

In one of these cottages, the habitation of the Native Missionary, his Lordship recognised a portion of the New Testament in the native language. His Lordship had given a most interesting account, which was reported by the Clergyman last year; and when he sat down, I had the happiness of standing up, and introducing myself to the meeting as the individual who discovered the Island, introduced Christianity to the inhabitants, and translated the very portion of Scripture which the Captain found there. I may add, that the inhabitants of that Island were converted to Christianity by one single portion of Scripture. This will show the power of Divine Truth, and how admirably adapted Scripture language is to all people, in all climes, and under all circumstances."

MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Committee of this Society have kept steadily in view the great object embraced in the resolution already referred to, viz. to supply every family in the Lower Province with a Bible, and every individual under 15 with the New Testament. Answers to the letters of enquiry sent forth by the Committee have been received from Messrs Alex. Russell, Leeds; Ridler, Stanbridge; A. O. Hubbard, Melbourne; Lewis Sabine, Stanstead; Dr. Cattanach, East Hawkesbury; A. J. Parker, Shipton; and P. Hubbard, Eaton. From all these sources, from the visit of Mr. Elliot to Rawdon, L'Assomption, &c. and from the more extensive survey of the Eastern Townships by Captain Maitland, a mass of information has been obtained not only confirmatory of the destitution of the Scriptures on which the vote of the Society was founded, but shewing that the want was even greater than at first supposed. On the other hand, a readiness, in various quarters, to assist in supplying the deficiency had been manifested with a promptitude and cheerfulness highly encouraging to the Committee in the prosecution of their object.

Captain Maitland's report to the

Sub-Committee furnishes details of very considerable value for the guidance of the Committee, and for the distribution of the Scriptures by the Agents to be employed for that purpose. He thus recapitulates, in the conclusion of his Report:—

"I would now in a few words state that having, through the Lord's blessing, succeeded in my first mission to Quebec, I have been employed from the 30th of May to the 6th of July, in endeavouring to forward, by every means in my humble power, the views of the Society, and in establishing communications, and obtaining exact information of different sections of the country. At Stanstead I had the privilege of being present at a very interesting County meeting for the extension of the Township Society into one for the whole county. It gives me much satisfaction and pleasure to speak in high terms of the zeal and unanimity of the members of that Society, and to afford my small mite of praise to the exertions of the Rev. Jacob Seely, Agent, *pro tempore*, for the Stanstead Society, who has succeeded, under the Lord, in reawakening an interest in the Bible cause, which at one time appeared to have nearly expired; and also in procuring funds, it is hoped more than equal to the supply of the district in which he has labored. It also behoves me to speak affectionately of the uniform and Christian hospitality of my host, Mr. Richie, and of indeed all the other friends of the cause with whom I had the pleasure of communicating.

"During three weeks I had considerable satisfaction and success in my enquiries in Hatley, Compton, Sherbrooke, Melbourne, Shipton, Kingsey, Durham, Drummondville, Eaton, Bury, and Lingwick, and was enabled to make arrangements, more or less satisfactory, for Grantham, Wendover, Wickham, and Simpson, of which the Rev. J. M. Ross has promised to send me full information; for Kingsey and Shipton, through the instrumentality of the Rev. Mr. Parker, Committees to be formed; having supplied the names to that gentleman of persons ready to forward the work in Kingsey, and of those individuals who were in need of Bibles and Testaments, upon which information I believe he has since been able to act; for Melbourne and vicinity, including Durham, Melbourne, Ely, Brompton, Windsor, and, if necessary, front of Shipton, I was enabled to succeed in forming a Branch Society, in connexion with your Auxiliary, and trust that a considerable interest has been excited in the cause in that portion of the country. I would here return my thanks to many of my Christian friends in this portion of the country: to the Rev.