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The THIRTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY of this Society was held in Exeter Hall, London, on Wednesday, May 3d; the Right Hon. LORD BEXLEY, President, in the Chair.

From the Report, an abstract of which was read at the meeting, it appeared that the issues of the year had amounted to 541,843 copies; of which number, 163,046 had been issued from Depôts abroad. The total number of copies issued by the Society, since its commencement, was 10,293,645.

The Funds of the Society were reported to be the largest ever received in a single year; having amounted to £108,740 19s. 11d. The donations had amounted to £13,989 6s. 11d; being an increase of £11,125 7s. 3d. as compared with the preceding year. The Legacies had amounted to £9995 6s. 8; shewing an increase of £5382 17s. 7d. The Free Contributions from Auxiliary Societies had been £30,633 19s. 8d; and on this item also there appeared a considerable increase. The total amount received for the Negro Fund, from its first opening to the 31st of March 1837, when it was closed, had reached £10,249 5s. 9d; while the cost of the Testaments required had only amounted to £12,657 2s. But it was proposed to hold the balance in reserve, for the purpose of supplying the Negroes at the Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius, &c. The Expenditure of the Society, during

the year, had amounted to £103,171 5s. 2d., and its present engagements exceeded £40,000.

The meeting was most numerously and respectably attended, and the speeches delivered on the occasion, of a very encouraging character, richly imbued; too, with pious and devout sentiment.

LORD GLENELG, Secretary of State for the Colonies, among many other excellent remarks, observed as follows:—

“It is well, my Lord, at times, to meet on what the Report terms ‘common ground,’ and it is still better if that common ground be holy ground—if we meet (as I trust we do this day) under that standard which has been exalted for all nations—the standard of the Cross—our emblem and pledge of woe, and expiation, and rescue, and triumph; that standard which is associated with so many memorable and mysterious recollections, at once plain and sublime—at once so clear as to perfect praise from the lips of infancy, and so profound as to elude the keenest eye of angelic intelligence. My Lord, it gave me the highest satisfaction to hear, both from the Report and in the speech of the Right Rev. Prelate who has just sat down, deductions from the nature of this Institution, such as must have delighted this Assembly. If, indeed, the Cross be our standard, then, not only in those few moments in which we are assembled here, should we lay aside all angry passions and discordant interests of common life, but, at all times, we who are engaged in this cause ought to be distinguished by that spirit of benevolence, which is its fundamental principle, and its chief and primary object.”

Dr. Cox, of Hackney, gave the following illustration of the value and power of Divine truth, even when presented in fragments:

"A circumstance was lately brought to my knowledge, by an individual from the East Indies, which tends to illustrate the importance and value of the Bible; and to show in what various ways its benefits may be displayed, when we are not, perhaps, conscious of the happy effects which it is secretly producing. Archdeacon Corrie, now Bishop of Madras, was, at the time of which I speak, the Chaplain of Allahabad. At that time there was no Hindostanee version of the Scriptures; and it was his custom to translate, on small bits of paper, striking passages of Scripture into the Hindostanee language, and every morning distribute these papers at his door. Twenty years afterwards, he received a communication from a Missionary at Allahabad, who informed him that a person in ill health had arrived there, and that he had been to visit him. He had come to see his friends, and die among them, after an absence of more than twenty years. The Missionary had visited him there several times, and was so astonished at his knowledge of the Scripture, and his impression of its great realities, that he put the question, 'How is it, my friend, that you are so well informed in the Sacred Scriptures? You have told me you have never seen a Missionary in your life, nor any one to teach you the way of life and salvation!' And what was his answer, my Lord? He put his hand behind his pillow, and drew out a bundle of well-worn and tattered bits of paper; and he said, 'From these bits of paper, which a Sahib distributed at his door, whom I have never seen since, have I learned all. These papers, which I received twenty years ago, and have read every day, till they are thus tumbled and spoiled, are passages of Scripture in the Hindostanee language; from them I have derived all the information on eternal realities which I now possess. This, said he, is the source of my information; thence I have derived my knowledge.'"

The meeting was extremely gratified by the appearance on the platform of a coloured preacher of the Negro race, who was once in the bonds of slavery, but has now been for several years employed in preaching the gospel to his fellow-Negroes. This was the Rev. Mr. Fraser, from Antigua, whose speech not only indicated a considerable portion of piety and talent, but made a great impression upon a deeply attentive auditory. Referring to the act of the Society in sending the Bible to the slaves, he exclaimed:

"This was, indeed, to the Negro Race, like waving a torch across the gloom which enveloped us; this was to draw out your souls to us hungry and famishing men; this was to discover the spring in the burning desert, and to cry to us, 'Come, come, without distinction! and come all!' This was to make us triumph over our condition, and to make us exclaim, 'Would to God that all men were even as we are, except our bonds!'"

He related the following incidents:

"The names of Mr. and Mrs. Thwaites are well known in the Island of Antigua, as connected with all efforts of practical education. Mrs. Thwaites gave to a girl, who attended one of their Sunday Schools, a Bible. Nancy—for that was her name—took home the Bible to the estate to which she belonged. Nancy was sick; the Bible was her constant companion. Nancy got well, and went in and out; but the Bible was always near to her. At length the overseer asked her what she had got there. She showed it to him. He looked on with admiration, for it was well bound. 'Where did you get this?' She told him. 'Will you sell me this book?' 'No, Sir; if you will give me my freedom for it, you shall not have it.' Let no one think that Nancy did not know the value of freedom. No: it was not that she despised that; but it was a stretch of thought in the mind of a Slave to find out the most valuable thing with which to compare the Bible; and the most valuable thing to the heart of that Negro was rejected for the Bible.

"Before the Emancipation took place, the Negroes had been able to form some idea of the feelings of the British Nation toward them. There were, at that time, persons here in England who seemed to stand forth as harbingers, to proclaim what would one day be the sentiments of the British Nation. There were those who let us know that such Englishmen dwelt in England, before the voice of the whole nation was heard in that measure of justice and equity which has recently been carried. Some of the individuals to whom I allude raised a fund, and placed in the hands of others a sum of money to purchase the freedom of a Slave here and there, who should be thought deserving, or who was in extraordinary distress. Such sums once came into the hands of these same Teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Thwaites, to select whom they thought fit; and upon whom should the lot fall, but upon Nancy! When Mr. Thwaites tells the story, he says it looks as if God had dealt with her as with Solomon; Solomon rejected the good things of this life, to ask wisdom of God; and God gave him the other afterwards. This girl rejected freedom for the Bible; and God afterwards gave

her the freedom. Nancy is now one of the Infant-School Teachers; and a better instance of the good effects of the possession of a Bible could not be found; for Nancy is, indeed, a blameless person. She has been married; and has had a son, to whom she gave a name taken from the Bible—the name of Joshua. She did not do that because she thought it was a high-sounding name; nor did she think to make him a captain, I am sure.

“It is but a few months since I went to visit a school, where I delivered a Lecture, which was supported by many Scripture proofs; and to engage and keep up their attention, I said, ‘I shall not read over the Scriptures; I will tell you the chapter and verse; and you must find and read the Scriptures, as I have occasion for them.’ They did so. But I observed a little boy, standing by a pillar in the chapel, who was quicker than all the rest in finding the texts;—and who was that little boy? Joshua, Nancy’s son. Thus it is, my Lord, that the benefits of the Bible Society are entailed from parents to children. The woman who had received and valued the Bible, had taught her child, so that he excelled among his fellows;—and I could tell many more instances of this. How often have I gone into a house, perhaps in a secluded spot, where the foot of a stranger was seldom found; and, on looking about to see what the inmates had to cheer and solace them in what appeared their dreary and solitary condition, I have seen a Bible, on the table, and the words “British and Foreign Bible Society” stamped thereon;—and as often as such an event has occurred, I have blessed God for such an Institution as this.”

Dr. Philip, from South Africa, referred in a very feeling manner to Mr. Frazer and his address, and after mentioning various facts illustrative of the happy influence of the Bible upon the Slaves and Hottentots of South Africa, he related the following circumstance:—

“I recollect going one day into a house, to visit a Chief. This Chief, a few years before, did not know that he had a soul—did not know the God that made him. He was then about ninety years of age. When we entered, he was sitting on the floor. He had been blind for years. When we told our names, instantly he burst into tears, grasped our hands, thanked God for the visit we paid him, and began to talk about his situation. Scraping up some of the dust with his hand, he said:—‘In a little time I must mingle with that dust; but in this flesh I

shall see God. I am blind; I see not by the light of day; but, by the light of faith, I see Jesus standing at the right hand of God, ready to receive my soul.’ I remembered, my Lord, at that moment that I had read, in the Life of Trajan, a soliloquy that he held with his own soul immediately before his death. ‘This head,’ says he, ‘shall no more wear a crown; these feet shall no more stand on the necks of princes; these hands no more sway a sceptre; this heart no longer be flattered with the praises of men; these ears no more be delighted with harmony, nor these eyes with fine sights; and my soul—oh, my soul! what is to become of thee!’ Now, contrast the feelings of this poor man with those of the Ruler of the Roman Empire, in their dying moments; and you find, that when you give a Bible to a poor savage, and it produces this effect on him, you do more for that man than if you could have given him the government of the world. This man had been taught by the Bible alone; a little child read the Bible to him every day; he heard the Bible every day, and was enlightened by the Bible;—and it was one of the Bibles of this Society that he had at that moment.”

The Rev. J. Williams, Missionary, gave the following statement:—

“When I had the honour of attending the Meeting last year, I was requested to give an address in the Lower Hall; where some Clergyman—I do not know his name—gave a most interesting account of a Missionary Meeting that Captain Lord Byron had attended in Bristol. At that meeting, his Lordship had described his visit to the South-Sea Islands; stating, that, in passing from the Sandwich-Islands’ group to South America, he had happened to light on an Island which he imagined was not before discovered; the boats were lowered, and the officers had specific orders to be cautious in their intercourse with the people, as, in all probability, they were savages. But soon after, a canoe appeared, with two good-looking natives in it. They came on board the ship; and presented a document from a Missionary, stating that they were Native Teachers, employed to impart the knowledge of Salvation to the inhabitants of that Island. His Lordship went on shore, and was conducted through a wood. When he had proceeded about two miles, a wide lawn opened out before him; and in the centre of this lawn stood a spacious Chapel, and some native cottages, appearing to peep at him through the luxuriant foliage of the bread-fruit and banana trees in which they were embowered. His Lordship was then conducted into a cottage, which he described as very clean and respectable; and on a table

In one of these cottages, the habitation of the Native Missionary, his Lordship recognised a portion of the New Testament in the native language. His Lordship had given a most interesting account, which was reported by the Clergyman last year; and when he sat down, I had the happiness of standing up, and introducing myself to the meeting as the individual who discovered the Island, introduced Christianity to the inhabitants, and translated the very portion of Scripture which the Captain found there. I may add, that the inhabitants of that Island were converted to Christianity by one single portion of Scripture. This will show the power of Divine Truth, and how admirably adapted Scripture language is to all people, in all climes, and under all circumstances."

MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Committee of this Society have kept steadily in view the great object embraced in the resolution already referred to, viz. to supply every family in the Lower Province with a Bible, and every individual under 15 with the New Testament. Answers to the letters of enquiry sent forth by the Committee have been received from Messrs Alex. Russell, Leeds; Ridler, Stanbridge; A. O. Hubbard, Melbourne; Lewis Sabine, Stanstead; Dr. Cattanach, East Hawkesbury; A. J. Parker, Shipton; and P. Hubbard, Eaton. From all these sources, from the visit of Mr. Elliot to Rawdon, L'Assomption, &c. and from the more extensive survey of the Eastern Townships by Captain Maitland, a mass of information has been obtained not only confirmatory of the destitution of the Scriptures on which the vote of the Society was founded, but shewing that the want was even greater than at first supposed. On the other hand, a readiness, in various quarters, to assist in supplying the deficiency had been manifested with a promptitude and cheerfulness highly encouraging to the Committee in the prosecution of their object.

Captain Maitland's report to the

Sub-Committee furnishes details of very considerable value for the guidance of the Committee, and for the distribution of the Scriptures by the Agents to be employed for that purpose. He thus recapitulates, in the conclusion of his Report:—

"I would now in a few words state that having, through the Lord's blessing, succeeded in my first mission to Quebec, I have been employed from the 30th of May to the 6th of July, in endeavouring to forward, by every means in my humble power, the views of the Society, and in establishing communications, and obtaining exact information of different sections of the country. At Stanstead I had the privilege of being present at a very interesting County meeting for the extension of the Township Society into one for the whole county. It gives me much satisfaction and pleasure to speak in high terms of the zeal and unanimity of the members of that Society, and to afford my small mite of praise to the exertions of the Rev. Jacob Seely, Agent, *pro tempore*, for the Stanstead Society, who has succeeded, under the Lord, in reawakening an interest in the Bible cause, which at one time appeared to have nearly expired; and also in procuring funds, it is hoped more than equal to the supply of the district in which he has labored. It also behoves me to speak affectionately of the uniform and Christian hospitality of my host, Mr. Richie, and of indeed all the other friends of the cause with whom I had the pleasure of communicating.

"During three weeks I had considerable satisfaction and success in my enquiries in Hatley, Compton, Sherbrooke, Melbourne, Shipton, Kingsey, Durham, Drummondville, Eaton, Bury, and Lingwick, and was enabled to make arrangements, more or less satisfactory, for Grantham, Wendover, Wickham, and Simpson, of which the Rev. J. M. Ross has promised to send me full information; for Kingsey and Shipton, through the instrumentality of the Rev. Mr. Parker, Committees to be formed; having supplied the names to that gentleman of persons ready to forward the work in Kingsey, and of those individuals who were in need of Bibles and Testaments, upon which information I believe he has since been able to act; for Melbourne and vicinity, including Durham, Melbourne, Ely, Brompton, Windsor, and, if necessary, front of Shipton, I was enabled to succeed in forming a Branch Society, in connexion with your Auxiliary, and trust that a considerable interest has been excited in the cause in that portion of the country. I would here return my thanks to many of my Christian friends in this portion of the country: to the Rev.

J. M. Ross, David Kiuneur, Esq. Mr. Welber Reed, Capt. Baird, Edmund Longmore, Esq., Mr. R. Trenholme, Rev. A. O. Hubbard, Captain Aylmer, Thos. Tait, Esq., and Rev. C. Fleming, and many others too numerous to mention, for their hospitality, and exertions to forward the cause in the assistance they rendered me. It is to be hoped, that they may neither grow weary, nor be easily discouraged in their labor of love. For Sherbrooke County, or for part of it, an Agent, Mr. Norris, of Compton, has been appointed, who had, at the latter end of June, supplied Brompton, Ascot, and Oxford, and expected, during the remainder of the year, to complete the remaining Townships. The work for Sherbrooke County not being carried on in exact conformity with the general effort making by our Auxiliary, I called a County meeting, which was, I regret to say, poorly attended; and I cannot help expressing my sorrow that, although there are a few active and zealous co-operators in the work, yet that the effort appears in this section of the country, to be somewhat dead. It is to be hoped, that it will not be thought sufficient to have merely appointed an Agent, for it is self-evident that, unless a general interest is shown by the appointment of Local Committees, and by the personal aid of inhabitants, the work will prove inefficient, and that the looked-for blessing, consequent upon the increase of Bible reading, can scarcely be expected. To the Rev. Messrs. Doolittle and Robertson, and the members of the Committee, I would express my sincere thanks for their kind co-operation; and I feel deeply indebted to my old friend, Arthur Webster, Esq. and family, for their cordial hospitality, and for the loan of a horse for three weeks, which was of great service to the cause. In this County I was enabled, through the kind assistance of the Rev. J. Taylor, of Cookshire, — Slack, Esq., and other Christian gentlemen, to establish a Bible Association in connexion with the Sherbrooke Society, for Cookshire and Eaton; and it is to be hoped, that also at Eaton-corner the endeavours of Mr. Foss and different gentlemen, have been successful in forming another Association for their district, although I have not heard of their having done so. I, however, presume that such an Association has been formed. To the Rev. J. Taylor, — Slack, Esq., Mr. Foss, and others, I would beg leave to offer my best acknowledgments for their hospitality and assistance. At Compton, I do not know whether the Rev. Mr. Pearson has been enabled to establish Committees, which, when I held some meetings there, I hoped would be done. The people did not, I regret to say, appear very earnest in the cause, notwithstanding the strenuous endeavours of

their pastor, to whom I here would acknowledge my sense of his kind assistance. In my examination of the Company's St. Francis Territory, my views were much assisted by the Agents, Messrs. Moore & Lebourreau, and I would thank those gentlemen for their hospitality. It grieved me much to find a very great degree of ignorance amongst the Settlers of this district, and a great Bible destitution, which greatly arises from their total want of education. The return, however, shews more readers in the different families than I had supposed. I do not think that much dependance can be placed upon all those being able to read, who say they can; and I have therefore given some particular directions to the Agent to guide him in the distribution of Bibles in this destitute country.

"In Kingsley, the first Township I closely visited, the Bible destitution was greater than I expected, but there was more information amongst the inhabitants than I could have looked for; in Durham, the Bible wants were in some parts not so great as in Kingsley. In many parts of the country I found that there had been no Bibles to be purchased in the surrounding neighbourhood for years, excepting when occasional opportunities had been presented through their pastors. Generally speaking, the Townships are by no means well supplied with a ministry; and in many places there is a great want both of day and Sabbath Schools. There appears, however, some little more anxiety, at the present moment, to establish them; but Teachers are very scarce; and where there may be, here and there, competent and spiritual persons, it is often found that they are not ready to go forward in the work.

"In the beginning of July, I occupied myself in the County of Shefford, in endeavouring to form a County Branch Bible Society, in connexion with your Auxiliary; and from what I hear, trust that after the hay-harvest one will be formed, and that the seed which I have sown in writing letters, an address, constitution, and circulars, may spring up and bear fruit, as several ministers and gentlemen have promised to come forward in the cause. Should this be accomplished, Missisco County is the only remaining part of the Eastern Townships for which arrangements require to be made. The process of supply is I trust going on steadily; but we must be prepared to make very considerable grants to supply the remaining wants.

"In every part of the country I visited, I was, I am happy to say, most cordially received; and where there was any capability of affording assistance, I in most cases found it cheerfully rendered "without money or without price." My expenses, therefore,

proved very small. All these things are subjects of thankfulness, especially when we consider that they afford some evidence of the state of the public feeling toward your efforts. In many of the settlements, far back in the woods, I found that the destitution of means of grace was of course very great, and the lamentable consequences were, in some places, very apparent, but where that sad perversion of truth, Universalism, in any degree prevailed, the results to be expected were unfortunately too self-evident, and it is to be feared that this tainted doctrine is silently creeping in, snake-like, in many sections of the country. Let us, however, earnestly pray that the more general diffusion of the Holy Scriptures may be, under the Divine blessing in their perusal, a powerful weapon to overcome ignorance, unbelief and error; it is therefore our duty to be doubly diligent, and not let our present efforts slacken. In my visit to the poor settlers in the wilderness, I found some under an apparent deep concern for their immortal souls, and ready sorrowfully to acknowledge, that the circumstances of their situation had been making sad inroads upon their spiritual comforts. They lamented their want of means of grace, which most of them had at sometime or other of their life enjoyed. I strove to point out to them the greater need they therefore had for a more diligent and prayerful perusal of the Divine Word, and showed them that if they had only one talent, much would not be required of them, but still they must use every diligence to produce the requisite fruit, and that if they misused the one talent, they would be more unfaithful if many were granted them. I would now beg leave to lay before you the result of my labours:—

Kingsey, visited, or got accurate information of	Families	106
Durham, do do do	do	152
Bury and Lingwick, do do do	do	184
Part information of the remaining do	do	48
Total Families		490
Containing about, in Kingsey, Protestant Inhabitants	do	665
Do, do in Durham	do	855
Do do Bury and Lingwick	do	1194
Total Inhabitants		2714

“Most of these are Prot-stants, of whom nine-tenths are members of the Church of England. Of the latter, forty-eight families have not been visited, but I suppose they contain 220 inhabitants.

“The number of Bibles wanted in Kingsey was, out of 106 families, 58, Testaments 43; do. in Durham, in 152 families, Bibles 63, Testaments, 59; do. in Bury and Lingwick, in 232 families, Bibles 117, Testaments 82; (assuming 20 Bibles and 15 Testaments for the 48 families not yet visited) making a total of 238 Bibles and 184 Testaments required.

“It is supposed, from experience, that if Bibles were taken about from house to house, a much greater number would be required; as Mr. Norris, the Agent for Sherbrooke, has fully experienced in the course of his labours.

“By the above return, it is found that 490 families require 422 copies of the whole, or part of the Scriptures. In Kingsey, there were destitute of whole copies of the Bible 34, and entirely without any part 21. But the latter number, if torn and unuserviceable Bibles were not counted, would be raised to 35. In Durham, without Bibles, 67, do. Testaments, 93. But there are only 29 families (10 of them being Roman Catholics); only 19 Protestant families in Durham entirely without a Testament, or a few leaves of a Bible.

“In Bury and Lingwick, about 100 are without Bibles and 60 without Testaments; but totally destitute of all Scripture only 58. Therefore, out of 490 families there are absolutely above 108 families entirely without a leaf of the Book of life; 422 would require Bibles and Testaments; and, to supply them, as is desirable, 1000 copies, including cheap Testaments for the children, would not be one too many. In Brompton, Ascot, and Oxford Townships, containing 355 families, and about 2394 inhabitants, there were sold in June and part of May 123 Bibles, and 263 Testaments; and gave away 34 Bibles, and 117 Testaments; making 536 copies of the Holy Scriptures required by 346 families, (for nine of the above have not yet been called upon), in 836 families 958 copies were required, and should they be taken about to each house, there is little doubt, that at least 1200 would be found to be required. To the Committee I hope soon to be able to furnish a list of gentlemen, Ministers, and others in different parts of the Eastern Townships, who will be happy to render any small assistance in their power, and I would, in conclusion say, “Let us not be weary in well doing;” for the servant of the Lord is called to persevering labour in the culture of the vineyard, and whether hope buds forth to cheer his path, and success attend his efforts in his Master’s cause, or opposition and difficulty arise, still must he labour,—still must he be patient,—resting, in faith, upon the promises of God; leaving it to Him who ruleth over all, to prosper, as it seemeth good unto himself, the work of men’s hands. “In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not, whether shall prosper, either this, or that, or whether they both be alike good.” Brethren, therefore, let us persevere; the present times are times of trial; let none draw back in the conflict; but let us use every endeavour to procure the aid of all who are willing to fight the

Lord's battle, and let us remember that it becomes not those, who are girding on the harness, to be as they that put it off; that Satan is carrying on a destructive warfare against the human race; and that the unflinching, untiring zeal of the servants of God is called for, to resist the incessant assault of the *adversary*, in the name, and by the power of Jesus bearing the banner of the cross, and the *word of life* to achieve the victory.

LIBERAL GRANT OF BIBLES.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Montreal Bible Society, having communicated to the Parent Society in London, the resolution of the Society here to supply every family in the Province with a copy of the Scriptures, has just received, from the British and Foreign Bible Society, the gratifying intelligence of "a further grant of 1200 Bibles and Testaments to the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, in addition to 800 copies already forwarded, accompanied with an assurance, that, from the lively interest which they take in the success of the measures adopted by the Montreal Auxiliary to promote the dissemination of the Scriptures in the Province of Lower Canada, they shall also be prepared to receive a proposition from them to contribute towards defraying the expenses of an Agency, as suggested in the Rev. Mr. Wilkes's letter."

Thus encouraged, the Committee here will feel themselves prompted to go forward in their work with renewed energy and hope.

SHERBROOKE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

On the 27th of June a County meeting was held at the Academy, Sherbrooke, when the Rev. L. Doolittle being called to the Chair, and prayer offered, he introduced the business of the meeting with some very Christian remarks. The following Resolutions were passed:

Moved by J. S. WALTON, Esq.

I. That this Society having undertaken (in reliance on Divine aid) the great work of supplying every destitute family in this County, willing to receive it, with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and every child under fifteen years of age, that can read, with a Testament, cannot but feel their inadequacy to do so, unless supported by Christians of every Denomination, rank, sex and age, and they would, therefore, earnestly call upon all lovers of the Bible to give all the aid in their power, and would respectfully but affectively point out to them the necessity of their coming forward with heart and hand in their Master's service.

Moved by Captain MAITLAND.

II. That this meeting deem it expedient for the more speedy and effectual fulfilment of the Society's great and Christian undertaking, that, as far as practicable, in each Township a Committee shall be appointed to devise means for gaining information of the wants of the people, in order that the hands of the Agent may be strengthened, and that many being thus engaged in the work, a greater interest may be stirred up, and that wherever practicable, a Minister may be requested to endeavour to form such a Committee—the members of which will be expected to make themselves answerable that a certain number of families in the neighbourhood of each should be visited and reported upon, such Committee corresponding of course, with that of the County Society.

Moved by Mr. BROOKS.

III. That this meeting would recommend to the Committee of the Society, that a Sub-Committee be appointed for the purpose of continually enquiring into the wants of the Emigrants who may be passing through the village to settle in this County, in order that they may be immediately supplied if necessary.

Moved by Mr. MORRIS, the Agent.

IV. That this meeting deem it a subject for thankfulness to the Divine Creator of all good, that hitherto the Agent appointed by the Society has been universally well received in the houses he has visited, and that many have willingly and anxiously received the Holy Scriptures from his hands.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. ROBERTSON.

V. That in the present divided state of the religious world it is a great subject of thankfulness to the Divine Creator of all good, that this Society presents a ground, on which Christians of every name under the sun can cordially meet and co-operate, without reference to those differences which must be lamented by every true disciple of the Lamb of God.

Moved by SELAH POMROY, Esq.

VI. That female associations in aid of this Society be encouraged in each Township of this County, as their appeals and exertions in behalf of Christian and benevolent objects, seldom, if ever, (under Divine guidance) fail of success.

Moved by J. BALDWIN, Esq.

VII. That the indifference to religious instruction, which prevails, should excite professing Christians to make greater efforts to impress the truth of the Bible on the hearts and consciences of all, and that it is the duty of all friends of the Bible to contribute according to their ability, in aid of those Societies, whose object is the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures.

Moved by Mr. ALBA BROWN; seconded by Mr. J. S. WALTON.

VIII. That in view of the object contemplated by this Society, we ought deeply to feel our dependence on Divine aid.

Moved by Mr. BROOKS.

IX. That these resolutions be published in the public prints.

MELBOURNE BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society was formed at a meeting of the inhabitants of Melbourne and its vicinity, at the Eddy School-house in Melbourne, on the 22d of June. The Chair was taken by the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, and Thomas Tait, Esq. acted as Secretary to the meeting. The Society embraces the Townships of Durham, Melbourne, Windsor, Ely, Brompton, and front of Shipton; and its object is to "co-operate with the British and Foreign Bible Society, through the medium of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, both at home and abroad." Various resolutions to this effect, which we have not room at present to insert, were moved and seconded by Captains Maitland, Aylmer, and Rose, Rev. A. O. Hubbard, Elder Bartlet, Dr. Rankin, D. Thomas, Esq., Messrs. G. D. Sloane, William Gilman, Peter Cramer, and Mr. J. Smith.

The following gentlemen were appointed officers of the Society for the ensuing year:

President, David Kinnear, Esq.

Vice-Presidents.—Capt. Aylmer, Mr. A. Rankin, for Windsor; Capt. Alexander, for Durham; Capt. French, Capt. Pierce, for Brompton.

Recording Secretary and Depositary.—Dr. Rankin.

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.—T. Tait, Esq.

Mr. Robert Moore, Postmaster, Durham, *Depositary* for that Township.

Committee.

Rev. C. B. Fleming,
— A. O. Hubbard,
— B. Hitchcock,
— David Dunkerley,
Elder Wymond Bartlet,
Captain Charles Rose,
Mr. William Gilman,
— Timothy Chamberlain,
— Sloane,
— Wm. Fowler,
— Lindsay,
— Benj. Reed, Durham,
— Martin Bissett,
— Peter Cramer,
— Levi Miller,
— John Smith,
— Robert Sloane,
— Robert Bruce,
— Orris Page,
— Robert Moan,
— William Bullen,
— Thomas Stevens.

TORONTO AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

From the Eighth Report of this Society, it appears to be going forward with increasing activity and success, and maintaining, "amidst the excitement of eventful times, a large degree of strength" and energy.—Enquiries by the agents of the Society in different parts of the city and neighbourhood have elicited facts and feelings "that promise a vigorous and successful effort for the circulation of the Scriptures." The Branch Society at Peterborough "gives good promise of a prosperous result; the names of many of the most influential and respectable members of that flourishing community being to be found among the officers and supporters of it." The members of the Toronto Auxiliary appear "resolved to increase the means of its usefulness, and give it an efficiency proportioned to the circumstances of the country."

The issue last year was 1023 Bibles, 1598 Testaments; total 2621 copies, being an increase over the preceding year of 891 copies.