the prices are the same all over our field.

The total issues of Bibles, Testaments and Portions by this Society since its beginning to the present time, amounts to 1,720,797 volumes.

The Upper Canada Bible Society is the largest and most helpful Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which is really the greatest Missionary Society in the world, and, in accordance with our Charter and Constitution, the aim and object is to assist our parent society in the extremely important work of translating the Scriptures into every language and dialect spoken by our fellow-men; and to issue and circulate the Word of God, thus produced in all languages, throughout the wide world.

From the beginning, this Society has continued on its beneficent course, doing such work as circumstances and opportunities presented themselves for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom; by the dissemination of the Scriptures through sales at our different depositories; by Colporteurs circulating *the Word* through the length and breadth of our extensive field, especially in the remote portions of our country, among lumbermen, fishermen, miners, ranchers, railway labourers, etc., etc., and placing Bibles in hotels, on board of steamboats and vessels, also trainmen's vans for the use of travellers and employees. Also by making grants of Scriptures to Missions, hospitals, prisons, etc., as well as families or individuals found destitute, and unable to purchase.

During the existence of the Society, many earnest Christian workers in Toronto and elsewhere in connection with our Branch Societies, have held office and taken active part in the general work. Space will not permit us to mention the names of gentlemen, many of whom have passed from labour to reward, and whose memories are revered.

It may be remarked that since the formation of the Society, there have only been three Presidents, viz., Hon. J. H. Dunn, from 1828 to 1845; Hon. Robert Baldwin, from 1845 to 1859, and the Hon. Geo. W. Allan from 1859 to the present time.

The office of treasurer has been filled by four gentlemen, viz., Peter Paterson, Esq., 1828 to 1840; Peter Freeland, Esq., 1840 to 1856; Hon. Wm. McMaster, 1856 to 1887, and the present Treasurer John K. Macdonald, Esq., who has held the office since 1887.

We must also make special reference to Ignatius Cockshutt, Esq., who is the oldest officer on record, having served fifty-seven years in connection with the

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