

visited have already made. They give no indication of diminished contributions. Yet we would remind our friends, most of whom have not, for the current Bible year, had the visit of an agent, that we are anxious, for the usefulness and honour of our Society, that this year also should present an increased gift to God's Bible cause.

Many startling events of recent occurrence encourage the Christian, at the same time that they increase his obligations. Among these we may mention the inauguration, under most cheering auspices, of an Italian Bible Society in Rome, with which is associated the delightful intelligence that the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society has made a grant of the paper for the first New Testament to be printed in Rome, and that the American friends in the Imperial city, have become responsible for the expense of printing it. There is likewise the public discussion which took place in Rome on the 10th and 11th of February last, under the sanction of the Pope, as to whether St. Peter ever was in Rome. In our own Dominion we are enabled to report progress. In Manitoba, to which we recently sent three cases of Bibles and Testaments, and where a colporteur has commenced his labours. From British Columbia we have word informing us of steps being taken for the speedy organization of a branch in that colony. Our action herein has the sanction and cordial approval of the Parent Society, and we are endeavouring to meet the demand for colportage labour in the new districts of Ontario.

OUR NEW COLLECTOR'S BOOK.—As the frail "Collecting Card" did not find general favour, especially with our much-valued friends the Collectors, the Secretaries have prepared a *Book* for Collectors, which we hope will be found to answer the purpose intended.

Branch Subscription Lists.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1872.

(Continued from July number.)

OSHAWA BRANCH—Cont'd		Robt. Smith	1 00	Small sums.....	25 91
R. C. Steele	1 00	Alex. Smith	1 00		
J. Palk.....	1 35	R. Wellington	1 00	Total	\$37 51
Wm. Ritson	1 00	Small sums	4 00	OTTERVILLE BRANCH.	
Jane Ritson	1 00			Col. at public meeting	2 00
Small sums.....	14 02	Total.....	\$120 61	Col. by Mrs. Colver and	
Col. by Misses Thomas and				Miss Bargar.	
West.		OTONABEE BRANCH.			
Small sums	5 76	Col at public meeting	4 60	E. M. Schooley.....	1 00
Col. by Mrs. Alfred and		Duncan Drummond ..	1 00	John Cooper	1 00
Miss Emma Pickle.		Peter McNeil.....	1 00	Small sums	8 00
Abraham Farewell ...	5 00	Dr. A. McCrea.....	1 00	Col. by Wm. F. Treffry.	
A. Hudson	1 00	Jas. McNeil.....	1 00	Small sums	5 29
Lewis Hall	1 00	Rev. Jas. Kines.....	1 00	Col. by Miss Gillmore,	
Small sums	6 20	Rev. F. Andrews	1 00	Small sums.....	3 90
Col. by Miss Tuttle.		Geo. Read	1 00	Col. by Miss Colver.	
Dr. Wm. McGill	1 00			Small sums	2 36