

SOME TALK ABOUT  
THE BIBLE SOCIETY  
AND ITS MONTREAL AUXILIARY.

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“Will you help us?” asks a member of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The society has done and is doing a great work in the world. It was founded in 1804 with the one simple object of giving the Bible to the whole human race, that all may read there the message of life and salvation through the Saviour that the Book makes known. The Bible Society belongs to no sect or party, but invites all who love the Bible to help in the work of spreading it.

Great Britain has long possessed the treasure of an open Bible, for the great John Wycliffe first gave it to us in English in 1380, more than 500 years ago, though that was before there was any printing. Then noble William Tyndale gave us the first printed English New Testament in 1525, and Miles Coverdale the whole printed Bible 1535. Still, at the beginning of this century the sacred volume was a scarce and dear book even in our Mother-land, when the cheapest Bible cost 4s 6d, and a New Testament 1s 4d, while throughout the greater portion of the world the Book was entirely unknown. Now the Bible Society provides a whole English Bible for sixpence, a New Testament for a penny, any one of the four gospels for a half-penny, while it gives every year thousands of copies, without money and without price, to all who cannot pay for it. It sends its colporteurs, or Bible-hawkers, all over the continents of Europe and Asia, carrying the message of the Gospel to the millions in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Austria, Russia, as well as to the Mohammedans in Turkey. Then, wherever the missionaries are going to preach the gospel to the heathen, the Bible Society goes with them, providing the word of God in 320 languages for India, China, Japan, Africa, South America and the many