

" *Augusta.*—On the evening of the 7th March a meeting was held at Wright's School House in Augusta, attended by the Rev. Messrs. Smart, Woodrow and Smith; Joseph Wenham, Esq. in the Chair. A Society, called the Augusta Branch, was formed for that neighbourhood, which, judging from the interest displayed, promises to be a most efficient helper in the cause. The deputation were received with the utmost cordiality, and found a numerous and most respectable body of the inhabitants prepared to co-operate with them. The sum of £6 12s. 6d. was instantly subscribed, and, as at Farmersville, members of the newly appointed Committee volunteered to divide the neighbourhood into districts, to be visited with a view to investigate the wants of the people and to excite an interest in the Society.

" To these accounts, which may on the whole be considered gratifying and encouraging, of your Society's transactions in reference to its Branches, your Committee feel much pleasure in being able to add a more satisfactory report than last year, of operations in our Town and neighborhood. To the causes assigned for the defect under this head in the last report, your Committee deem it but just to themselves to add, that while the attention of the office-bearers of the Branch Societies is confined to their respective districts, much of the time of several members of your Committee is necessarily occupied in visiting the Branches. Still something has been done at home. The town has been divided into four districts, each of which has been assigned to the care of a sub-committee. These sub-committees appear to have, upon the whole, diligently and faithfully acquitted themselves of their task. The free contributions paid directly into your Treasurer's hands, and raised chiefly in town by their exertions, amount to £33 9s. 4d. More has

been subscribed, and, it is hoped, will yet be realized.

" Encouraged by this result, your Committee would invite future Committees of management and all members of the Society, not to forget in the general superintendence of the Branches, the investigation and supply of the wants of their own immediate neighbourhood, and the duties of liberality and patient and humble zeal, in promoting at home, the sacred work in which they are calling upon others at a distance to help them. They would remind themselves as well as their fellow members, that an Auxiliary is expected to be not merely a channel of communication between the Parent Institution and the Branches, but itself also a working Society.

" Such have been the transactions of the past year in one small corner of that immense field in which it is the object of the British and Foreign Bible Society to sow the good seed of the word of life. Humble and imperfect as the labours of our Society may have been, we cannot but feel grateful for the measure of success with which they have been blessed, and view it as an incentive to further exertion. It is by means of Auxiliaries, such as ours, and of Branches and Associations at work throughout the world to the number of more than 3000, that the Parent Society is carrying on so successfully its mighty, sacred, and glorious task."

After alluding to some of the operations of the Parent Society, the Report thus concludes:—

" Viewing these transactions in connection with the other results of the Society's labours in almost every country in the world, your Committee cannot but congratulate this Auxiliary on being associated with an Institution so signally blessed by God for the good of man. At the same time they would desire to excite in every one an interest in the work which still remains to be done, even