

trine nor aspect of truth. Their very minuteness serves but to heighten our conception of the substantial accuracy of the grand old Bible which has nurtured the Protestant Christianity of the English-speaking race.

Some devout souls have expressed the fear that the New Version will unsettle the minds of the unstable and give occasion for scepticism to triumph. There can be no greater mistake. The result will be the very reverse. Never was the attention of Christendom so focussed upon the oracles of God as they are to-day. Never in the history of the world was the Bible so intently studied as it will be for years to come. It will receive freshness of interest and will be realized as the voice of God speaking to the soul of man, as never before. The demand for the new version is beyond all anticipation. Before the day of publication 800,000 copies were ordered in the cities of New York and Philadelphia alone. A Chicago newspaper announced that it would print the whole book in successive issues and by the efforts of rival publishers it will be scattered like the leaves of autumn, at a merely nominal cost. Never was such profound, and learned, and protracted study devoted to a book in the history of the race. For ten years forty-eight of the ablest Biblical scholars in Great Britain and America gave their best energies without fee or reward to this grandest work, we believe, of the century in which we live. We anticipate from this quickened and intensified interest in the Holy Scriptures the most gracious and hallowed results.

OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The business enterprise of our Book and Publishing House has attracted much attention during the past year. It is a surprise to many persons, even our own Church, that it is one of the largest publishing establishments in the Dominion, indeed, it has been asserted that in the amount of work turned out it is the largest. During the past year, ending 1st of April, the issues of its presses have been over 100,000

bound volumes. Of these 50,000 were copies of the New Hymn Book, in five different editions. Of the others several were large octavo volumes, as Dr. Ryerson's "History of the U. E. Loyalists," in two large volumes of 1,058 pages in all, and Cornish's "Cyclopædia of Methodism," of 850 pages. Assuming these books to average only one inch in thickness, they would make a pile 8,000 feet high—several hundred feet higher than the summit of Mount Washington, and the printed pages placed end to end would extend over 4,000 miles.

Besides this there were issued 11,000,000 pages of this Magazine and of the Sunday-school periodicals, and 4,000,000 pages of the "Christian Guardian"—equal to 50,000 printed pages of periodicals for every working day in the year, or 5,000 for every working hour. If to this be added the bound books it makes the number of printed pages 200,000 a day, or 20,000 per hour. The importance of the wide diffusion of this vast amount of direct religious teaching which has been disseminated throughout the extent of this Dominion, only the great day shall reveal.

The enterprise of the House was also strikingly signalized in the fact that it was the very first in the Province, and probably in the Dominion, to receive and distribute the Revised Edition of the New Testament. The cases arrived on the evening of the 21st. The store was kept open to a late hour to supply the eager demand for advance copies. Late as it was, the orders by mail were sent to press, and in several of the city churches, on Sunday, the lessons were read from advanced copies of the Revised Version, furnished by this House. The greatest interest was manifested by the congregations, and it was remarked that seldom have the lessons been so closely followed as on that day. The rustling of the pages was like the flutter of a flock of doves.

The trade generally, and private buyers may thus understand that our Book-room will not be behind any house in the country in supplying with the utmost despatch all de-