

THE
THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE circumstances of encouragement under which the Committee of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society meet their constituents this evening, demand an expression of humble gratitude to Almighty God. For although, as will be immediately announced, the issue of Bibles by your Society has not equalled in number that of the year 1851, it may yet be questioned, if, within the entire range of its history, it has ever been so efficient as now in promoting the benign purposes for which it was originally established. Besides, looking beyond the narrow circle which limits the operations of this auxiliary, to the vast sphere which is occupied by the venerable Parent Institution, and its other children, our active, lovely, and benevolent sisters, your committee observe, in the midst of the difficulties which here and there and now and then embarrass the general cause, so much of energy, and devotion, and success, that they cannot withhold the exclamation, "WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT!" When, indeed, they contemplate the fact that the British and Foreign Bible Society has not yet reached the fiftieth year of its existence, and then survey the vast influence for good which it has exerted upon the nations of the earth; when they look at the large amount of Scriptural light which it has poured into the midst of the darkness of Europe, and at the leaven of truth which it has inserted in the mass of Brahminical and Mahomedan error in India; when they consider the fact, that by rendering the Holy Scriptures into Chinese, it has placed in the hands of 400 millions of the human race the key of salvation, and that by conveying the word of God in their several languages to the inhabitants of the South Seas it has produced civilizing, moralizing, and in many cases, sanctifying influences upon the