

J. M. Ross, David Kinnear, Esq. Mr. Webber Reed, Capt. Baird, Edmund Longmore, Esq., Mr. R. Trenholme, Rev. A. O. Hubbard, Captain Aymer, 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 Kingsey, 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 Kingsey. 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,