

REPORT

MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

In giving in to our Constituents the Thirty Sixth Report of this Society, the Committee have to present a view of the work during another year of our own Society, and of our sister Societies in these Provinces. With wider scope, we have afterwards to glance at the work which, during the same time, the great fellowship of Bible Societies has been doing for the world at large. And we have then to take the information, and the encouragement, and the admonition thus afforded to us, and to endeavor to bring these to bear usefully upon our carrying on of this work for the time to come.

All accounts agree that this year has been one more than any before it, of effort and of success. More men have gone out with the simple and direct purpose of giving their fellow men the Bible,—going to them in the crowded places of trade, and the places of manufacture,—meeting them at railway stations, and the resting places of the traveller, and when setting out to do business upon the great waters,—seeking them in the midst of the peaceful tillage of the soil,—and going forth to friends and foes gathered upon battle ground, to offer alike to all that precious Book. More Bibles have been issued this year than in any one before it. More money has come into the treasury to sustain this work. And never before were there more signal and satisfactory cases of the taking and the searching of the Scriptures, by God's blessing, making men wise unto salvation. Thus there have been many lights set up in dark places; and thus we see that God is owning and using these Societies for the furtherance of His great purposes of mercy to the world.

OUR FIELD OF LABOR.

Our Society has for its sphere the districts of Montreal, St. Francis, and Three Rivers, comprehending 35 Counties of Eastern Canada, and also 12 Counties of the Western Division of the Province, making a