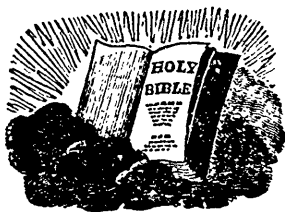


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TO THE READERS OF THE BIBLE ADVOCATE.

AGREEABLY to the intimation given in our last number, the Committee of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society have resolved to discontinue the publication of the *Advocate*. Its sale, after twelve months trial, has proved utterly inadequate to cover its expenses; and the Committee do not consider themselves authorized to devote any portion of the Society's income to the support of the work, or feel themselves called upon to make any farther individual sacrifice in favour of a plan which the public have not evinced a disposition to sustain.

The purposes the Committee had in view have been fully detailed in the Prospectus which appeared in the first number. We do not mean to affirm that none of these purposes have been attained by our little publication; on the contrary, we have reason to be thankful that the general interests of the Society have been promoted in various ways by our monthly statements and appeals. The formation of Branch Societies and Bible Associations in various parts of the Province, has been encouraged and assisted by the information which our little work has been the means of diffusing. The knowledge of the

Society's operations has been more extensively circulated. An increasing interest, we have reason to believe, has been excited, in some quarters, in behalf of the Bible and its distribution. In particular, we have much satisfaction in expressing our belief that the great object last year avowed and undertaken by the Society in Montreal,—that of supplying every family in the Province with a copy of the Scriptures,—has been in some measure promoted by the circulation of our periodical.

Disappointed as we have been in our expectation that the public would afford sufficient encouragement to a work of this kind to justify its continued appearance, we are by no means disposed to infer from the failure of the experiment that the friends of the Bible are indifferent to its circulation, or that those who are engaged in the good work are disposed to relax in it. We are rather inclined to suppose that,—from the difficulty of conveying the numbers to distant stations, regularly, as they appeared, the information received through the annual reports and other channels of intelligence, and the necessity of confining the *Bible Advocate* to a very limited range of subjects,—the friends of religion in