

From Sherbrooke, the Captain writes under date of 8th June :—

"The Agent for distribution called upon me yesterday, to state that he should, in the course of four or five days, be entirely out, both of ours and American editions. Mr. Norris says that many persons prefer to buy one Bible and Testament, that it will be always necessary to have some of every kind, as also a few of De Sacy's French Bible, and a few French Testaments. He has nearly completed the Township of Ascot, and states that he has been well received, even by those who valued not the Word of life; he seems to be impressed with the necessity of setting before those, who receive the Scriptures of Truth, the great value of the purchase, or boon; he also gets subscriptions, but not I fear to any great amount. It is my present purpose, with the approbation of the Committee, to call a County Meeting in about three weeks, to stir up the people to the work, and to endeavour to keep up an interest, which I fear has never been very great here, and is ready to die. The Agent speaks of the work already done, having created an apparent beneficial effect, by causing many to read the Scriptures who have hitherto neglected to do so. He is very anxious to have Testaments for the children, as many of them are very earnest to have one of their own, and have brought their little savings, eagerly seeking to be possessed of the treasure. He has experienced some opposition from the Priest, and one boy who had been very desirous of a Testament, was made to burn that given! The price, however, is under sixpence.

"We had a meeting, though not a large one, at the School-house at Hatley Village, where Mr. Seely, Agent for Stanstead, preached. I met with great kindness and cordiality from all persons; I trust it is for my Master's sake."

Application has been made to other bodies connected with our Society, or engaged in the distribution of the Bible.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal, and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, &c. express their pleasure at the movement of this Auxiliary; they will supply members of the Church of England with Bibles, when destitute. The Presbytery of Quebec have been applied to, but no answer has yet been received.

The following is from the Quebec Society :—

"The proposal of the Montreal Bible So-

ciet, for a combined effort to supply the whole Province with the Scriptures, having been taken into consideration at a special meeting of the Committee of the Quebec Bible Society, held last night, I have great pleasure in furnishing you with the following copy of a Resolution which was, after deliberation, unanimously passed :—

*Resolved*, That this Committee receive with much satisfaction the communication made by them by the Rev. H. Wilkes, and Captain Maitland, in behalf of the Montreal Bible Society; and that they are desirous of co-operating cordially with the Montreal Society in all such measures, for the attainment of the important end proposed, as may appear to be advisable after the Committee shall have obtained further information on the subject.

"I may add that a Sub-Committee was at the same time appointed to make further enquiries, to correspond with the Montreal Society and others, and to report such a plan as might seem best calculated to secure the most extensive circulation of the Sacred Word. As a commencement of this Sub-Committee's labours, I would beg leave to request that you will favour them, at your convenience, with such information as you may meet with in your approaching tour through the Eastern Townships, and as may tend to put them in possession of correct views of the general wants of the Province, and of the probable extent of the efforts that may be required to supply them.

"JEFFERY HALE, Sec."

Extract from the Minutes of the District Meeting of Wesleyan Missionaries of Lower Canada, held in Montreal, May 17, 1837 :—

"*Question*.—What is our judgment on the obliging communication with which we have been favoured from the Sub-Committee of the Montreal Bible Society, stating that they are intending to place the Holy Scriptures in the possession of every family throughout the Province, and requesting our sanction and recommendation of the measure?

"*Answer*.—We sincerely rejoice to learn that our Christian brethren of the Committee have resolved on attempting the accomplishment of so noble a design, and fully concurring in the suggestion of the Committee 'That the enterprise will require much money and the cordial and extensive co-operation of Christians in all parts of the Province;' and being aware of the limited means of the inhabitants at the present time, we shall have great pleasure in rendering any aid in our power by gratuitously collecting and furnishing information, raising funds,