

God, to induce them to raise sufficient means to cover this expenditure, and more if possible, in order that we may contribute something towards the general diffusion of the Scriptures among the great mass of our fellow creatures, who are, some of them in great, and others in entire destitution of this Sacred Volume.

A Collection was taken up amounting to £31 17 6. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. CALEB STRONG.

MONTREAL AUXILIARY RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

THE fourth Annual Meeting of this interesting institution was held on the evening of the 24th ult. in the American Presbyterian Church in this city. Capt. YOUNG of Her Majesty's 24th Regt. was in the Chair. The Rev. Mr. CAIRNS opened the meeting with prayer; and after an address from the chairman on the importance of Tract distribution, the Rev. Dr. DAVIES, Corresponding Secretary, read the Annual Report. Extracts from the Report of the Association for the distribution of Religious Tracts were also read. Several Resolutions were adopted, and the meeting was addressed by the Rev. CALEB STRONG, Rev. H. WILKES, Rev. W. M. HARVARD, JAMES FERRIER, Esq., and Capt. MAITLAND.

We were gratified to learn that this Society is increasing in usefulness; and that the circulation of Tracts has more than doubled during the past year.

A collection was taken up amounting to £7 3s. 2d.

MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The fourth Annual Meeting of this Society was held in the Congregational Chapel on Tuesday evening, 25th ult. JACOB DEWITT, Esq. in the Chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. H. O. CROFTS. Mr. WADSWORTH read the Annual Report; and the meeting, which was numerously attended, was addressed by the Rev. H. O. CROFTS, of this city; HYES LLOYD, Esq. of New Glasgow, the Rev. Mr. CAIRNS, and Mr. CAMERON.

It appears from the Report that 81 persons have been added to the Society during the past year. At the close of the meeting twenty persons signed the teetotal pledge, and a Collection was taken up amounting to £6 1s. 3d.

THE BIBLE.

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At a public Meeting held at Heavitree, last week, for the purpose of establishing an Auxiliary Bible Society, Mr. Dudley gave the following very interesting anecdote:—He said among the many proofs of the advantages which had been experienced from the reading the word of GOD—he would state to the Meeting one instance,—it was the story of the Clog Maker, now living as a monument of the power of the Holy Scriptures. Mendicity, said Mr. Dudley, in France is more common than in England, and the paupers in that country use any means in order to gain their object:—

"A mendicant applied to the Rev. —, of Nantes, for a copy of the Scriptures, and having obtained one, he sat off on his peregrinations, making use of it, not for the purpose of converting souls, but to obtain some pittance, either of money or food. Calling one day on a clog-maker, he solicited alms; the old man said, I am poor, I cannot give you a sous; if you will, said the mendicant, I will read you a chapter from the Bible, God's book. What's that? said he. Will you give me a sous? Yes, come read. The beggar opened his book and read the third chapter of St. John's Gospel. Read another, said the clog-maker. Yes for another sous! He read another, and another. Where did you get that book, said the clog-maker? From the Rev. — of Nantes. Say the same again—he said it again—say it again—and again. The beggar left, but the Gospel of Jesus Christ departed not from the heart of the old man. After three weeks had elapsed, son, said he, you must manage my business, I am going to Nantes. Why father you are out of your senses—going to Nantes? No son I am not, but I am going to Nantes. Why father you are seventy years old, and Nantes is upwards of seventy miles, surely you are mad! The old man sat off, and at the end of five days he arrived, and finding the house of the clergyman, he knocked at the door. On being asked what he wanted, he said, I want God's book, you gave one to (describing the mendicant) cannot you give me one? Yes—I did, but you can afford to pay. Sir, I am poor as he, I have nothing