

to the missionaries of that mighty empire; but it was now entirely exhausted, and hence another reason for their appeal to the liberality of the Christian people. An epitome of the gospel in the form of a tract, was necessary to enable the Chinese to more readily to understand the Scriptures; and the Society was anxious to raise somewhere about £2000 to enable their brethren in China to print at once the necessary tracts, and for which the inhabitants were asking. Towards this fund, the Society has only received about £500. Some people might suppose that the present war in China, would have put a stop to missionary operations; but this was not the case; for intelligence brought by the mail just received stated, that these events had not materially impeded missionary efforts: and one of their friends expressed it as his opinion that these efforts would not be at all impeded by recent events. But even supposing they were, how important it was that they had their tracts ready, and all their machinery to circulate them, as soon as peace was restored, which he hoped, would soon be the case. After alluding to the active and extensive circulation of tracts in Russia, immediately after the conclusion of peace, and also in Asia Minor, and showing how these simple messengers could find their way to places closed to the missionary, Mr. Saferly said that France, Sardinia, Turkey, and Greece were all open to them, and were all seeking increased aid from the Society. The Society has recently printed at Athens editions of the "Pilgrim's Progress," "James' Anxious Enquirer," the "Sinner's Friend," and other tracts. There were openings on every part of the Continent of Europe, into which they could only partially enter, and claims which they could only partially grant, from the limited extent of their funds; and in these circumstances he hoped that, after an absence of three or four years, a liberal response would be made to the appeal which the Society now made.

UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society was held in the Wesleyan Church, Richmond Street, Toronto, on Wednesday, 20th May, the Hon. Robt. Baldwin, C. B., President, in the chair. Tue Rev. W. Reid, one of the Secretaries, read the Report, from which it appeared that the receipts for the year amounted to £5,447, including subscriptions, donations and cash sales. The payments for books, salaries, &c., were £2,357. The total issues by sales and gratuitous distributions were 32,509, making a grand total of 302,318 copies of the Scriptures since the commencement of the Society. Four colporteurs are employed, some of whom circulate other good books besides the Bible. The Report stated that the Kingston Auxiliary had an income from all sources, of £445, that it has two colporteurs, and has circulated 3,832 copies; also that the Montreal Auxiliary is making progress, that it had an income of £1,724, and that its issues were 12,015. The Quebec Auxiliary had an income of £697, and its issues were 1,878. Motions were then made and supported, and eloquent speeches delivered by the Rev. J. Gemley of Toronto, the Rev. J. Laing of Scarboro', the Right Rev. Dr. Eastburn, Bishop of Massachusetts, Rev. Dr. Wilkes of Montreal, Daniel Wilson, Esq., L.L.D., Professor in the University of Toronto, and Mr. S. B. Johnston, one of the agents of the Society. A collection amounting to upwards of £50 was then taken up.

UPPER CANADA RELIGIOUS BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY.

The anniversary of this Society was held in the Wesleyan Church, Richmond Street, Toronto, on Thursday, 21st May, the Rev. James Richardson, President, in the chair. The Report was read by Mr. Marling, one of the Secretaries. It gave a cheering account of the progress of the Society. Motions were then made, and ably supported by Lieut. G. M. Innis, R. C. Rifles, the Rev. Alex. Sanson of Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Wilkes of Montreal, the Rev. Dr. Willis of Knox's College, Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education, and the Rev. R. A. Fyfe of Toronto.

REV. JOHN CAIRNS A.M., BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

[A chair of Exegetical Theology has been instituted in the New (Free Church) College Edinburgh, and a proposal was made that it should be offered to the Rev. Mr. Cairns, minister of the U. P. Church Berwick. In the *Witness* for 3rd April there