

various spheres in which God has placed them, and not to furnish a substitute while they remain idle, that the Tract Society offers its services and fulfills its course. And considering how valuable in many respects the services and operations of this Society are, it is lamentable that among so many who approve its constitution and objects, and also its publications generally, so few should be found who lend it their active services. How few do so in Quebec in one form, might be seen by an inspection of the committee's minute-book, which records attendance during the year. Are there, indeed, no young men to be found in the evangelical congregations of the city, willing to engage in the good cause, and whose harnessing for the work would be an event peculiarly cheering to some who are growing gray in the service, and would also be valuable to themselves, as discipline for the future?

In laying before their friends a report of the yearly proceedings of the Quebec Auxiliary Tract Society, the committee do not perform an ungrateful task, yet while discharging this necessary duty they would remind themselves that they are involved in other and weightier responsibilities than those which they owe to their constituents. The records contained in the Annual Reports of our Societies are not the only records which are kept of our doings; nor is the approval or disapproval of the Annual Meeting the only judgment. Assuredly there is not much occasion for self-complacency in reviewing the year: no great things have been accomplished, no mighty sacrifices have been made, no appalling dangers have been braved, no extensive revival of religion has arisen out of the labors of your Society. On the contrary, the minute-book shews a thin attendance of Committee, the subscription list exhibits no augmentation of funds; indeed, it has been with difficulty that gentlemen could be found to act as collectors, and as was the case last year, one of the districts of the city remains yet unvisited by the collectors. The work of the Tract Distributing Association in the city has also declined, though something has been done by individuals; and, doubtless, the faithful labors of the City Missionary, Mr. Davis, and also of your own Agent, Mr. Blyth, will yet be followed by blessed results.

" Though seed lie buried long in dust,
It sha'nt deceive our hope,
The precious grain can ne'er be lost,
For grace ensures the crop."

A G E N C Y .

The labors of the travelling agent have been uninterrupted through the year, and we feel sure that good has been accomplished in many parts of the extensive district of Quebec. From Megantic and the