

The Rev. Dr. Wright, a distinguished missionary from Oroomiah, in Persia, in which land he has laboured long and zealously, was also present at the meetings and added greatly to their interest.

The first of the anniversary meetings, that of the CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION, was held on Monday evening, the 26th January in the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James Street, in which elegant and commodious building we may observe that all the meetings were held;—the trustees having kindly placed the building at the service of the societies.

Hon. James Ferrier occupied the chair. The annual report gave a most satisfactory account of the schools and also of the finances.

The second meeting was that of the RELIGIOUS BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY on Tuesday evening, January 27th.

Principal Dawson occupied the chair.

Rev. Professor Cornish read the report shewing that the past year was one of progress and increased usefulness. Many thousands of Bibles, Books, and Tracts had been issued by the society, and distributed throughout the country by colporteurs. The society's income was \$5,099, and the expenditure \$4,833.

The meeting of the BIBLE SOCIETY was held on Wednesday the 28th January, being the 42d anniversary. A large number were in attendance. In the absence of CAPT. MAITLAND, the worthy and much esteemed President, who was confined to his house by illness, which we regret to learn has continued with but little intermission up to the present time, the chair was taken by the HON. JAMES FERRIER. The chairman gave a brief address and called on T. M. TAYLOR Esq., the Corresponding-Secretary to read the report, which was listened to with much interest. The receipts of the society amounted to \$11,125 and the expenditure to \$11,003.

The Rev. Mr. Snodgrass made a most eloquent speech, which we are sorry we have not a more full report of.

He said that:—

The Bible had made use of all the improvements of modern invention as a means to its end, and it had given a wholesome stimulus to every such discovery. If the marvellous development of riches had contributed to men's worldly comfort, the Bible had made use of a large portion of it to promote their spiritual interests. The Bible Society had itself brought to light many facts which would otherwise have been buried in oblivion. There was, he said, in all lands, a demand for the Bible, and

it was their duty to provide Bibles in a sufficient number to meet these wants. He said they all needed more fully to appreciate the Bible, which was the guide of their lives and the standard of Christian duty. Protestants contended for the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible, because it was the palladium of civil and religious liberty; and they also contended for the right to circulate it without let or hindrance. (Applause) They all felt grateful for the peace and comfort which the Bible afforded, and he hoped they would give a practical proof of their gratitude by giving liberally towards its circulation.

The Rev. Mr. Sullivan, in an able speech, moved one of the resolutions.

A large collection was taken up, the Doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced, and the assemblage separated.

The meeting of the French Canadian Missionary Society was held on Thursday evening, January 29th. The Church was densely crowded.

The president, Lieut.-Col. Willgress, presided.

After the devotional exercises, and some very excellent singing by the pupils of Pointe-aux-Trembles, the President opened the meeting by calling upon the Secretary to read the report.

The report stated that notwithstanding the difficulties under which the Society laboured, owing to the large amount of Roman Catholics that were spreading over Protestant districts, carrying their influences with them, which were prejudicial both socially and politically to the Protestant cause, the returns for the year were gratifying. The Society's Schools were in a prosperous condition. The Schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles and Ste. Foye, had increased the number of their scholars this year. It was to be hoped, that by their exertion they would not only support these noble institutions, but erect others, as the good principles which the scholars learned in those Schools they disseminated to others. Many Roman Catholic children who had been educated in those Schools obtained a knowledge of the saving truth. Many thousand tracts had also been distributed. It also stated that \$4200 had been received towards the erection of a Mission Church and premises in this city; but \$12,000 was the sum requisite to erect these. He then gave the collections for the last year, which were \$12,751, being an increase over last year of \$2053. The balance on hand was \$544, the only balance that they ever had on hand. (Applause.) He closed the reading of the report by making an eloquent appeal in behalf of the French Canadians.

The Rev. Mr. Ducloux delivered an address in French.

Rev. Dr. Wright said they did not wish to attack the Romish Churches, but simply to lay the word of God before their fellow-men. He said that in doing this they should approach a man, and so converse with him as to give him to understand that they had his welfare