

of religion and civilization. Even Irish hospitality can scarcely excel Canadian. In very few instances have I met with any objections to the management of the Board of the U. C. Auxiliary ; and in these few, they have arisen from the want of such intimate and thorough acquaintance with our affairs as membership in the Board affords. Those who have watched and worked this Society, from infancy to its present vigour, are convinced beyond the possibility of doubt that the increase and phases of the agency must keep pace with the growth of the Society and the altered circumstances of the country. Time was, for example, when one agent could keep up the interest and activity of the several branches, but now a multiplied agency is required to permeate the land, "from Dan to Beersheba," revisiting old societies and organizing new. Time was when a gratuitous Secretariat could transact the Society's whole business well ; but with the Society's present dimensions and designs, and in this age of business activity and competition, this is now impracticable. An increase of nearly \$5,000 in the Society's receipts, for the year just closed, is one of the best demonstrations of the wisdom of the Board, and the well-working of the whole organization. The system of provisional agency, suggested and almost necessitated by circumstances, has proved productive, and will probably yield equal fruit this year. We must take care, however, to remember whom we serve and the nature of his service. Our success is from God, and to him we must humbly and earnestly look in the diligent use of means. In his service, all boasting is excluded, and all self-confidence sharply rebuked. Fidelity to him will not fail of fruit here, and of a glorious reward hereafter. He is giving the world to his Son ; he is opening the world to the servants of his Son ; he is calling his people everywhere to faith and love and zeal in the propagation of his truth through all the earth. Who is on the Lord's side now ? And how much is every Christian prepared to lay on the Lord's altar for the Lord's work ? A world of 1,350 millions is to be supplied with God's own written word. These millions are of multitudinous tongues, and of about a thousand different religious sects. Only about 375 millions are nominally Christian. O how wide is the field yet to be occupied and cultivated, and how imperative and urgent are the demands for more men and means, for more printed Bibles and more faithful preachers, to make the world aware of its ruin and its redemption, and to bring its teeming multitudes to the mercy-seat of heaven ? As "doves to their windows", men are coming to Christ ; and brighter days and more signal triumphs are at hand. May 1871 be a year of peace, of Bible circulation, of missionary activity, and of glorious Christian enlargement ; and may Canada have a due share in both toil and triumph !

I am, gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

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Toronto, May 12, 1871.

Miscellaneous.

CORRESPONDENCE—BIBLE REMINISCENCES.

Placed under the obligation of honour to withhold the name of the beloved and gifted friend to whom we are indebted for the charming paper which follows, we faithfully carry out his wishes. The hand that wrote it may now be feeble ; but he, whose youth found him in the company of those noble men, the *fathers* of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is still guided by an unobscured intellect, and impelled by a heart warm with the love of genuine Christianity. May the words of the precious volume abundantly