

but attempted? The account here given has been in print some time, but was unintentionally omitted. It has already appeared in several papers in Ontario, yet it may now be read by many for the first time.

"A special meeting of the Committee of the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society was held on the 23rd August, to learn from their French Colporteur, Wm. O. Soucy, the particulars of an assault committed upon him at St. Anne, a station on the Grand Trunk Railway, about seventy miles below Quebec. Mr. Soucy stated that on the night of the 14th August, about ten o'clock, as he was looking for a place in which to sleep, he was set upon by six men, who, by their tongue, he knew to be French Canadians. He had received that day a good supply of books from Quebec. These, consisting of Bibles and portions of Scripture, they took from him and destroyed, reserving for their own future use the covers of the Bibles. They likewise beat him severely with sticks, tore his clothes, and deprived him of his overcoat. Finally he escaped from his assailants and found refuge in a hay shed, where he remained during the rest of the night. The Committee regret their inability to bring the perpetrators of this outrage to justice, as, owing to the darkness of the night, Mr. Soucy could only partially discern the features of his assailants, and would therefore be unable satisfactorily to identify them. Under these circumstances, the Committee have decided upon adopting the only alternative open to them—namely, that of giving publicity to the facts of the case for the information of the authorities and of the Christian public generally. In doing so the Committee encourage the hope that something may be done for the repression of these anti-Protestant manifestations which are so frequently occurring amongst us, and that it may be shown that Canada really is a part of an Empire characterized by its respect for civil and religious liberty. Doubtless the co-religionists of these ruffians, who in great numbers are the friends of civil and religious liberty, which they so abundantly enjoy, will feel disgusted with such exhibitions of ignorance and fanaticism, and will render all the aid in their power to wipe away the reproach and prevent the recurrence of such atrocities. It is both a shame and a pity that such ignorance should prevail in this favoured land. Most probably the men were unable to read a word of the books which they destroyed, and only hate the Bible on hearsay. Had they been readers of it, it would have taught them better."

#### GRATUITIES FOR THE USE OF SABBATH SCHOOLS IN DESTITUTE PARTS OF THE PROVINCE.

The following extract from a letter by the Rev. Wm. Millard, Secretary of "the Ontario Sunday School Missionary Union," will serve to show that many families in some of the remoter sections of the country, require the fostering care, and kind attentions of this, and of kindred Benevolent Societies.

"That the agent of the Ontario Sabbath School Missionary Union, the Rev. Mr. Allen, in organizing schools in the new and outlying settlements of this province, in most cases, finds the people utterly unable to provide books of any description for the Sabbaths School planted.

In one case the Agent found people who had lived for some time on boiled turnips only; and a minister (missionary), who had no flour for one month, and was at length supplied by a kind man who had travelled seven miles with fifty pounds weight, and who gave him half of it.

In no case are Bibles or any books given where the people can pay, and the writer believes that the Upper Canada Bible Society cannot distribute the word of God where it is more needed, or more to the glory of God, than to their schools for the religious training of the poor and destitute youth of Ontario."