

Protestant denominations. And though the funds were very limited at its commencement, and its publications few, now its funds are ample, and its publications numerous, as will appear from the last report.

The new publications issued during the year, ending on the first of May, 1837, amounted to 196. The publications circulated, during that period, amounted to upwards of sixteen millions, being a large increase upon any former year. The income of the Society, by subscriptions, donations, and sale of publications, amounted last year to £67,775 7 6 sterling.

The Tract Society, of the United States, held its Anniversary in May last, by whose Report it appears to be in a prosperous state, having issued many more Tracts, than upon any former year. Similar prosperity appears to have attended the different Auxiliaries and branch Societies in England and in the United States.

I wish I could say the same respecting the Tract Societies in Canada. But it is a subject of regret, that Canada is not the most favourable to the growth of this important Institution. It is hoped, that it may improve, as it has with respect to the Bible and Sunday School Societies.

Temperance Societies.

As the Temperance cause in Montreal has an *Advocate* which appears monthly, I need not dwell upon this article. Yet, for the sake of some, who may not take that journal, I will say a few words, upon a subject, which all must acknowledge, to be truly important.

All good members of Society will profess to be the friends of Temperance; but, how to put a stop to drunkenness and promote sobriety, is an inquiry concerning which good men greatly differ.

Should it be announced, that the cholera had again commenced its ravages in this part of the world, what anxiety and alarm would be manifested!! But, the the British nation suffers more, every year, by means of intoxicating drinks, than ever it suffered by that alarming judgment of God. Man cannot prevent the