

tion to the Rev. Mr Pollard for his prompt compliance with our request to confer with friends of the Bible cause in the organization of a Branch Society in the above city. From the accompanying full extract, taken from the report in the *Daily British Colonist*, Victoria, of April the 8th, we learn that the meeting was of a most encouraging character, and that a deep interest is felt in the prosperity of the Society by clergymen and other gentlemen of all denominations. His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor is the President of the Society.

"The public meeting held at the Mechanics' Hall last evening was both large and influential. His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor presided. On the platform were the Very Rev. Dean Cridge, the Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Pollard and Thompson, and Justice Crease. The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Thompson. The Chairman addressed the meeting at some length, and much to the purpose, expressing the pleasure he felt in presiding on such an occasion.

"Mr. J. Robson, as Secretary, gave a brief account of the circumstances connected with the movement for the organization of the Society.

"The Rev. Dean Cridge moved the following resolution, in a very interesting speech, in the course of which he referred to the duty of the clergy to unite in the great work of circulating the Scriptures :

"*Resolved*, that this meeting, in view of the scarcity of the Word of God in this country, approves of the steps which have been taken in the establishment of a Bible Society in this city, and hopes that Branches will be founded in other parts of the Province, where not already existing, for the purpose of supplying such want."

"Mr. A. R. Robertson seconded the resolution in a speech, which was much to the point and was well received.

"The following resolution was moved by the Rev. Mr. Pollard in an able and eloquent speech, which elicited much enthusiasm :

"*Resolved*, that this meeting expresses its grateful acknowledgements to Almighty God for the success which from the beginning has attended the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society and kindred institutions, and pledges itself to increased exertion and liberality in aid of the diffusion of the Holy Scriptures throughout the world."

"Mr. J. F. McCreight seconded the resolution in a few excellent remarks.

"The Rev. Mr. McGregor moved the following resolution, in an exceedingly practical and evangelical speech, which was frequently applauded.

"*Resolved*, that the cordial thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Upper Canada Bible Society for their liberal donation in aid of the formation of this Society."

"Mr. J. E. McMillan seconded the resolution in a few suitable observations.

"His Honour Judge Crease moved the fourth resolution, referring to the influence of the Bible in lessening and lightening the duties of the Judges.

"Mr. J. Finlayson seconded the resolution in a few appropriate remarks.

"The officers and managing committee of the Society for the ensuing year were then appointed. A vote of thanks to the President of the Institute for the use of the Hall, was moved by Mr. B. W. Pearse and seconded by Mr. R. Williams, M.A.

"The Rev. Mr. McGregor moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor for his conduct in the Chair. The resolution was seconded by Judge Crease, and fittingly acknowledged by His Excellency.

"The very interesting proceedings were brought to a close by singing the Doxology, and the Benediction, pronounced by the Rev. Dean Cridge."