

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY,

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With the recurring events of the times and seasons, in the providence of God, we are permitted to celebrate another Anniversary of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

As Directors and Officers of this important organization we recognize the responsibility which rests upon us, and with gratitude we acknowledge the goodness of God, in the large measure of success and encouragement which has attended our efforts.

The work of this Society is two-fold—namely, that of placing the Word of God in the hands of thousands of our fellow countrymen, who otherwise would be without it; and in assisting the British and Foreign Bible Society in translating the Scriptures, and giving the "bread of life" to the people of every land, in their own tongue.

Thousands of copies of the Bible, or portions of it, have been circulated during the past year through our Society; many families who were destitute of the Scriptures in their homes were supplied by our Colporteurs, and millions of copies have been distributed, in many languages, throughout the world by the great British and Foreign Bible Society, and other kindred societies. Yet, millions of the human race have never seen God's Word, or heard His message of love, which is more precious "than gold, yea, much fine gold."

Christ and the Bible are inseparable. He is the Alpha and Omega of inspiration. The record of the redemptive work of the Son of God is contained in the Scriptures, and if the last command of the blessed Master—to disciple all nations—is obeyed, we must give the Holy Scriptures to "every kindred and tongue, and people, and nation."

"The entrance of thy words giveth light." In these times God has set before us an open door. The whole wide world is open to the Gospel message. The Colporteur with the Book of books can visit all lands, and we who have received the Truth, in all its fulness, cannot, if we are the true followers of Jesus, ignore or neglect the claims of those who are less favoured than ourselves. We are debtors "both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise."

That an increasing number of the children of God realize this, and consider it not only a duty but a privilege to send the Word to the dark places of the earth is evidenced by the increased liberality of the friends of this Society, as shown in the returns from the various branches. The citizens of Toronto have