

seasons I have spent with you, and shall remember with gratitude your earnest and affectionate attention towards me.

If any words of mine have been, by God's grace the means of quickening the faith, strengthening the hope or increasing the love of those among whom, as missionary, I have laboured, humbly would I desire to thank the Father of our spirits who rules the hearts and thoughts of His children.

For the token of regard that accompanies your address I am truly thankful, and I value it, not merely for its own sake, but, more particularly, as an expression of those feelings that cannot be rewarded by a money-standard and that are infinitely more precious than were material benefits.

Again I thank you for your kind address and the assurance of sympathy it contains. My heartfelt prayer is that God may abundantly bless you, and that He may strengthen us all so to live and work in the positions He gives us in this world, that we may look forward with firm faith to a home of peace beyond it.

DANIEL GORDON.
To Mr. Hugh Cameron and others, Folly Mountain, Londonderry.

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Letter from Mr. Wm. McLeod, Onslow.

To the Editor :

DEAR SIR,—It is with sincere regret that I take up the pen to notice the destitute condition of Truro, and the adjoining stations, owing to the departure of the Rev. Mr. Gordon, who has laboured faithfully as a missionary among us for twelve months. We have reason to acknowledge our thankfulness to God for his kind Providence to us in all things, but more especially in conferring privileges which have for their end our everlasting happiness. Such privileges we have enjoyed for a considerable time, and of Mr. Gordon we have to say, with a due appreciation of his work, that all his appointments to us were punctually fulfilled, while he laboured among us. We sustain a great loss in being deprived of his services, but we must acknowledge that in striving to build up the Church among us, he had many difficulties to contend with. The congregation is a weak and scattered one, entailing lengthened journeys in inclement weather, and over bad roads, a circumstance which would be trying to the constitution of any man, while there were other circumstances of a different nature attending the charge, which could not be avoided. Nevertheless Mr. Gordon manifested a firm and cheerful spirit always and in every place, and may he continue to manifest the same where his lot is now cast. We trust and believe that he will be found a useful and acceptable Minister to the important congregation over which he is now set, and we pray that he may be blessed more abun-

dantly in an increase of all his graces, and be a blessing wherever the Lord may send him. We are at present deprived of Ministerial services, but we hope that the success of those who have been successively called from us to superior charges elsewhere may encourage others to come and fill up their place. We hope that Truro will in the meantime receive occasional supplies as circumstances admit. I am &c.

Onslow, 1867. WILLIAM McLEOD.

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Outline of Address

Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Richmond Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, 5th November, 1867, by the Rev. James Kidd, A. M., Richmond, N. B.

SUBJECT:—"Our duty to the British and Foreign Bible Society."

It is in accordance with our usual procedure that as we derive benefit from individuals or things so do we esteem the former and appreciate the latter. Now of all the advantages which we can receive here the best is that instruction which teaches us holiness in this life and trains us up for blessedness hereafter,—and this instruction has its foundation and origin in the Holy Scriptures, consequently they have the first claim on our esteem,—and those individuals who prepare and circulate these sacred Books are justly entitled to all the countenance and support we can give them. Such is the most laudable design of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It is to spread the knowledge of God to the utmost ends of the earth,—it is to teach mankind salvation through Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of the world,—it is to instruct the nations how to be happy here, and happier in another state of existence. Think only what we would be without the scriptures among us,—the condition of the heathen would be our condition,—darkness and doubt would surround us on every side,—life would be stripped of its sweetest charms,—we would be living Godless and graceless,—without hope in the world. If then owe much of our social comfort,—much of our security,—most of our religious knowledge,—and if our hope for future glory is assured us in the truths recorded on the sacred page can we do less than strain ourselves to the utmost in endeavoring to spread these Scriptures over the world,—and thus instruct our fellow-men in the will and ways of God? If we are sensible of having derived much advantage from the Scriptures, is it not in accordance with their injunctions and spirit that we should do all we can to let others also partake of this advantage? Now, the great end and aim of the British and Foreign Bible Society is to influence the world, by scattering the Scriptures among all nations in their own particular language and tongue, to live holy and