

man himself is concerned, if he perform his duty in a perfunctory spirit, he is no better than a common book-hawker. But if he realize that he is bearing about the sacred "oracles of God," and endeavour to induce his fellow-sinners not only to buy them but to read them, and to accept the Saviour therein revealed, his is indeed a high and holy work in the sight of God and angels, however humble in the eyes of men. Our departed venerable and venerated fellow-servant was thoroughly a Bible-man; he not only carried about copies of the Holy Scriptures, but "the Word of Christ dwelt in Him richly." Few, even among learned professors of theology, were more familiar with the text of our good old English Bible; nor was it with the letter only, for God's Spirit was constantly speaking to him through it, and he was constantly speaking to God through our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ.

And as he loved God's Word, he not only laboured faithfully himself to circulate it; but took a deep interest in the work of all his fellow labourers throughout the world. He was always anxious to receive, as soon as possible each year, a copy of the Parent Society's Report, where he read eagerly what God was doing through its efforts, in disseminating the incorruptible seed among Earth's teeming millions, and in its remotest corners. It was in this spirit that he went out to collect the Toronto subscriptions, which he has been employed to do each winter for a number of years. We do not think he was so successful in this as in Colportage: but certainly his desire was, not only to get as much as possible to help the work of the Society, but also to induce as many as possible to have a share in this good work. We have heard, more than once, expressions of great regard for this worthy representative of the Society among business men, upon whom he had called regularly for many years.

Mr. Lowry was born on the 29th of May, 1807, in the parish of Kilmore, County of Down, Ireland. He continued in his native parish under the ministry of the Revd. Joseph Lowry, who, however, was not a relative, until the great Dr. Cooke took notice of him, and forming a high opinion of him, got him employed by the Ulster Synod Home Mission. The Rev. T. Lowry, lately of Brantford, but now of this city, remembers him leading in prayer in his father's Sunday School in the year 1824. In the service of the Ulster Synod he laboured for several years as a Scripture Reader among the Roman Catholics in the Glens of Antrim.

Mr. Lowry came to this country in 1853, and almost immediately entered the service of our Society, which, however, he left early in 1855, to engage in the Hamilton City Mission, in which he remained until 1863, when he again became one of our Colporteurs. This, with the gaps made by the winter months employed in collecting, and some extended necessary rests at home, has reduced the actual time he has spent in colportage to an aggregate of eighty-seven months, or seven years and three months. During that time he has travelled in almost all parts of the Society's field, from the back townships of Hastings to the County of Essex, and has circulated 20,123 copies of the Scriptures. Of these 19,570 were sold and 553 given, 103 were sold to Roman Catholics, and 727 to Protestant families whom he had found destitute of the Scriptures. When we remember that these were not sold across a counter to customers