

this connection your committee regret to have to report that the action taken by this auxiliary, in conjunction with others, in petitioning the several branches of the Legislature for the removal of this impost has not been successful. The total disbursements have been much the same as they were last year. A balance of \$4,612 23 remains in the hands of the treasurer.

After a brief review of the history of the extending labours of the parent society during the past year, the report concludes as follows:—

In an age like the present, when the forces of superstition and error, of scepticism and doubt seem to be gathering themselves together for a grand onset upon freedom of religious life and thought, and upon facts and truths that for eighteen hundred years have successfully stood the test imposed upon them by the wants and weakness of man's spiritual nature, the existence of such a society with its noble work is fraught with encouragement and happy auguries for the future to all the children of light and freedom and righteousness. And as a humble expression of gratitude, and also of sympathy with the parent society in its great work of enlightenment and blessing to mankind, your committee recommend that a donation of \$500 to aid in its operations be voted by this meeting from the funds of this auxiliary.

QUEBEC.—The President of this Society is Christian Wustle, Esq., Treasurer, James Hossack, Esq; Corresponding Secretary, R. Middleton, Esq; Recording Secretary, George Lamb, Esq. "The Thirty-Seventh Anniversary Meeting of the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society was held in the Music Hall, St. Lewis street, on Friday evening, the 21st of February, 1873, the chair having been taken by Henry Fry, Esq., one of the Vice-Presidents." It was one of very great interest. The speakers on the occasion were, the Revds. Dr. Marsh, M. S. Baldwin, G. V. Housman, R. Smith, and Messrs. Morrison, and Dr. Miles. In the following selections from the Annual Report we rejoice to observe that the colportage operations are more earnest and effective than heretofore. Quebec is the field most distant from Protestant Ontario, and as it respects the distribution of the Word of God is the most destitute of those embraced in the old Province of Canada. We should not forget our friends of the Bible cause in Eastern Quebec, and we will not. We learn from the report that—

The operations of this Auxiliary, during the past year, while they have been attended with a gratifying measure of success, present no features of special interest. The Committee has been enabled, for a considerable portion of the time, to maintain three Colporteurs in the field. Of course this could not have been accomplished at all, had they been depending solely upon the ordinary sources of revenue, the whole income of the Auxiliary being insufficient to meet such an expenditure. But the Upper Canada Bible Society, with its usual liberality, again reached out its helping hand, and in May last made us the noble donation of \$624.21—of which \$124.21 were contributions from its Branches. Your Committee feels that the thanks of this Auxiliary are due to that Society for its expressions of hearty sympathy, and for the more substantial aid afforded, by means of which we have been enabled to prosecute, with considerable success, the work of colportage among our French Canadian brethren.

COLPORTAGE.—Your Committee cannot but feel that this department of the work is a most important one. A spirit of enquiry seems to have been aroused in many places, and an anxious desire is occasionally manifested to possess a copy of the Word of Life. The field is white, indeed, unto the har-