

fully the great undertaking in which the Society had engaged; but the unfavourable state of the weather caused its postponement to the 6th instant. A subscription has been begun specifically for accomplishing this purpose, which amounts already to a considerable sum, although far insufficient. The American Bible Society, in the true spirit of the Gospel, which is not confined to country or race, has added a donation of 1000 Bibles to its former large grant of 200 Bibles and 2000 Testaments for the counties of Sherbrooke and Stanstead.

Large grants to various Branch Societies and to Sunday Schools have been made during the summer, while every encouragement has been afforded to suitable persons to act as Agents, when the present formation of a Branch Society was impracticable.

The Agent, Mr. Norris, employed by the Sherbrooke County Society, has been engaged to supply the county of Mississquoi, when his present connection is dissolved.

For the supply of Emigrants, the Parent Society has repeated its former grant of 100 Bibles and 200 Testaments, which have safely arrived per *Toronto*.

QUEBEC.—One hundred copies of the *Bible Advocate* have been ordered by the Society, the letter of the Secretary expressing a feeling of Christian desire for the success of this little work, whose funds are considerably deficient. No direct communication has been received regarding the operations of this Society; but it is to be hoped that it is not behind in carrying out the resolution mutually formed by both Societies of supplying the destitution of the Province.

SOREL.—This town is in course of being supplied, through the Rev. William Anderson, and some Christian friends.

ST. JOHN'S.—No Society exists here; but a depot of Bibles has been placed under the care of the Rev. Mr. Reid, while the Rev. Mr. Roussy continues his efforts to circulate the Scriptures in French.

CALDWELL'S MANOR is in course of being supplied by the Rev. Mr. Townsend.

MISSISSQUOI COUNTY.—Several clergymen and other gentlemen have been corresponded with, for the purpose of forming a County Society, which important end has not yet been accomplished. The Rev. James Reid will supply the portion of the County in his vicinity. The following abstract of an examination into the Township of Stanbridge shows that this part of the Province is much in need of the Scriptures. The Report was made by the Rev. A. Ridler.

"Visited the greater part of Stanbridge to ascertain how the inhabitants were supplied with Bibles; found it difficult to get into the back settlements. Estimates the number of families wholly destitute of Bibles, sixty-nine; ten of whom may have Tes-

taments, though they report themselves to have no Bible. Found about twenty or thirty families, Roman Catholics, who he concludes are without the word of God. 'Many of the poor' he says, 'expressed much desire to get a Bible, and if they could, would pay for one. Among those who reported themselves, are some rich farmers, who could pay for a Bible, but I should think the greatest difficulty would be to get Bibles into the houses of the rich; pride is a barrier so formidable to break through.

"If you want the names of such families as are destitute of Bibles, you can let me know."

SHERBROOKE AND STANSTEAD COUNTIES.—Although the general efficiency of the Agent and Committees of the Societies formed in these Counties, leaves no doubt of their present activity, yet it is to be regretted no communications have been for some time received from them, showing their actual operations.

SHEFFORD COUNTY.—From the agency of Captain Maitland, a Branch Society has been formed here, but as yet no account of the proceedings has reached us. It is reported, however, that the meeting was very interesting.

HULL.—A grant has been made to Mr. P. Montague, as Agent at this place.

LOCHIEL AND KENYON, U. C.—Mr. D. Cattanach has engaged to supply these Townships,

CORNWALL AND LANCASTER, U. C.—Several individuals are desirous of forming Societies at these places; as yet, however, nothing definite has been reported. There are also no branches in Williamstown or Martintown; the ministers of the Church of Scotland, however, are generally in connection with the Scottish Bible Society, and possess a small stock of Bibles, &c. It is to be hoped that more united and extensive measures will be adopted in these places, to supply the destitution of the Scriptures, which in some places is represented as considerable.

TORONTO, &c.—From this Society, as well as from others in the Upper Province, no communications have been received.

APPEAL.

The Committee of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society desire to call the earnest attention of all who are concerned in the moral improvement of the inhabitants of this Province, and thereby in the promotion of their tranquillity and welfare, to the importance of laying among them a good foundation of Christian principle and right moral feeling, by the extensive distribution of the Volume of Inspired Truth, one of whose clearest precepts is to "fear God and honour the King."

Considering the scattered and frequently isolated state of a large portion of the inhabitants of the more newly settled parts,