

Beverley. We had a most enjoyable night both in the church and in the manse of Mr. Porteous. Subscriptions on the increase over last year.

Dundas, 21st February.—Had a good meeting here, though not large. Most of the ministers of the town were present, and took part in the proceedings. The Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Hoskins, was unwell. Subscriptions a fourth more than last year. From what I know of the citizens of the "valley city" I feel confident that if they would all co-operate, a very handsome sum could be collected by them for the Society. The President, John Quarry, Esq., is most energetic in the cause, and has been so for many years.

Bartonville.—The Branch here is defunct. I wrote to parties there and received no answer, and after personal knowledge, I regret that owing to a variety of untoward circumstances, the Branch of Bartonville has ceased to exist.

Hespeler, 3rd April. — Had a public meeting here to organize a new Branch. The ministers of the town were present, and a fair representation of the people. It was carried unanimously to have a Branch organized, which I had the pleasure of seeing accomplished. Subscriptions afterwards taken up amounted to about \$50.

All which is respectfully submitted.

With every good wish for the continued success of the Society.

I am, gentlemen,

Yours, very truly,

J. B. MUIR.

British and Foreign.

PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE AND OF AN ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE SHAH OF PERSIA, AS WELL AS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT TO THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF HIS SUITE, AND THE SERVANTS WHO ACCOMPANIED THEM.

Probably no event, in connection with the recent visit to England of the Persian monarch, can be considered of equal importance to that chronicled in the accompanying selection. Without an open Bible a nation can become great, and freedom, such as that solicited in the memorial, (a copy of which is here given), for the oppressed "Nestorian and Armenian Christians in Persia," can be effectually secured only when the sentiments of God's word prevail. This article would have appeared in an earlier number had such been possible.

Much interest has necessarily attached to the visit of the Shah of Persia to this country, and many letters have been received at the Bible Society House, suggesting that advantage should be taken of it to ask His Majesty's acceptance of a copy of the Word of God. The friends of the Society will be pleased to hear that their wishes in this respect had been anticipated, and to receive some authentic account of the action of the Committee on this memorable occasion.

As soon as it was known that the Shah was to become the guest of Her Majesty, orders were given for the preparation of a Persian Bible in suitable binding, which it was intended should be presented to him by a deputation from the Committee, headed by their President. The Earl of Shaftesbury