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In malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.—*St. Paul.*

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## MONTREAL, ANNIVERSARIES OF RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

(From the Register.)

THE MONTREAL RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.—The seventh Anniversary of this truly catholic and excellent institution, took place on Tuesday evening last, in the American Presbyterian Church. The attendance was unusually good, and the interest excited, deep. The business of the meeting, after the usual prayer, was introduced by some appropriate remarks from the worthy chairman, J. DOUGALL, Esq. After which the Report was read by the Rev. JOHN GIRDWOOD, Corresponding Secretary, from which it appears that the number of Tracts, bound books, and other publications received during the past year, amounts to 56,689. The issue has been 77,497. 58,363 publications have been gratuitously distributed, in which "labour of love," much assistance has been received from the Parent Society, whose munificence is above all praise. Having listened to much that was interesting and appropriate from many ministers of the gospel resident in town, together with others from the country, the assembly broke up at an early hour, after having testified their approbation of the Society's object and proceedings by contributing the sum of £13. 8s. 4d., being an increase of about £3 on the amount collected at the last year's meeting.

## AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The twenty-second Anniversary of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., in the American Presbyterian Church; Dr. HOLMES in the

Chair. The report was read by the Secretary, the Rev. H. WILKES, from which we learn among other things, that the issue of Bibles and Testaments during the past year, has been 5912; that books to the value of £101 Os. 5d., have been gratuitously distributed; that the income of the Society during the same period has been £646 16s. 4d., together with a grant of £50 from the Parent Society, and that the aggregate issue since the formation of the Society, amounts to 61,390 volumes. The speeches which followed were evidently listened to with deep attention by the unusually large auditory assembled on the occasion. The amount collected during the meeting was £28 4s. We would take the present opportunity of expressing the high sense we entertain of the gentlemanly conduct and efficient aid of the late President of this Society, the Hon. PETER M'GILL, and of stating our regret that he should have seen fit to resign an office which he so ably filled.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School Union took place on Friday evening last. Captain MAITLAND in the Chair. The proceedings of the meeting were marked by so much proper feeling, as rendered it one of the most interesting of the series. The exertions of this admirable and truly liberal Society during the past year, have been most praiseworthy and successful. Intelligence of the conversion of 170 persons has been received in connection with its efforts. 47 new schools have been commenced, containing 1,693 scholars, and 247 teachers, and 80 additional ones added to the Union, and 15,467 literary and elementary books have been distributed. Since its establishment, in 1839, this Society has been the direct means of bringing into the Province 207 libraries, and of establishing 93