

REPORT.

THE Committee of the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society in presenting their Twentieth Annual Report to their subscribers and friends, desire to acknowledge with thanksgiving the mercies which have marked their proceedings during the past year. To God must be ascribed any measure of earnestness and zeal that may have animated them in their endeavours, to enlarge the Society's operations, and extend its usefulness. The result of these endeavours is visible in the extension of the field of labor, by the establishment of branches, through the employment of agency, in the somewhat improved state of the finances, and in the considerably increased issues, which must be gratifying to all who have contributed of their substance, and who "love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

IMMIGRANTS.

The supply of immigrants with the Holy Scriptures, prominently referred to in the last Report, and towards which the collection made at the last annual meeting of the Society has been appropriated, claims particular notice.

Through the kind offices of the Montreal Auxiliary, to which the Committee are indebted both for a grant of Testaments as well as for offers of pecuniary assistance, the valuable and zealous services of Mr. James Blyth—who has been subsequently appointed Travelling Agent for this District—were secured.

When not prevented by the hurry and confusion incident to the disembarkation and re-shipment of passengers, he diligently visited the arriving vessels, but found that in most cases the Protestant passengers had been supplied at the ports of embarkation, through the active agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Among the Roman Catholics it were to be wished that he had met with more encouragement. As a kind and sympathising stranger, the Irishman greeted him with characteristic warmth and affection; but in the capacity of a Bible Agent, the tone and manner of his reception afforded but little ground for hope, that the word of God was either appreciated or possessed. *Comment* is unnecessary, but the *fact* is suggestive. One enquiry was made for the Douay Bible; yet it is to be feared that