

in consequence of which, the few Pica Bibles and Testaments that I had with me, are all disposed of, and more are almost daily called for. The people are poor at present, but they wish to obtain that word which is able to make them wise unto salvation. The inhabitants here most earnestly request the Committee to be so good as to grant a fresh supply of the large Pica Bibles, that the aged and infirm may be able to read for themselves the written Word of God." The Committee need hardly state that this earnest request was immediately complied with.

From another quarter, one of the agents of the Society says—"The measure has, in my opinion, been a very suitable and gracious one. My neighbourhood is now well supplied with the Word of Truth, which is to me a great consolation; and we are now waiting and looking for the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit to seal the Truth upon the conscience."

While these few extracts from the correspondence maintained by your Committee, furnish encouraging testimony to the favourable working of the measure to which they refer, it will be further interesting to quote, with some minuteness, the particulars of at least one instance of a striking practical result.

It is narrated by another agent in the following plain but forcible terms:—"Some time since, a country wedding took place, at which the usual scenes of riot and drunkenness took place, which ended in a law suit, that cost the bride's father a considerable sum. Revenge burned in his breast, which ended in a fixed resolution to murder the person who was the cause of his loss. During the period that his mind was agitated how to commit the murder, a New Testament from the Quebec Bible Society was handed into his house. He took up the New Testament, and turned to 1 John iii. 15—"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer," &c. The word took hold of his heart, and he relinquished his diabolical design; he continues to read the New Testament, though he finds much in it which condemns his profession. On being asked, what he would do if he were ordered to give up his New Testament? he replied, no, I will not give it away; I love it: it has saved two lives already, and what more it may do, I cannot tell."

Your Committee do not deem it needful to associate any comments of their own with these interesting quotations from the communications of their correspondents; so that when they add that the total number of books forwarded to the County of Megantic during the year 1836, was 735, and their value upwards of £100, they conceive that the general outline thus afforded of the way in which a gracious Providence has permitted and enabled them to