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IN the good providence of God, the Committee of the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society are again permitted to report to their constituents. If any increased efficiency be found to have characterized its operations, they desire most humbly and devoutly to ascribe the praise to Him to whom alone it is due, and under whose blessing alone, any measure of real success can be expected. One of their number, the late Mr. Edward Ahern, has recently been called home to his reward; his earnest, unaffected piety endeared him to all, while his sound practical views rendered him a valued and most useful member of the Committee.

The past year has been a fruitful one in events of vast importance and significance, and in none more so, than in the increased facilities afforded for the diffusion of the sacred Scriptures generally throughout the world. While its princes and rulers have been "taking counsel together," each seeking his own or his nation's glory, one mightier far has been working too: whom when he worketh none can hinder, nor to whom may be said, "what doest thou?" The peaceful triumphs of the gospel have been advancing in many of "the dark places of the earth," manifesting the power of the cross of Christ, triumphs which shall yet endure after the fiat has gone forth, "There shall be time no longer"; "when He shall have delivered up the kingdom" to the Father, and God shall be all in all.

Your Committee, in reviewing this Society's operations, feel that there is much to encourage, and although the sphere of action is still circumscribed, that, by persevering and unremitting efforts, sustained by the liberality and prayers of the people of God, greater things may be accomplished, and a more extended field of usefulness opened up for future exertion. From the result of the efforts made on behalf of

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during the year, limited, for the satisfactory reasons stated in the last Report, and meagre as compared with the outlay, your Committee did not feel themselves warranted in recommending their renewal, to the Parent Society, although they are of opinion that something might be done with advantage for vessels arriving from foreign ports, provided a suitable agent could be secured.

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