

THE EVER FRESH PARADISE.—A boy came to buy a Gospel. We gave him St. Luke's, and turning to the parable of the Prodigal Son, we asked him to read it. After he had read it, he told us in his own words what he had read, and we explained it. The next day he came for another Gospel, and the catechist gave him St. Matthew's. He came back to the tent soon after, and said :

"I don't like this. I should like one the same as I had before."

"Why would you like one the same?" we asked.

"I took the one I bought before," he said, "and read the story you pointed out to me to a man in the village. It was so nice that he wanted the book, so I sold it to him, and I want another for myself."

It is a fine instance of the Bible winning its way by its own power. There is something in that parable which seems to commend it to the human heart, no matter in what language it is written.—*Rev. C. Montfort, Nasik, India.*

"TAKE UP THE BOOK, AND READ."—St. Augustine was once in great doubt and trouble. He had a dream in which he dreamt that after he had tried all philosophy, and could find no real peace, no real wisdom in any book, he thought he heard some one say, "*Tolle, lege*,"—"Take up the Book, and read." He took up the Gospels and read them, and found they were the books which he wanted, and that wisdom was to be found there.

RECEIPTS FROM BRANCHES AT THE BIBLE SOCIETY HOUSE,
TORONTO, FROM 1st JANUARY TO MARCH 31st, 1888.

		On Purchase Account.	FREE CONTRIBUTIONS.		
			U. C. B. S.	B. & F. B. S.	Sundries.
Acton	Branch		23 34	23 34	
Alberton	do		19 57		
Aldborough	do		11 90	11 90	
Alton	do	8 18	11 50	10 00	
Amherstburg	do		20 00	40 00	
Amherst Island	do	9 41	5 52	3 00	(1) 4 00
Ancaster	do	3 45			
Appin	do	12 35	19 33	19 32	
Armow	do	2 06	17 00	16 00	
Arthur	do		22 40		
Ashburn	do		17 25		
Ashfield	do		32 75	20 00	
Atwood	do	2 42	95 00		
Aurora	do		40 66	50 00	
Avening and Creemore	do		65 53		
Ayten	do	16 53	17 74		
Baltimore	do		18 20		(2) 34 00
Bayfield	do		14 65		
Beamsville	do		8 65	8 65	
Becton	do		22 16	22 16	
Bervie	do	8 00	17 43	17 42	
Beverley	do		31 50	31 25	
Bloomfield	do		8 50		
Bloomingtondale	do		11 91		
Bluevale	do		6 00		
Blythe	do	23 04	37 34	37 35	
Botany	do	13 00	20 00	13 00	
Bracebridge	do	10 00	46 20		

(1) To Building Fund.

(2) To Quebec Auxiliary.