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John Tyner,
John T. Wilson,
Andrew Hamilton,

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John McMurrich,
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John Cameron.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

RULE I.—This Society shall be denominated the "UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY," having the same object in view as the British and Foreign Bible Society, viz., the circulation of the Bible without note or comment, to act in concert with the Parent Society, as an Auxiliary, or separately, as circumstances may require.

II. The Society shall consist of all who are disposed to promote the object of the Institution, without regard to difference of religious

sentiments.

III. The Society shall endeavour to unite into one body all the different Bible Societies in the Province, and to concentrate all the Bible operations in the same, in order to give more efficiency to the whole.

IV. That this Society, besides its general operations, shall also act as a Local Society for this City and neighbourhood.

V. This Society shall maintain, in the City of Toronto, a General Depot of Bibles and Testaments; from which all the Bible Societies in connexion with it shall be supplied with the Scriptures, at the lowest price at which they can be afforded.

VI. The Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries of all Bible Societies in connexion with this Society shall be exofficio members of the Committee.

VII. This Society shall, if practicable, have an active Travelling Agent, constantly employed in visiting the various Societies connected with it, and in forming new Societies where they may be required, and in otherwise attending to all the concerns of the Society.

VIII. In the Annual Accounts of this Society, the labours of the several Branches shall be distinctly mentioned, as respects the circulation of the Scriptures, and the contribution to the Funds, with such other matter connected with them as may be generally interesting.

IX. Every person paying annually Five Shillings shall be a member of this Society; and persons paying Five Pounds at one time shall be a member for life; the smallest donations will also be thankfully received and duly acknowledged.

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X. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President. Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretaries, and a Committee consisting of fifteen other members, ten of whom may be re-elected-five to form a quorum; all Ministers of the Gospel, who are members of the Society, shall be entitled to a seat and to vote with the Committee.

XI. The Committee shall meet on the second Mondays of February. May, August and November, and at any other time when called by the Secretaries, or any three of the Committee.

XII. This Society shall hold an Annual Meeting on the first Wednesday in the month of May, when the Officers and Committee shall be chosen, the Accounts duly audited and presented, and the proceedings of the foregoing year reported.

XIII. Every Subscriber shall be entitled to purchase Bibles and Testaments to the amount of four times his subscription at the reduced prices of the Society.

XIV. The whole of the Funds of the Society, arising from the sale of the Scriptures, the annual and general contributions of individuals or congregations, and the Moneys received from its various Branches shall, after supplying the wants of the poor in this Province, defraying all expenses of management and the cost on Books, be remitted to the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the purpose of being applied to the general objects of that Institution.

XV. No alteration shall be made in these Laws but at the Annual or at a General Meeting of the Society, which shall be advertised.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO GRANTS TO SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

That, in all applications for grants of Bibles to Sunday Schools, the applicants be requested to furnish the Secretaries with an account of the state of the School. The number of Scholars and Teachers. The amount of funds at the disposal of the managers, and who are its officers -and why it is necessary to make such application. All which should in all cases be certified by a Minister of the Gospel, or some person of known respectability. That, before the Committee make any grants. they should be satisfied; first, that there is good reason to believe the School is likely to be permanent. Secondly, that the applicants have no other resources from which they can supply themselves, and that in making grants they do not give more than to the value of two Testaments and one Bible to every 20 scholars. And that they impress upon the receivers the necessity and duty of using the grants only in the Sunday School; and that the Books so granted be neither given away, lent, or sold. And further this Committee recommend, that the Secretary be empowered to make grants, reporting the same to the next general meeting of the Committee.

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I. The designation of this Society shall be the BRITISH AND FOR-EIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, of which the sole object shall be to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment: the only copies in the languages of the United Kingdom, to be circulated by the Society, shall be the authorised version.

II. This Society shall add its endeavours to those employed by other Societies, for circulating the Scriptures through the British Dominions; and shall also, according to its ability, extend its influence to other countries, whether Christian, Mohammedan, or Pagan.

III. Each Subscriber of one guinea annually shall be a Member.

IV. Each Subscriber of 10 guineas at one time, shall be a Member for Life.

V. Each Subscriber of 5 guineas annually shall be a Governor.

VI. Each Subscriber of fifty pounds at one time, or who shall, by one additional payment, increase his original subscription to fifty pounds, shall be a Governor for Life.

VII. Governors shall be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of the Committee.

VIII. An Executor, paying a bequest of fifty pounds, shall be a Member for Life; or of one hundred pounds, a Governor for Life.

IX. A Committee shall be appointed to conduct the business of the Society, consisting of thirty-six Laymen, six of whom shall be Foreigners, resident in London, or its vicinity; half the remainder shall be members of the Church of England, and the other half members of other denominations of Christians. Twenty-seven of the above number, who shall have most frequently attended, shall be eligible for re-election for the ensuing year.

The Committee shall appoint all Officers, except the Treasurer, and call Special General Meetings, and shall be charged with procuring for the Society suitable patronage, both British and Foreign.

X. Each Member of the Society shall be entitled, under the direction of the Committee, to purchase Bibles and Testaments at the Society's prices, which shall be as low as possible.

XI. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in May, when the Treasurer and Committee shall be chosen, the Accounts presented, and the proceedings of the foregoing year reported.

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XIII. Every Clergyman or Dissenting Minister, who is a Member of the Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Meetings of the Committee.

XIV. The Secretaries for the time being shall be considered as Members of the Committee; but no other person deriving any emolument from the Society shall have that privilege.

XV. At the General Meetings, and Meetings of the Committee, the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, first upon the list then present; and in the absence of all the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer; and in his absence such Member as shall be voted for that purpose,—shall preside at the Meeting.

XVI. The Committee shall meet on the first Monday in every Month, or oftener, if necessary.

XVII. The Committee shall have the power of nominating such persons as have rendered essential services to the Society, either Members for Life, or Governors for Life.

XVIII. The Committee shall also have the power of nominating Honorary Members from among Foreigners who have promoted the objects of the Society.

XIX. The whole of the Minutes of every General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman.

REGULATIONS

Adopted at the Annual General Meetings of the Society in 1826 and 1827.

I. That the fundamental law of the Society, which limits its operations to the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, be fully and distinctly recognised as excluding the circulation of the Apocrypha.

II. That, in conformity to the preceding resolution, no pecuniary aid can be granted to any Society circulating the Apocrypha; nor, except for the purpose of being applied in conformity to the said resolution, to any individual whatever.

III. That, in all cases in which grants, whether gratuitous or otherwise, of the Holy Scriptures, either in whole or in part, shall be made to any Society, the books be issued bound, and on the express condition, that they shall be distributed without alteration or addition.

IV. That all grants of the Scriptures to Societies which circulate the Apocrypha, be made under the express condition that they be sold or distributed without alteration or addition; and that the proceeds of the sales of any such copies of the Scriptures be held at the disposal of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

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RULES RECOMMENDED FOR BRANCH SOCIETIES.

I. That a Society be formed, in connexion with the British and Foreign Bible Society, through the medium of the Upper Canada Bible Society, for the purpose of contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment; the English of the authorised version only.

II. That the Society be denominated "THE BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY."

III. That all persons subscribing five shillings annually, or one pound five shillings at one time, shall be members of this Society.

IV. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, and a Committee consisting of not less than ———— other members; five to constitute a quorum.

V. That all Ministers of the Gospel who join this Society shall be reckoned members of the Committee.

VI. That the Committee shall meet quarterly, or oftener; the time and place of meeting to be fixed by themselves.

VII. That the Committee divide their sphere of operations into Districts, and appoint two of their own members for each District, to solicit subscriptions and donations from the inhabitants; as also to ascertain the wants of the people regarding the Word of God.

VIII. That the whole of the subscriptions and donations received by this Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses, to the purchase of Bibles and Testaments from the Upper Canada Society, to supply this neighbourhood; (which copies of the Scriptures the Committee are to sell at cost price, to members at the reduced price—one-fourth less, and to give gratis to those who they know cannot purchase;) and that the overplus be remitted half-yearly to the Upper Canada Society, for the purpose of translating the Word of God into the Indian languages, and supplying other nations, through the Parent Institution, with the pure Word of God.

IX. That a General Meeting of the subscribers be held on the day of ______ in each year, at _____, when the accounts shall be presented, the proceedings of the past year stated, a new Committee appointed, and a Report agreed upon; the Report to be published under the direction of the Committee, if required.

X. That in the formation of a new Committee, the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, and such three-fourths of the other members of Committee as have most frequently attended, shall be eligible for re-election for the ensuing year.

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The Rev. Dr. McCAUL, V. P., Principal U. C. College, in the Chair:

The Meeting having been opened with Prayer by the Rev. WM. RINTOUL, and the Report read by the Secretary, the following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously adopted:

I. Moved by Dr. O'BRIEN, seconded by the Rev. JAMES GEORGE,-

That the Report now read be adopted, and printed under the direction of the Committee.

II. Moved by the Rev. Wm. RINTOUL, seconded by the Rev. James Harris,—

That the measure of success which has attended the operations of this Society, and the continued harmony with which these operations have been conducted, call for thanksgiving to God; whilst the state of those throughout the Province and elsewhere who are destitute of the Scriptures, demands from Christians increased activity in circulating the Bible, and increased dependence on God for a more abundant blessing.

III. Moved by the Rev. John Roaf, seconded by the Rev. James Richardson,—

That this Society acknowledges with gratitude the continued assistance and co-operation of the Parent Society.

IV. Moved by the Rev. W. P. WASTELL, seconded by the Rev. W. CHRISTIAN,—

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Hon. John H. Dunn, the President, and to the Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secre-

taries, and Committee, for their gratuitous services; and that Pete Paterson, Esq., and the Rev. James Harris be added to the list of Vice-Presidents; that Peter Freeland, Esq., be Treasurer; and the Messrs. Thomas Champion, Joseph Wenham, and Wm. McMaster be the Secretaries; and that the Committee for the ensuing yea consist of the following persons:—[See list of Committee, p. iii.]

V. Moved by Thos. Champion, seconded by P. Freeland, Esq. iself to the

That the Laws and Regulations of the City of Toronto Auxiliang Bible Society be repealed, and that the same Society be continue under the name of the UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY, and that the Laws and Regulations for the same shall be as follows:—[See p. vi.]

VI. Moved by Mr. J. Wickson, seconded by Jesse Ketchum, Esq by our ins

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Rev. Dr. McCaul, for his services in the chair.

The Meeting was closed with Prayer by the Rev. Dr. McCaul.

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Before proceeding to report specially the state of your Auxiliary Society, your Committee, as usual, will take a short review of the

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The last Report of the Parent Society, being the Thirty-Fifth, for the year ending May 1839, contains much interesting, and instructive, and encouraging information. They had issued, from the Depository in London, 205,357 Bibles and 211,919 Testaments; and on the Continent, 37,773 Bibles and 203,019 Testaments; making a total of 658,068;—being an increase, on the previous year, of 63,670—and making a total, from the commencement of the operations of the Society, of 11,546,111. But, large as this quantity may appear, the thoughtful Christian, when he looks upon the hundreds of millions that are in the world, will be ready to exclaim, What are they among so many? May we be enabled by faith to see that God will bless his own Word; so that what may, to the eye of sense, appear utterly inadequate to accomplish the work of God, may, by His Spirit, be made abundantly successful; for it is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.

The income of the Parent Society, for the same year, was £105,255, 2s. 11d., of which £38,246, 8s. 9d. was free contributions from Auxiliary Societies—being an increase on this branch on income,

(i. e., free contributions from the Auxiliary,) of £1,363, 12s. 9d.: the uilding be expenditure was £106,509, 6s. 4d.,—making a total expenditure ract Soci from the commencement, of £2,529,985, 4s. 11d.

There were, at that time, connected with the Society, in Great Britain:

Auxiliaries,										352
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And, in connexion with the Hibernian Society—Auxiliary and Branch Associations in the Four Provinces, 538.

In turning from the affairs of the Parent Society to those more immediately connected with this Auxiliary, your Committee take the opportunity of stating that, in all their communications with the Parent Society they have experienced the most marked attention.

The past year has been a very eventful one in the history of your Society; changes have been made and responsibilities incurred which will materially affect the Society, either for good or for ill.

Mr. Cathcart, the late Depository, having resigned the office which he had so long satisfactorily filled, it became necessary for your Committee to make some arrangements that would secure to your Society all the benefits of a suitable place for the transaction of their business, and of an active Depositary. After mature deliberation, it was determined that, in conjunction with the Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society, a building should be taken and occupied by the Societies, and that the Depositary should devote his whole time to the business of the Bible and Tract Society; one half of the Depositary's Salary to be paid by your Society, the remaining half by the Tract Society; and that three-fifths of the rent and taxes of the

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So far, the plan has worked well. The operations of your Society ety, in Great ave been considerably increased; and there is every reason to believe hat the change will, in every respect, be advantageous.

Your Committee have been engaged in deliberating on the propriety f re-organizing your Society, and extending its sphere of operations ver all the Province; uniting in one Society all the various Auxiliaries hat are now in existence; and, with this object in view, they will submit to your consideration a series of Resolutions altering the name of your Society, and, in some respects, its Constitution. The advanages proposed by the alteration are to secure that unity of design and co-operation which is necessary when various Societies have one object in view.

Your Committee have endeavoured, in conformity with a suggestion made in the last Report, to ascertain the state of the supply of the Scriptures in the hands of the inhabitants of this City. Their Depositary has visited 182 poor families, out of which 35 were entirely

destitute. Your Committee would here express their great obligation to the Parent Society for the benefits conferred by the visit of their Agent, the Rev. JAMES THOMSON. He travelled through the whole length of the Province, establishing new Societies and awakening old ones; and it is particularly through the representations that Mr. Thomson has made to the Parent Society, relative to the necessity that there exists in this Province for a constantly-employed itinerant Agent, that they have made the very munificent grant of £100 Sterling, towards enabling your Society to employ such an Officer. This liberality, on the part of the Parent Society, removes one of the great difficulties that has existed to prevent the appointment of such an Agent. The other, and, perhaps, the greatest difficulty, the finding a proper person to fill the office, will rest with your new Committee. May the God of the spirits of all flesh so direct and guide them, that they may be led to appoint a man to the work who will be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

P. Paterson, Esquire, who has been Treasurer to the Society from its commencement, resigned his office into the hands of your Com-

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From the Monthly extracts published by the Parent Society, it appears that they have again very much reduced the price of School Bibles and Testaments, and have also removed the restrictions as to their being sold, given away, or lent. This will enable your Society to supply not only Sabbath Schools but Common Schools with the Word of God at a very low rate, and may be expected to hasten the time when the Bible shall be in the hands of every man, woman, and child throughout the Province.

The circulation during the past twelve months has been—of Bibles, 1062; Testaments, 1609; Indian Translations, 148; in all 2819 copies; being for the twelve months an increase of 748 copies over the preceding sixteen months. There are now in stock 667 Bibles, 498 Testaments, 1200 Indian Translations, and 194 Acts and Gospels.

The income for the same period has been £513 16s. 8d. from all sources; being an increase of £54 11s. 4d. over the preceding sixteen months. Total issues from the commencement, 18,151; income from the commencement, £3495 4s. 44d.

Amongst the various new Branch Societies that have been established in connexion with your Society, none are more interesting than those formed amongst the aboriginal inhabitants at Port Sarnia and the Credit. It is truly gratifying to see the Indian casting his idols to the moles and to the bats, and seeking to know and understand the word of God, and endeavouring, as far as he can, to disseminate that knowledge among others. The sum of £8 12s. 0d. has been received from the St. Clair Wesleyan Indian Mission Bible Society as free contributions from the Indians; and £4 19s. 0d. from the River Credit Auxiliary Bible Society.

Your Committee, in resigning their trust into your hands, cannot but express their grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for the blessing which has visibly rested upon their labours. There has during the past year been a considerable increase in the number of the Branches connected with your Society, and in many of them an

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In the Appendix will be published some interesting extracts from the reports made by the Branch Societies; and in all cases where returns have been received, the numbers of copies of the Scriptures circulated by them, and the amount of their payments and contributions.

An order for 2,716 copies of the Scriptures has been sent to the British and Foreign Bible Society, which are expected by the first

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One of the first objects to which the attention of your new Committee will be directed, will be the forwarding an additional order, as the order already sent will not be sufficient to meet the wants of the Society.

The Rev. James Harris has, in consequence of removing from the city, been obliged to resign the office of Secretary, which he has filled from the commencement of your Society, with the exception of one year. To Mr. Harris the Committee would tender their grateful acknowledgments for his long continued and persevering labours on behalf of your Society.

In resigning their trust into your hands, your Committee would humbly acknowledge the gracious hand of God in guiding them thus far, and would pray to Him that He would still continue to bless the work in which you are engaged; that he would overrule all the changes that have taken place, so that His own glory may be promoted; and that He would give to those to whom shall be committed the interests of your Society His blessing, that in all their works begun, continued, and ended, the glory of God and the good of man may be promoted, that we may all join in ascribing glory to God in the highest, and peace and good will to men upon earth.

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From Rev. J. Machin, Bowmanville.

Since July last we have sold, almost entirely to the members of my own congregation, Bibles and Testaments to the amount of £5. This you must be aware is a matter of no little moment in connexion with a country congregation in Canada. One of the results is, and one exceedingly gratifying to myself, that when I open the Holy Book to read a portion on our public services, I hear from every part of our sanctuary in the turning over of the leaves of the sacred volume, a preparation to accompany me in that part of divine worship. There is reverence and something at least approximating to a spirit of devotion in a feature like this. My own impression is that if all my brethren in the ministry would make the supply of their respective congregations in our village and backwood localities the object of their immediate and vigorous attention—the result would be an amount of satisfaction to their own minds as well as good to their people, little anticipated.

Allow me, Dear Sir, to suggest that the principle upon which you supply gratuitous to Sabbath Schools is, as far as the country is concerned, too restricted; our wants in the country are really greater, and our means of supplying them less than in such places as Toronto, Cobourg, &c. In some instances a school of 20 children would be a large school for the neighbourhood, and the grant of only one Testament. could be of little or no use.

I refer this arrangement to no illiberality of spirit on the part of the Bible Society Committee, but to their want of means to be more liberal.

My reasons for thus noticing the matter are, the anxiety I feel for increased facilities for the supply of Sabbath Schools with the word of God in this Province, assured as I am that through such means mighty moral and religious purposes are to be accomplished, and the humble hope that this notice of the subject may serve to direct the attention of your Committee specially to this object.

From the Rev. Benjamin Slight, Credit.

On the 9th May, 1839, the Rev. J. Thomson, the respected agent of the Parent Society formed an Auxiliary Bible Society at the Credit Mission, which, he informed us, was the *first* ever formed among the Red Men. Considerable interest was excited by the speech he delivered on the occasion, as also by one delivered by the Rev. W. Scott, Wesleyan Minister.

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From Mr. J. B. Osborne, Clinton.

I might only now remark in passing, that of 223 Bibles and Testaments placed under my care only 38 remain;—the remainder, say 185, having been sold, partly at the list price and partly at the reduced price, and distributed gratis by the direction of the committee.

From the Rev. William Reid, Colborne.

We have been carrying on a visitation of every house in the township. It has not been completed, but from the returns already made, there appears to be a greater destitution of the Scriptures than could have been anticipated. We have not much cash in hand yet, only a little more than £5. It shall be remitted in the course of a short time.

EXTRACT FROM THEIR RULES.

"6. This Society shall make it a primary concern to visit every house in this place and neighbourhood in order to ascertain where the Scriptures are wanting, and shall supply all who need by sale or otherwise, as circumstances may direct."

From P. Thornton, Esq., Gore.

We have regular visitors for the different sections of the town, and these not having, as yet, made their returns preparatory to the annual report, I am not prepared to give you such minute information as I otherwise would have done. In our progress we have had nothing particular to boast of in the way of success, but there has been sufficient to encourage perseverance. The first moment after the last annual meeting was to ascertain whether there was any family in the town destitute of the word of life. This has been accomplished by means of female visitors who voluntarily undertook as a labor of love to visit each and every family in their several districts. The activity and prudence with which they performed their duties have merited the unqualified approbation of the Committee. Some families were found totally destitute of the word of God, but these were by no means so numerous as had been anticipated. A few New Testaments have been distributed gratis to persons in abject poverty, but in general those who were in want of Bibles cheerfully paid for them, (by instalments or otherwise) when they learned the reasonable terms on which the society was ready to supply them. The visitation has not been confined to the town, but has also included a portion of the vicinity; from that branch however there has been no return. A deputation of the committee visited the Jail last summer, and found several of the prisoners anxious to get a Bible into their possession. These were supplied under such regulations as the committee deemed necessary to prevent abuses. The society has certainly done more since June last than at any former period during twice the length of time.

It seems that the change of the designation of the society has had a good effect, as since that three Auxiliaries have been formed; one of which lately sent an order for Bibles and Testaments to the amount of \$100, and supplied to about the amount of \$80. This Auxiliary numbers among its most active members two of the most influential Magistrates in the District. Such is an outline of our proceeding. I am aware it should have been more extended and particular; but as I am precluded from either extending or particularizing at present, I shall embrace an early opportunity, God willing, to send you our Annual Report as soon after publication as possible.

From Dr. J. Salter, London, U. C.

Although the prevailing interest in the Bible cause does not keep pace with our best wishes, yet, from the increasing sale of Scripture copies, and the difficulty we find in supplying the demand, we have no reason to believe that matters in this quarter are retrogading. The late political disturbances have so disorganized this District in particular, that it has been found difficult for parties to unite in harmony sufficient to produce those good and great results which, (as

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Extracts from the Report of the Streetsville Branch.

The transactions of Your Committee since the organization of the Society, in May last, may be stated in a few words. Free contributions have been obtained to the amount of £6 7s. 6d., while several subscriptions are as yet unpaid. Copies of the Scriptures have been sold to the amount of £6 13s. 11d., of which £1 17s. 5d. is due to the Depository; and three Bibles, of the value of 15s. 11d., were given to families who were considered proper objects of charity.

In our own neighbourhood several families are still to be found who have not any portion of the Sacred Scriptures. Yet, even with some of these who blindly follow "the commandments of men" instead of the word of the living God, it may be presumed that kind and judicious exertions would be effectual, through the Divine blessing, of leading them both to receive and study the Sacred volume for themselves. And, then, though in most of the houses around us one copy, at least, of the Scriptures is to be found, it should be kept in mind, that nothing short of one copy for every individual who can read constitutes a full supply of Bibles for a family. This statement will not be thought exaggerated by those who value the Word of God aright. Were sires and children to esteem it like Job of old, as "more to them

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From the Rev. W. McKillican, St. Thomas.

I am requested by the Committee of the St. Thomas Bible Society to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to regret that it could not be answered sooner. The Society was instituted in March, 1832, and disseminated over the country, since that time till August last, 360 Bibles and Testaments at a charge of £69 15s.3d. On the 26th of August last, the Society was re-organized under that indefatigable and zealous Agent, the Rev. Mr. Thomson, and it is confidently hoped, though many obstacles intervene, that it will now continue in a vigorous state.

Cash now in Treasurer's hands, £23 8s. 7d., which will be transmitted to you by bills, or order, in a few days; the balance due as soon as possible. The cash on hand is from donations which will be increased shortly; sales, and a collection from the Aldboro' congregation, by the Secretary, of 18s. 11d. The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on the 27th of January, 1840; on which occasion the Rev. Mr. Cronyn, of London, preached; the Secretary read a Report, which will shortly be published and circulated among the members, a copy of which will be transmitted to you. E. Ermatinger was elected President; Rev. W. McKillican & J. Drake, Secretaries; Mr. Russell, Treasurer; Mr. Tevin, Depositary; and a Committee. The bounds of the Society were previously divided into

26 districts, and two collectors appointed for each; instructions, with a schedule, and columns for the following queries, to be filled up: Residence; No. in a family; No. who can read; No. at School; Copies possessed of Bibles, Testaments; Denomination; On what terms receive the Bible, and Donations. Their progress and success will be better known when you see our Report. The proceeds are, in the first instance, to be devoted to the payment of arrears; if a balance remains, deductions are to be made to meet the wants of the poor. There are many without Bibles in their families, and if you were to deduct or cancel the debt due, by a judicious distribution of our books, with frequent visitation, we might make grants, which might be ultimately useful to those just now negligent of the Word of God.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM REV. JAS. THOMSON.

Montreal, 3d April, 1840.

MY DEAR SIR,

Your letter of the 13th February was duly received by me in Cobourg, to which, according to advice, it was sent. Through want of notice properly given about our projected Bible meeting there, on the part of the person chiefly entrusted with it, we had no meeting at all; and that to the regret of many friends who feel a great desire to see a Society well established in that place, which is important in many respects as a suitable spot for such an institution. Ever since that failure I have had it particularly on my mind to write you very especially upon the subject, and to urge you by all means, and before long, to attend to that place, and to some places lying between it and your City. At the same time it was my intention to draw your mind closely to the subject of an Agent for your Society; an arrangement which seems absolutely necessary if you are to extend your operations over the Province and concentrate them in Toronto. Happily I have delayed writing you on this latter point until I could write you with some effect in the form of offering to you substantial help. You know, I believe, that I represented your case, in regard to this matter, to the Parent Society. I am glad in being able to say that the application has not been in vain, as you will see in the Resolution of which I have given you a copy:

"Resolved—That it be recommended to the General Committee to authorise the Committee of the Upper Canada Bible Society to draw for the sum of One Hundred Pounds in the course of the present

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"London, 10th January, 1840."

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ito w With this Resolution now before you, and with your chief difficulty removed, I would beg you to call a Committee meeting at an early day, in order to take immediate and effective means for procuring and employing the services of an Agent, to go over the length and breadth of your great Bible field. I pray that God may direct you to a suitable person. Be kind enough to let me hear early from you on this point, and on others affecting your present state and prospects as a

Bible Society.

In about three weeks I intend to leave this country for New Brunswick. I shall not, however, forget the Upper Canada Bible Society, and the many friends who throughout your Bible field have showed me so much kindness. The Lord reward you all, and the Lord prosper all your Bible labours. Get the Bible into every house and hand; and from every house and hand get something yearly, for the purpose of spreading the Word of God among all nations. God has greatly favoured your Province, and every one has more than two mites for the Bible Society if he would give it.

POSTSCRIPT.

By the British Queen, 20th May.

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