

to welcome we cannot pretend to say; but, anyway, it gives us great gladness to see that at length the "Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society" can see their way clear to enter on this great and good work.

In the *Bi-Monthly Reporter* for October, the following announcement is made, more important to the welfare of the land by far than many of the agencies, movements, and undertakings that are heralded daily by our Secular Press, and which, as far as we know, has taken as yet no notice whatever of the philanthropic and Christian enterprise. The announcement (which should call forth the prayers and liberality of all the Evangelical Churches) is as follows:—

"For a long time it has been laid on the hearts of the Board of Directors that we should do more in the way of Colportage than we are doing. That as a religious Tract and Book Society, we should not only keep Tracts and Books for sale, and the supply of grants to applicants, but that we should actually distribute and put in circulation ourselves these means for good. But to the doing of this, there has been an effectual barrier, namely, the want of money. While our funds were just barely sufficient for our tract work, and the work of Colportage we were doing on the Welland Canal, the Board could not feel justified in extending it to other needy districts, districts from which the Macedonian cry came again and again, 'come over and help us.' In May last, however, it was brought to the knowledge of the Board, that the friends of Colportage in Britain had nobly and generously assisted the work in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in answer to an appeal by the Rev. A McBean, Secretary of the Halifax society. This was so encouraging, that the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, volunteered to make an appeal of the same character, which met with the approval of the Board, and he was duly commissioned to do so, and we are happy to state that he has been successful,—very successful, considering the time of year he was able to be in Britain. The Religious Tract Society of London has given a handsome donation to this work, also the National Scottish Bible Society of Scotland, and many Christian friends in London, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Paisley. Many who had they been at home, would have embraced the opportunity of helping in this work, as a great privilege bestowed on them, may yet give when it comes to their knowledge that it is being undertaken in earnest, and is being pushed forward with zeal. The committee appointed at last Board meeting will lose no time in making plans and in setting on foot operations. And it is our hope that before long we shall have such reports from our Colporteurs, as shall cheer our hearts, and fire us with new inspiration."

From the father-land this enterprise is to receive aid in *money* and in *books*.

The *National Bible Society of Scotland* promises ten pounds each (\$50) for six colporteurs, and the *London Religious Tract Society* offers a grant of Books to the value of seven hundred dol-