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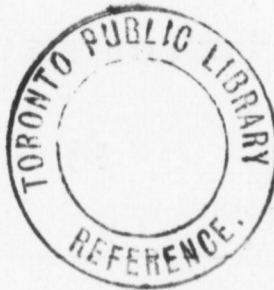
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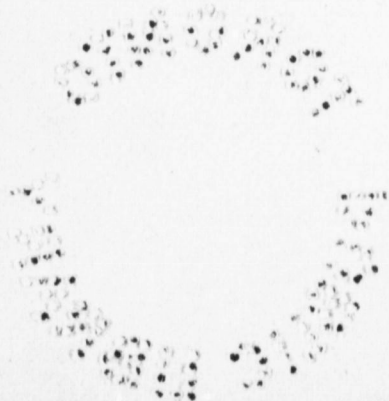


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R E P O R T.

WITH regret the Midland District Committee of the Society for promoting christian knowledge, present the second annual report of the proceedings of the institution—a regret which arises from the limited extent of their operations. With small funds at their disposal, they have been unable to recruit their stock of Bibles, Prayer Books, and other works agreeably to their earnest wishes. The stock in hand at the date of the last anniversary, has been considerably diminished by Donations which have been made to different Clergymen and other individuals, in pursuance of the acknowledged wish of the meeting; but it having been since found that a prosecution of the system of gratuitous distribution would too much exhaust the funds of the institution, and thus circumscribe the sphere of its operations, it was resolved at a special meeting, held on the 3d of Sept. last, that in future, no publications of the society be distributed gratis by the Committee, except such Tracts or other small books as are only stitched.

Other portions of the books of the Society have been sold to various Clergymen within the sphere of its influence. Whilst dwelling upon this topic, the Committee feel it incumbent on them to mention the kind offer of Mr. W. Wilson, one of the present church-wardens, to open a Depository on his premises for sale of the books belonging to the Society. From a measure of this kind, your Committee anticipate an increased circulation of its valuable publications, and additional augmentation of its funds. It is therefore their intention, at the earliest opportunity after a fresh supply has been received, to avail themselves of Mr. Wilson's offer.

It will be seen by the list appended to this Report, that the present supply at Mr. Baxter's Depository, is indeed reduced to a low ebb. With the funds however at the disposal of the Committee (arising from subscriptions,

donations, and the proceeds of a Sermon preached by the Rev. W. R. Payne, at St. George's church, on Sunday last) now amounting to £21 16 9½ (after the payment of the balance due to the Parent Society) they purpose without delay to obtain from Quebec, a stock for the supply of present demands, and to request from the Parent Society, such a number of Bibles, Prayer Books, Psalters, and other works, as will be more adequate to the wants of the increasing population of this town and District.

In extending their efforts, and rendering them more efficient for the instruction and confirmation in the faith of their own brethren, and for bringing within the Pale of our venerable church (if such be the will of providence) those who at present differ from her, your Committee earnestly entreat the co-operation of all the friends of the institution, and would desire to impress upon their minds, the necessity of not only cheerfully meeting the application for their annual subscriptions, but also of personal exertions to extend its beneficial objects by such methods as may be within their power.— They feel that the cause will languish and remain inefficient without this union of effort, and most affectionately therefore do they entreat their brethren to receive this word of exhortation, from a zealous regard to our spiritual Zion, and an earnest desire to behold her increasing prosperity.

Your Committee feel it their duty (a duty which they discharge with pleasure) to notice a Donation of books of the value of £10 sterling, which the lord bishop of Quebec (your President) with his accustomed kindness and fostering care, has made to the Depository of the Society, out of a sum of £300 placed at his disposal by the Parent Society for the benefit of the Canadas—and they have much gratification in noticing at the same time the Bishop's repeated expressions of anxious solicitude for our increasing prosperity in this portion of his lordship's extensive and arduous charge.

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made in the formation of a Parochial Library for the use of the poorer brethren of their church. The benefits of such an institution, are however by no means depreciated in their estimation, and it will still continue to be their anxious wish to accomplish this object as soon as a convenient opportunity shall offer.

In respect to the Sunday School (of which your Committee at the last annual meeting had to speak in terms of regret and disappointment) it will afford pleasure to the friends of the institution and the church of England, to learn that since the completion and opening of Saint George's church for divine worship, the school has been in operation, and, under the diligent superintendence of the various officers, and the exertions of the different voluntary teachers, has, it is to be hoped (with the divine blessing) been already productive of good, in withdrawing numbers of poor children from idleness and improper sports on the Sabbath, and bringing them early in life into the habit of waiting upon God in his ordinances, and learning his heavenly will respecting them. The average number of boys during the year, has been about 41, and of girls, about 45, making a total of 86.

With studied brevity, your Committee have thus endeavoured to condense the substance of the information which has arisen out of the proceedings of the past year—for any benefits which have resulted therefrom to the souls of others, they desire to praise God, the author of all good. Having a firm conviction that the cause in which they are engaged is a good cause, and that "this is life eternal to know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent," their concluding desire and prayer is, that the operations of the Society may increase ten fold, that her resources may be multiplied, and her exertions redoubled, so as to render her eminently instrumental in the advent of that happy day, when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Kingston, 14th Oct. 1828

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