

COLPORTAGE.—Soon after our last annual meeting, your committee advertised for a Colporteur, and several applicants offered their services. Mr. John Crombie, who had formerly been employed in the work, and given full satisfaction, was again engaged at a salary of \$25 per month. He commenced his duties with the month of May, and has been working for ten months of this year. His labours have been in the townships of Warwick, Adelaide, East and West Williams, Brooke, part of Middlesex, Aldboro', Dunwich, Mosa, and Oxford, labouring diligently and faithfully. His sales of stock have been 124 Bibles of various sizes, some of them large, and 390 Testaments, 514 in all, to the value of \$97.69. He has travelled on foot 947 miles, visiting 2731 families, found 22 houses without the Bible in them, and donated eight copies to indigent persons. It is but fair to state that the comparative smallness of the sales has been owing to special circumstances, and not to any fault of his. He is well adapted for Colportage work, his heart being in it, and is fitted to be very useful in speaking to the people on the concerns of their precious souls, and by prayer with them. If his services in the Society's work are to be retained, it should be upon the basis of a proper arrangement conducive to the primary and fundamental objects of the Society, and in accordance with the rules of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and of our own Auxiliary as well. It will be for the Directing Committee, in the current year, to attend to this important matter.

After speaking of the extent of the field, and of Christian obligations in connection therewith, the report observes:—

It will therefore be very incumbent on us as a Society, not to be weary or slothful in doing all we can in the work to which we have pledged ourselves. The funds which we now possess should be judiciously and promptly expended, for the purpose for which they are intended, viz., supplying home wants as to the Scriptures, and aiding in imparting that precious boon to those who dwell in "the dark places of the earth."

There is one scene, out of many, of Bible destitution near and closely connected with us nationally, viz., Lower Canada, in which there are about a million of our French fellow-subjects, almost the whole of them under Papal darkness, superstition, and priestly domination. For many reasons, that people have strong claims upon Protestant Canada, for giving them the Scriptures in their own language, particularly the New Testament, of which there is an excellent French Protestant version, that of Ostervald. The Montreal Bible Society, the French Canadian Mission, and other Missions, which are labouring hard to teach the French Canadians the truth, as it is in Jesus unfolded in the Bible, will gladly receive our donations, and be our faithful agents in applying them.

In fine, let us as a Society ever consult and act harmoniously with a single eye to the furtherance of that great work, which the B. and F. Bible Society, with its many hundreds of Assistant Societies, is prosecuting upon the simple and unifying principle—*The circulation of the Bible without note or comment*; or as it is expressed in the words of Bishop Chillingworth, of the Church of England, "The Bible, and the Bible alone, is the religion of Protestants." This grand rule keeps Bible Societies clear of all unnecessary controversy and variance, and makes their motto to be, "This one thing we do."

REPORTS OF AGENTS.

DR. CAULFEILD'S REPORT.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 13, 1870.

To the Directors of the U. C. Auxiliary Bible Society, London.

GENTLEMEN.—Having been directed by the Secretary of the Upper Canada Bible Society to commence my work as Agent, with the County of Middlesex, after having been allowed two full weeks for notice, I proceeded by Grand Trunk train to Lucan, on Monday, the 31st of October. We had but a poor