

## ANNUAL REPORT.

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The British and Foreign Bible Society, of which we are glad to be an Auxiliary, continues its grand career. Age, instead of enfeebling, seems only to give it new strength and vitality, so that last year's work and contributions were the largest in the history of the Society. The income of the Parent Institution in London, exceeded that of the previous year by £20,000, and the number of whole copies of the Bible published during that period, was greater than in any previous year of its existence. It is impossible for any one to glance even cursorily over the voluminous Report of the Parent Society without being struck by the extent and ramifications of the work. No nation or clime remains unvisited by its agents. To its operations are particularly applicable the words of the Psalmist: "Their line is gone throughout all the earth and their words to the end of the world."

In presenting the forty-ninth Report of the Auxiliary, we have to report that Bible distribution among the French Canadian parishes, is carried on faithfully and efficiently by our Colporteurs, Messrs. Fresque and Seton. Those only who are engaged in the work, can form an adequate idea of its discomforts and trials. True there is very little violence or overt opposition at present, yet the labor is severe and telling where it is discharged conscientiously, as we believe it is, by our Colporteurs. While there is much to encourage, there is much to depress. A former French pastor here, (Rev. Mr. Langel), who had been at one time employed as a Missionary in the East, said that this was the hardest field he had ever labored in, and that if he had his choice he would return to India, where the opposition to truth is less trained and systematic. Yet it is not ours to choose. The