friends, and neighbours, and all of them your fellow citizens and countrymen, who spend the winter in shanties, and it is to be feared, unarmed by the sword of the spirit, while exposed to and surrounded by the most ungodly companions. Can any thing be done for them? Much may be done by sending colporteurs with the word of life to them. This class of labourers are the most honoured instruments the Bible Society has. One year in France they sold 111,559 copies, while the Depositories and all other agencies disposed of only 9,085. And this last year out of 74,774 copies sold, the colporteurs disposed of more than half. And their labours are otherwise greatly blessed by God.

The Committee take this opportunity of giving you a bird's eye view of the working of the Parent Society, and our own during the year. You will no doubt be delighted to hear that the Parent Society issued the amazing number of 2,495,118 copies, the largest ever circulated, being over last year 361,258, and since the commencement 45,539,452. There has been issued in Scotland 143,803, and in Ireland 75,297, and in the United States 1,259,117 copies and portions were circulated during the past year. And the receipts of the Parent Society during the year was the large sum of £168,905 4s, being £1,221 2s. 8d. more than last year. Besides, the word of God is now translated into 167 languages and dialects. "Sing O heavens; and be joyful O earth; break forth into singing O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted his people and will have mercy upon his afflicted."

The word is diligently scattered almost through every nation of Europe, and in many countries of Asia, and a few in Africa. Still it is sad to know that they are three very dark spots, where the light of life has not yet been allowed to enter, namely, Spain, Portugal, and Austria, these countries being the abject slaves of the Papacy, though the pretended followers of Christ and the successors of Peter, and still such is their hatred and dread of the words of Christ and Peter, that the severest laws have been enacted and relentlessly executed against the man who dares either read them to, or give them to his neighbour. But the Committee at Earl street, always ready to take advantage of every opening to circulate the precious volume in 1862, during the "Great International Exhibition," opened several depots near the world's fair, having a notice over the doors, in thirty different languages, indicating the immense treasure to be found within. And this effort has not been without success; for on that occasion there were bought by visitors in German 18,162 copies, in French 24,167, in Italian 13, 904, in Spanish 4,995, in spite of the severe laws against it, in the latter country. In thirty other languages the Scriptures went forth, although in a more limited number. This year however Mr. E. Millard from his depot in Vienna issued 147,040 volumes.

The total issues of the Montreal Auxilliary, during the year, was the large sum of 14,913 and the total Receipts, were very handsome, being $10,927,31. And there are now in active operation under the able superintendcy of Mr. Green, 167 branches, in connection with the Montreal Auxilliary.

You see, then, if the enemies of the truth are active, so are its friends. And if they oppose the truth, they have much to fear. For the Bible is not like any other book, but wielding a great power, and authority, exposing vice and wrong, interfering with men's views, habits, standing laws, tyranny, ritualism,