

We deem it to be our duty, in giving an impartial report to the public, to make mention of the very great hostility which we have experienced during the past year from Roman Catholics in general. For a considerable time after the commencement of the labors of this Association, the Tracts were, in general, gratefully received by persons of all denominations—Catholics as well as Protestants,—but latterly there are very few Catholics who will take the Tracts, owing undoubtedly to the influence of their Priests, which has been exerted to the utmost against the distribution of Tracts amongst their people. Sermons have been preached against both Tracts and Distributors; the former have been denounced as most dangerous and heretical, and the latter as being any thing but Christians. This determined opposition, on the part of the Priests, has been very much against our success with that people. But we are assured that it is our duty to proceed in our labours, notwithstanding all the opposition that may be given, leaving consequences to Him who can bring good out of apparent evil; and who has written for our encouragement, “Cast thy bread upon the waters, and it shall be seen after many days.”

The following is a brief sketch of the doings of the Distributors:—

The Military stationed in the city, and their various Hospitals, together with the Montreal General Hospital, have been regularly supplied throughout the year. The Tracts have been received with gratitude, and read with attention in most cases; and evidence is not wanting to prove, that the efforts of the Distributors have not been unattended with success in this extensive and important district.

The Shipping and Emigrants have not been neglected; a much greater number of Tracts having been distributed amongst them the past season, than during any former year of the operations of this Association. And although immediate good, resulting from the perusal of the Tracts by Sailors and Emigrants, may not be witnessed, owing

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