

copies are disposed of by the Colporteurs of the Montreal Society, who go from house to house for the purpose of selling copies of the Bible, it only shows how difficult is the work, not of providing the Scriptures for our fellow citizens of the French race, but of getting them to receive them, and the necessity there is for Protestant Christians making as much personal exertion as they can, to teach "every man his neighbour," to know and to value the Scriptures as the word of life. One young lady amongst us has been engaged with much zeal and success in communicating instruction to the children of poor French parents, teaching them to read, and making them acquainted with the Scriptures. An example which, if it were followed by all who have the opportunity, might, through the blessing of God, create a desire for the Bible among that class, and produce the happiest results in the future history of Canada. For, first, the young are the hope both of the Church and of the world, and, secondly, *one* reason, doubtless, why so few copies of the French Bible are circulated is that a large proportion of the Canadians are unable to read. * * *

We have, however, two grounds of thankfulness,—that "the word of God is not bound" by *legal* fetters, and that part of our contributions go to swell the Treasury of the great parent Society, which distributes Bibles by millions in 164 languages, among all the nations of the earth to which civilized man has access. This is a work that goes on steadily, amidst all the changes of the political world; yea, which goes on faster by reason of those changes. And, if the European edifice is crumbling into ruins, as Napoleon thinks, the Bible will make its way, like water, through every crack and crevice, till it pervades the whole mass of society with its cheering and saving influences. Let us be grateful that we are permitted to take a part, however humble in this work, and rejoice in the assurance that although tyranny may persecute, and although infidelity may dispute and deride and blaspheme, the cause of the Bible will prevail. All flesh is as grass, but the Word of the Lord endureth for ever. May we be diligent and faithful in the work, that through grace we may share in the glory of the triumph.

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