

ed their operations, until the field which we should have occupied, has fallen into their hands. We wished to redeem our character, and reclaim our hereditary possessions. We would not, however, retake by strife, what had been won by the energy of christian philanthropy. Our banner is love, and our warfare is not carnal. A correspondence was accordingly opened with both Societies. From Toronto, as intimated in last report, our application received a generous response; from Montreal the reply was fraternal, although a little of godly jealousy as to the stability of our revival, was affectionately intimated. Thus encouraged and stirred up, a correspondence was opened in several localities, and we have the prospect of having, before another Annual Report is rendered, a large increase of important branches. Three have now to be mentioned as in connection with our Society :—

1. BELLEVILLE BRANCH, was formerly connected with the Upper Canada Society, but was transferred to ours on the 13th January, 1851. It has received from the Depository during the year, 140 Bibles, 88 Testaments—Total, 228 volumes. Its Annual Meeting was held on the 5th January, 1852. The Rev. R. F. Burns appeared at the Meeting, as a delegate from this Society. By the Report we find that 114 Bibles and 245 Testaments have been sold during the year, and 31 Bibles have been granted to Hotels, making a total issue of 390 volumes. Stock on hand, 168 Bibles, 351 Testaments.

2. GANANOQUE BRANCH, was organized under auspicious circumstances in March 1851, by a Deputation sent from the Committee. It has received during the year, 61 Bibles and 46 Testaments—107 Volumes. Rev. H. Gordon, in behalf of the Secretary, writes, "Soon after the formation of our Society, we prepared and circulated very widely, a brief appeal to bespeak and secure interest in the objects of the Society. A Depository was established at Gananoque, for the sale of Bibles, where a considerable number have been sold." "We have not yet had a General Meeting, but we intend to have one before the sleighing goes away." The labours of the Colporteur, have, perhaps, in the meantime, diminished the sale in the Depository; but as both of these means are perfectly congenial, the success of the one is carrying out the purposes of the other.

3. PICTON BRANCH.—This important Branch was also formerly connected with the Upper Canada Society. Its union with our Society was only effected on the 7th of January, 1852. An