

vest, but more labourers are wanted, that every village and hamlet may be visited, and the Scriptures offered to every family. Mr. Soucy, one of these labourers, says:—"Never before did I witness such an eagerness to receive the Word of God; doors that were previously shut against me were now opened, and the glad tidings of salvation were received with joy by many. The apathy which has so long existed among my dear fellow-countrymen is giving way, and the prospect is beginning to grow brighter."

In view of the large donation from the Upper Canada Bible Society, your Committee felt that they were justified in employing a second French colporteur. Accordingly, they succeeded in securing the services of Mr. John McLaren, who entered upon his duties about the middle of July. His labours were confined to the North Shore, chiefly in the Saguenay District, and considering the scattered state of the population and their strong prejudices, his success was encouraging. He says—"On the whole, I was well received at most places that I visited, and although some of the young people, who knew me only by name, treated me rather rudely, all my old acquaintances received me kindly, and invited me to call again." Mr. Hughes, the Auxiliary's English colporteur, throughout the summer displayed his usual energy and perseverance, and was rewarded with his usual success.

ISSUES.—The issues from the Depository during the past year were as follows:—English Bibles, 553; English Testaments, 338; foreign Bibles, 140; Foreign Testaments and Portions of Scripture, 174. Total amount for Grants and Colportage, \$308.04; Sales at the Depository, \$100.62.

FINANCES.—The Treasurer's statement, which accompanies this Report, shews the revenue of the Auxiliary for the year 1872 to have been \$1995.20—including a balance of \$427.68 from the previous year. The subscriptions collected in the city, for the past year, amounted to \$364.75, being \$36.75 in excess of 1871. The receipts from Branches in the country are \$92.21 below those of the previous year, but there being still some to be heard from, it is expected that this deficiency will be considerably diminished. The balance to the credit of the Auxiliary in the Treasurer's hands, up to this date, is \$337.78.

OTTAWA.—Lord Dufferin is Patron of this Society. We note the following. "His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, who became Governor-General of our Dominion a few months ago, was waited upon by your committee, and requested to accept the distinction of Patron of our Society. He expressed the interest with which he regards our undertaking, and his willingness to accept the distinction offered him." G. Hay, Esq., is President; C. W. Jenkins, Esq., Treasurer; Rev. D. M. Gordon, B. D., Corresponding Secretary; Rev. R. Gavin, Recording Secretary. The Anniversary Meeting took place on the 15th January, in the Bank Street Presbyterian Church. It was largely attended, "and was of a most cheering character. The spirit of the meeting was eminently catholic." Addresses were delivered by the Hon. J. C. Aikins, Secretary of State, and by the Rev. Messrs. Johnson, Hall, Cameron, Laing, and Aylesworth. From the Report, of which an abstract is here given, we learn not only that much attention is given to Colportage work among the lumbermen especially, but that it has been attended with the most gratifying success. As a people we cannot too highly appreciate such labours. While the priests are burning our Bibles at Sault Ste. Marie, God's servants are distributing them in every quarter of the Dominion. The report says:—