

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting of the
Fredericton Auxiliary
Held in the Metho-
dist Church.

REPORTS BY PRESIDENT INCH
AND SECRETARY SAMPSON.

The Work of the Past Year
Reviewed.

INTERESTING REPORT SUBMITTED
ON BEHALF OF THE LADIES
BRANCH.

There was a large congregation in the Methodist church last evening at the anniversary meeting of the Bible Society. Dr. Inch, president, occupied the chair, and seated with him on the platform were Revs. Willard McDonald, F. C. Hartley, J. J. Colter, J. H. MacDonald and Dr. Chapman, and Messrs. J. W. Spurdin, H. C. Creed and Secretary Sampson, and Miss C. Perley, representing the Ladies' Branch. Mr. Fisher was in charge of the choir, which was composed of members of several of the church choirs. Mrs. Hogg presided at the organ. A pleasing feature of the exercises was an exquisitely rendered solo by Miss Nan Thompson.

At the opening Rev. Mr. Hartley read the scriptures and Rev. Willard McDonald offered prayer.

The President's Address.

Dr. Inch, the president, spoke as follows:—

I am happy to be able to greet you all as lovers of the bible and friends of the British Bible Society. We meet under more favorable circumstances than surrounded us at the anniversary meeting a year ago. The parent society has closed the first year of the new century rejoicing in abundant success and with every mark of divine favor resting upon its operations.

During the year I had the great pleasure of visiting the headquarters of the society in London, forming a conception more impressive than any statistics could give of the magnitude of the work carried on and of the diversity of operations involved in the preparation and distribution of the millions of copies of sacred scriptures sent to all parts of the habitable globe. Truly it may be said of this society that "their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

An immense building located in Queen Victoria street is occupied from roof to basement with the stupendous of printing, binding, packing and shipping nothing but Bibles or portions of Bibles. The multiplicity of operations going on is bewildering to the observer. The large warerooms are filled with the cases of the finished product or the institution, all carefully labeled for their distribution. The last years issues were nearly five millions of copies, and in that time new translations of revisions of the scriptures were in progress in over one hundred places. I was shown over the great establishment and pointed out the objects of greatest interest. I was particularly interested in the library and museum, which contain ancient manuscripts, early edition, souvenirs and relics.

It is rather remarkable that of the three most ancient manuscripts one is in the custody of the Roman church, one in the custody of the Greek church and one in the custody of the English church. But perhaps my emotions were most stirred by holding in my hands Cranmer's edition of the English Bible, the publication of which cost him his life. In less than eighteen months after Cranmer was burned at the stake Henry VIII issued a decree that a copy of the same Bible should be placed in every parish, under a severe penalty.

The Secretary's Report.

The secretary, Charles A. Sampson, submitted the following report:

After some four score years of uninterrupted existence and greatly varied experience the Fredericton Auxiliary Bible Society, through its managing committee, gladly meets its friends and supporters on this anniversary occasion. Year after year the annual meeting has been held, sometimes in a public hall, at other times in a church, as on the present occasion, and we have never failed in our efforts to place upon the anniversary programme the names of willing and able advocates of the claims of the great parent society, and all through these years the interest of the meetings has been maintained by the volunteer services of the members of the several church choirs.

Our field of labor is an extensive one, embracing, as it does, the many prosper-

ous parishes throughout the county. Through the efforts of the Ladies' Branch collectors have untiringly made house to house visits in several of the suburban districts, but from various causes, the number of localities contributing to the Society is not as great as in former years. For several years past the Auxiliary has been cheered by the generous aid received from the prosperous town of Marysville. We sympathize with the ladies in the difficulties they encounter in their efforts to keep alive an interest in the work of the Society in localities remote from the city. Lack of organization and opportunity for personal interview with those interested in the work naturally reduces the number of contributors. In order that we may maintain our proper position as an Auxiliary, we kindly appeal to the friends of the Society to continue their liberality, notwithstanding the ever increasing claims upon their generosity.

We found it necessary again last year to reduce the amount usually handed to the Ladies' Branch to be forwarded to the London and Domestic Female Mission, and also to reduce our annual contribution to the Parent Society.

In a letter to the secretary of the Parent Society we stated as a cause for the shortage in the grant that our people seemed to have increased demands upon them by the ever multiplying philanthropic organizations. In making cordial acknowledgement of the welcome contribution he said, "We may earnestly hope, however, that the paramount claims of the Bible Society will never be shut out by increasing demands in other directions. The Bible stands first and is alone indispensable. Our work is rapidly increasing and our free income is stationary, and we earnestly pray that God may lay upon the hearts of Christian people a greater sense of responsibility."

The stock of books at present in the depository is not at all in keeping with the requirements of the community, and we hope to be placed in a position this year to largely increase the supply. During the year a few books were given to deserving parties, but the sales, owing to lack of variety, were small.

The Ladies' Branch.

The report of the ladies' branch was presented by Miss Perley, who said:—

At the annual meeting of the ladies' branch in October last officers were appointed as follows:

President—Mrs A F Randolph.
1st Vice President—Mrs G G Roberts.
2nd Vice President—Mrs C H B Fisher.
3rd Vice President—Mrs H Estey.
Secretary—Mrs M A Akerley.
Treasurer—Miss C Perley.

The work of the ladies' branch is by no means an unimportant one, as the duties of soliciting the contributions to the society is entrusted to our care. The collectors have again willingly performed their part, going their usual round, the subscribers cheerfully responding to their call; and we are glad to report that notwithstanding the many demands upon the people for charitable purposes the collections have been in advance of those of last year.

At a meeting of the branch on Tuesday last a resolution expressing sympathy for our secretary, Mrs. Akerley, in her recent bereavement, was passed and a copy forwarded to Mrs. Akerley.

The collections made by the several solicitors were as follows:

Fredericton.	
Collected by Miss Smithson.....	\$30.50
" " Miss Jennie Torrens.....	16.25
" " Mrs Arthur Johnson and Miss Wiley.....	75.70
" " Mrs R Davies.....	55.50
" " Mrs F P Thompson.....	14.50
" " Miss Bearisto.....	35.50
" " Mrs Whitehead and Miss Perley.....	53.45
" " Mrs R F Randolph.....	15.75
" " Miss Edna Merritt.....	5.25
Marysville.	
Collected by Misses Crisp and Dunbar.....	\$12.36
" " Mrs A F Randolph.....	23.00
Nashwaakias.	
Collected by Misses McFarlane and Johnston.....	\$ 5.45
St. Marys.	
Collected by Miss Niles.....	\$12.25
Gibson.	
Collected by Miss Edna Simmons.....	\$ 7.00
Caverhill.	
Collected by Miss Agnes Glen.....	\$ 7.00
Kingsclear.	
Collected by Mrs Robt Aiken.....	\$ 9.85

Total amount collected.....\$369.30
Rev. J. H. MacDonald delighted the congregation with an address upon "Why the Bible Lives." He first spoke of its permanency and its principles, which were set forth in inspiring language. His next reason was because it brings a message to all men, and claimed it to be the miracle of the age.

Rev. Dr. Chapman followed with an inspiring address in which he referred to the magnitude of the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society showing its

splendid work in many of the countries of the world.

Both of these addresses will be published in full in the annual report.

In pleasing words Mr. H. C. Creed presented a resolution of thanks to the lady collectors and the choir, after which the meeting was closed with the benediction from Rev. J. J. Colter.

Medical Students to Go.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—Fifteen recruits for the field hospital corps for South Africa selected here from 200 applicants, received a big send-off from the local military men tonight. The chosen are all experts most of them being third and fourth year medical students. Col. Neilson, director of the medical staff, today inspected the equipment of the hospital which he believes will be the best that has gone to South Africa during the war.

G T Whelpley is discharging a car of White Ontario Oats.—d.

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The fac-simile signature of *Dr. H. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

To Lumbermen and Others.

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Apply to
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Or to the Company at Fairville, N. B.
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Orders left at the Drug Store of Geo. Y. Diblee, Fredericton, or at the store of E. Vanwart, St. Mary's, will be promptly attended to.

C. B. MORGAN.
St. Mary's, Dec. 5th, 1901.—Dec., mo.

Debentures.

The Board of School Trustees of Fredericton will receive offers until noon on 26th December inst. for Debentures to the amount of Four Thousand Dollars, to be issued dated 1st January, 1902, in denominations of Five Hundred Dollars each, with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable half yearly at the People's Bank, Fredericton. These Debentures are issued in pursuance of Act of Assembly, 60th Victoria, Chapter LXVII, "An Act to Authorize the Board of School Trustees of the City of Fredericton to issue debentures for the payment and redemption of their debentures as they fall due". Debentures to run twenty-five years.

By order
CHAS. A. SAMPSON, Sec'y.
Fredericton, Dec. 9, 1901.—Dec 9,d,t

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Rolled Oats, barrels and halves.
Graham Flour, barrels and halves
Split Peas, barrels and halves.
Pot Barley, barrels and halves.
Rolled Wheat.

AT LOWEST MARKET PRICES.

JAMES HODGE.

Three Piece Suits

\$2.50

AMERICAN CLOTHING HOUSE,

Frost Queen Chamois Vests.

Frost King Chamois Vests.

We have marked down all the above Vests remaining in stock to \$2.25, regular price \$3.00. Call early if you want a bargain as we only have a limited number on hand. We also have a few of a cheaper grade which we are selling at \$1.50.

C. FRED CHESTNUT,

Apothecary, 308 Queen St., F'ton.

In wishing my customers
a

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I desire to thank them
for their liberal patronage
in the past and solicit a
continuance of the same.

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1902.

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