

On the contrary, if we rejoice to see God thus magnifying His Word, will it not make us more eager to send means to scatter this good seed throughout our sin-stricken world, and more earnest in personally endeavouring 'o disseminate it among our neighbours ?

PROSPECTS OF THE YEAR. - The Agents' reports that have been received are nearly all promising in their tone and lead us to expect that most Branches will send us more than they did last year. We have as yet heard from only six of the fifty-two Branches that have undertaken to do their work this year without the expense of an agent ; but if the others do as well as these we shall have no reason to regret the experiment which is being tried. Paris has sent a free contribution, \$231, against \$225 last year ; Belleville has sent the same as last year, \$150 ; Drummondville has sent \$120, against \$100 last year ; Norval \$82 30, against \$66 40 ; Tiverton has sent \$50, against \$12 57 last year, and against \$32 80 the year before ; Eramosa is the only one that has sent us less than last year, \$90, against \$107 ; but possibly our good friends there intend sending us a little more. Knowing our anxiety to remit early to England, they may have sent the bulk of their subscriptions as quickly as possible and intend to send us some gleanings yet. If so, we wish all the Branches would do likewise. In any case, we beg to thank them, and other Branches that have been thus considerate, for their promptness in remitting.

The New Brunswick Bible Society have just had a spirited anniversary meeting, being their fifty-sixth ; but we have only just received the newspaper account of it kindly forwarded to us, and are therefore unable to get any extracts into this number of the Recorder. We shall try to do so in the next, and moreover we hope then to be able to tell our readers something about the annual meetings of those of our own Branches that have this year relied on their own local talent and energy.

PAYMENTS ON PURCHASE ACCOUNT, &c.

The remarks in some of the Agents' Reports which were read at the Board meeting last Tuesday night drew the attention of the Directors to a method, which a few Branches have, of making payments on purchase account with money raised by the regular subscriptions. They desired the Editor to put a few lines in this number of the RECORDER showing the inconvenience of the practice. Perhaps the easiest way to do this will be to give an example. It is an extreme case, we admit ; and although a real case, we never heard of another like it. But it will all the more clearly illustrate the difference between the two methods.

At the present time one of the Agents is quite puzzled in his endeavour to re-arrange the affairs of one of the Branches which has in this way got