

one thing which we are doing is to improve our literature. I am very glad indeed to find from your earnest and devoted Secretary, Mr. Harvie, that you appreciate our efforts in this direction. In a paper I had the honour of reading some time ago about auxiliaries I said an auxiliary was very much what the Secretary made it, and my own impression is you have got a first-rate Secretary. Though it is only some twenty-four hours since I first had the pleasure of meeting him, I think you have got the right man in the right place. Be thankful for him and make much of him, lest we send over to Toronto and ask him to come to England and do some work for us there. The Secretary has a great deal to do with the work of an auxiliary. We have been endeavouring to work up our auxiliaries. We have been improving the literature. I find you have a considerable circulation of our *Monthly Reporter* and *Gleanings*; we shall be glad to send you the largest number of which you can make profitable use. We believe it is a very good thing to give information as to the work the Society is doing. It is perfectly wonderful how many very intelligent people know nothing about the details of our work, even in this city, where you are so much more clever than we are in England; it is quite likely that there are a number of people who are not adequately informed as to the work of our Society. Take care that they are informed, give them particulars of what you are doing and circulate freely among them this attractive *Monthly Reporter*. We want our people also to understand the relation of the Bible Society to Missionary work; if they understood that better they would support Bible Society work much more heartily. What are our relations to the Missionary Societies? A witty friend of mine in England sometimes relates (perhaps you have not read it yet in Kings or Chronicles, but I have my friend's authority for it) that when Solomon's temple was being built, the royal builder went around and talked to the workmen. He went to the mason and said, "Who makes your tools?" The mason said, "Please, your majesty, the blacksmith makes my tools." Solomon asked the same question of the bricklayer, the stonecutter, the carpenter, the carver and the other workmen; it was always the same answer, "The blacksmith makes my tools." At last the king came to the blacksmith and put the same question to him; the sturdy smith answered, "Please, your majesty, I make them myself." That is the condition of things with the various Missionary Societies doing their work in different parts of the world. They are doing their work, but we of the Bible Society make their tools, and they could not get on without us. I do not know exactly what your missionary arrangements are here in Canada, but in connection with the Church of England in the Old Country we have two great Missionary Societies—the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel," and the "Church Missionary Society." The Church Missionary Society wants the Scriptures in sixty languages, and for every one comes to us; the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel wants the Scriptures in thirty-five languages (its missionary work is not so extended as that of the C. M. S.), and for twenty-five out of those thirty-five it has to come to us. The London Missionary Society comes to us for all its Scriptures; there is also the great Wesleyan Society—the Methodist Missionary Society, I think you call it here; they come to us for all