

With regard to our neighbors a few words must be said; we are surrounded and hemmed in by the Upper Canada Bible Society, and the Ottawa and the Montreal Bible Societies, all vigorous and healthy offshoots of the great parent tree. The last report of the U. C. B. S. presents a record of extension and prosperity, and of results beyond their anticipations. Their operations have been extended to the new settlements on the Upper Lakes, to Manitoba, to British Columbia and to Vancouver Island. Eight Colporteurs have been employed in carrying and distributing the sacred volume from house to house in the remoter and more sparsely settled parts of the country. The Society distributed 40,823 Bibles and Testaments, and had an income of \$30,646; a slight decrease in both respects from the preceding year. One fact in the report it grieves your Committee to note, and that is that a Roman Catholic Priest caused twelve copies of the Holy Scriptures which a Colporteur had distributed in the village, to be publicly committed to the flames, after mass on the Lord's Day, at Sault St. Marie. Such treatment of the word of the living God is new in this Protestant country of ours, and we can scarce credit that our ears hear aright the story.

The Committee of the Ottawa B. S. in their report last January, express their thankfulness that they are in a healthy condition, that they are advancing in public favor, gathering around them more friends, and being blessed with increasing usefulness. His Excellency the Governor General is the Patron of the Auxiliary. Three Colporteurs were employed, chiefly among the lumbering establishments in the bush. Their issues were 4,538 copies, and their income about \$4,600 (exclusive of a large balance on hand from the preceding year). This Auxiliary finds great benefits arise from the diffusion of information as to the principles and achievements of Bible Societies.

The Montreal Bible Society's field comes up as far as Gananoque. That Society knows what it is to carry forward its operations amidst a population that bears to a large extent the yoke of Rome, but there is an increasing Protestant community, valiant for the truth, which gathers around the standard of an open Bible. The work among the French Canadians is said to be assuming a more hope-